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INTERVIEW OF:

DORREL D. CAMPBELL

PRESENT:

ROB JONES, NTSB
JIM WALSH, NTSB

P R O C E E D I N G S

1
2 MR. JONES: Okay. This is an interview with
3 Dorrel Campbell of the Utility Galley and safety number
4 is 7-8-8.

5 Okay. Dorrel, we have instructed you who we
6 are and where we are from and why. If you could just
7 go ahead and let us know what happened that morning in
8 your own words. Okay.

9 MR. CAMPBELL: That morning I finished work at
10 five o'clock in the morning. And I went to my cabin to
11 take a shower, because I was going to, at 7:30 as a
12 room steward. So, after taking a shower, I went and I
13 laid down, you know, and about 6:30 or quarter to
14 seven, I heard a noise. I didn't know what it was, I
15 thought the ship was hitting against the dock, but
16 afterwards I realized it was at the dock already, since
17 five o'clock in the morning we docked. So, it was
18 hitting really hard, you know, so. When I opened I saw
19 the smoke and -- So, it was me and my roommate, there
20 were four of us, but two had already went to work at
21 five o'clock in the morning, so. I went to my roommate
22 and I tell him, let's get out there is fire. Because
23 we see the smoke, we couldn't see anything. We are
24 smelling this like diesel or kerosine, I don't know.
25 We smell that and there is a -- from my cabin, a

1 staircase to go up to the Biscayne Deck, so, I feel the
2 door to see if it is hot, and it wasn't hot, so I
3 opened and we went up to the Biscayne Deck, to go to
4 the International Deck. We went there and we waited
5 awhile to see what took place, you know, it was like, I
6 was just in my shorts and --

7 My idea was to go to my emergency station and
8 wait, but, you know, the passengers have to be first,
9 you know, so we have to wait until we get instructions
10 to go to emergency station. And we wait there --

11 MR. JONES: What is your cabin number?

12 MR. CAMPBELL: Eleven, oh, five.

13 MR. JONES: Okay. So at what time after you
14 heard the bump, you were in your room.

15 MR. CAMPBELL: Yes.

16 MR. JONES: Okay. And then you left your room,
17 smelled the smoke, smelled the diesel and went up to
18 Biscayne Deck, up to the International Deck?

19 MR. CAMPBELL: We stayed at Biscayne waiting
20 to see what took place, because we didn't know what
21 happened.

22 MR. JONES: Any announcements.

23 MR. CAMPBELL: It was afterward the
24 announcement that all passengers should go to
25 International Deck. And then when the passengers, we

1 were told --

2 MR. JONES: So there was, the first indication
3 of an alarm or an announcement was all passengers, that
4 you heard, that all passengers to International Deck.

5 MR. CAMPBELL: Yes.

6 MR. JONES: Okay. Nothing else, no codes, no
7 alarms --

8 MR. CAMPBELL: Yeah, there was a code. There
9 were a lot of codes --

10 MR. JONES: Okay. Did these happen before or
11 after --

12 MR. CAMPBELL: While the, while the incident
13 was, they were calling the codes --

14 MR. JONES: Okay. Do you recollect, do you
15 remember that this was before all passengers to
16 International Deck, those codes and the other alarms?

17 MR. CAMPBELL: Yes, it was before.

18 MR. JONES: Okay. And what did you do next?
19 Where were you, where did you go after that part you
20 took me through just now?

21 MR. CAMPBELL: After that, I went to
22 International Deck and then they called all staff to go
23 to the dining room and we went to there and what to do.

24 MR. JONES: And about what time was that?

25 MR. CAMPBELL: About one o'clock.

1 MR. JONES: Okay. Okay. Well, we have jumped
2 quite a bit from when you are standing there.

3 MR. CAMPBELL: I am sorry.

4 MR. JONES: That is fine, let's try to break
5 that up a little bit, that is all. Okay.

6 Did you have any emergency duties?

7 MR. CAMPBELL: No. My emergency duties were -

8 MR. WALSH: So where do you wait?

9 MR. CAMPBELL: Up on International Deck. We
10 have to wait there.

11 MR. WALSH: And who normally gives you --

12 MR. CAMPBELL: Well, the --

13 (Pause.)

