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INTERVIEW OF:

JUDAS CARDOZO

PRESENT:

ROB JONES, NTSB
JIM WALSH, NTSB

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P R O C E E D I N G S

MR. JONES: Okay, this interview is with
Cardozo Judas, safety number is 4-4-0.

MR. CARDOZO: Yes.

MR. JONES: Okay. And if you could take us
from the morning of the 25, Sunday and what first
happened with you, what alerted you to the problem
onboard.

MR. CARDOZO: I was in the cabin.

MR. JONES: You were in your cabin.

MR. CARDOZO: Right.

MR. JONES: And what is your cabin number?

MR. CARDOZO: Eleven, twenty, three.

MR. JONES: Eleven, twenty, three.

MR. CARDOZO: I was on the bed.

MR. JONES: Okay.

MR. CARDOZO: I heard a sound.

MR. JONES: You heard a sound.

MR. CARDOZO: And then I got up and I looked
outside and everybody on --

MR. JONES: What happened next, what did you
do next?

MR. CARDOZO: I didn't do anything.

MR. JONES: You didn't do anything else.

MR. CARDOZO: No.

1 MR. JONES: Did, everybody is out in the
2 hallway in the passageway, did you hear any
3 announcements, did you see anything?

4 MR. CARDOZO: I didn't see anything.

5 MR. JONES: Nothing.

6 MR. CARDOZO: Right.

7 MR. JONES: Did you stay out in the
8 passageway?

9 MR. CARDOZO: I went back into my room.

10 MR. JONES: You went back into your room.

11 MR. CARDOZO: Yes.

12 MR. JONES: Do you know for how long you were
13 in your, stayed in your room?

14 MR. CARDOZO: They sounded seven short.

15 MR. JONES: When you say seven short, the
16 emergency --

17 MR. CARDOZO: Seven short.

18 MR. JONES: Okay.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Seven short after
20 sometime.

21 MR. JONES: Approximately how long?

22 (Pause.)

23 MR. JONES: And when you heard the seven
24 short, what did you do then?

25 MR. CARDOZO: We go emergency station.

1 MR. JONES: Okay. And what are your duties at
2 your muster station, what do you do there?

3 MR. CARDOZO: (inaudible)

4 MR. JONES: What?

5 MR. CARDOZO: Take everybody --

6 MR. JONES: Stairway W. E, echo?

7 MR. CARDOZO: D.

8 MR. JONES: D, Delta?

9 Stair tower.

10 MR. CARDOZO: Yes. In the --

11 MR. JONES: E.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Like Echo.

13 MR. CARDOZO: No, no.

14 MR. JONES: Sorry, E. Okay.

15 What did you do after you went to your muster
16 station at Stair tower E?

17 MR. CARDOZO: I --

18 MR. JONES: Okay.

19 MR. CARDOZO: One hour.

20 MR. JONES: One hour.

21 MR. CARDOZO: And then --

22 MR. JONES: Okay.

23 MR. CARDOZO: Then we go to Olympia Deck.

24 MR. JONES: Okay. What deck?

25 MR. CARDOZO: Olympia Deck.

1 MR. JONES: Okay. The abandon