14 MR. JONES: At any time that morning before
15 one o'clock, did you leave the vessel?

16 MR. CAMPBELL: No, sir.

17 MR. JONES: Okay.

18 MR. CAMPBELL: I stayed. All --

19 MR. JONES: Later that day?

20 MR. CAMPBELL: Yes, that morning.

21 MR. JONES: That morning.

22 MR. CAMPBELL: I called my --

23 MR. JONES: You have a way to call home on
24 this vessel, on the ship

25 MR. CAMPBELL: Yes, I have got my own phone.

1 MR. JONES: Okay. Your cell phone?

2 MR. CAMPBELL: Yes.

3 MR. JONES: So, during an emergency, what do
4 you know is the emergency signal? What tells you to go
5 to emergency station?

6 MR. CAMPBELL: Seven shorts and one long
7 blast.

8 MR. JONES: Okay.

9 MR. CAMPBELL: That indicates to go to
10 emergency station.

11 MR. JONES: Okay. And that is where you just
12 wait orders or do you have a specific job?

13 MR. CAMPBELL: No, I just wait, I go to my
14 station and wait for orders.

15 MR. JONES: Okay. So, while you were waiting
16 there, when did you, when were you relieved from that
17 station?

18 MR. CAMPBELL: After the Captain say that we
19 must go to --

20 MR. JONES: Okay. Okay. Jim?

21 MR. WALSH: Have you ever been on any other
22 ship, Dorrel?

23 MR. CAMPBELL: No, sir.

24 MR. WALSH: This is the first one. And did
25 you receive any special training?

1 MR. CAMPBELL: Yes. Fire fighting training,
2 life boat training -- I have my certificate.

3 MR. WALSH: Okay. When you were going from
4 Caribbean Deck to your cabin, to Biscayne Deck and you
5 waited there approximately how long?

6 MR. CAMPBELL: At least 30 minutes.

7 MR. WALSH: Thirty minutes. Do you remember
8 seeing any other crew members coming through there?

9 MR. CAMPBELL: Yeah, a lot of them. Some of
10 them come -- And when I heard that my cousin died.

11 MR. WALSH: Your cousin died onboard the ship?

12 MR. CAMPBELL: No, he went to hospital and
13 there he died.

14 MR. WALSH: Okay. Your roommate, you have
15 three roommates.

16 MR. CAMPBELL: Yes, three, with me, four.

17 MR. WALSH: So did any of them get hurt?

18 MR. CAMPBELL: No, sir.

19 MR. WALSH: And do you remember if all your
20 roommates stayed with you?

21 MR. CAMPBELL: Yeah, but, two of them are
22 working already -- And one of them is -- He doesn't
23 work until evening, so he was in the cabin.

24 MR. WALSH: Okay. Did you ever hear any other
25 signals of abandon ship or --

1 MR. CAMPBELL: Yes, I heard abandon ship
2 signal.

3 MR. WALSH: You heard abandon ship signal.

4 MR. CAMPBELL: Abandon ship signal they had
5 just for crew. The Captain --

6 MR. WALSH: So you heard a signal for abandon
7 ship just the crew.

8 MR. CAMPBELL: Yes, because they took the
9 passengers right out, but we had to wait at the
10 emergency stations. The Captain say --

11 MR. WALSH: Did anyone leave?

12 MR. CAMPBELL: No, some passengers, some crew
13 have emergency duties -- When he sounded the abandon
14 ship signal, that means everyone should go to their
15 emergency stations. You have to leave the emergency --
16 the duty that you have, and go to the station, after
17 the abandon ship signal.

18 MR. WALSH: What is the abandon ship signal?

19 MR. CAMPBELL: One long blast.

20 MR. JONES: Just a blast or the alarm, the
21 general, the bell?

22 MR. CAMPBELL: It was a blast.

23 MR. JONES: A long blast.

24 MR. WALSH: Okay. That helps out a lot.

25 (Pause.)

1 MR. JONES: Thanks, Dorrel. I am sorry to
2 hear about your cousin.

3 MR. CAMPBELL: Yes.

4 MR. JONES: Okay.

5 (Whereupon, the interview was concluded.)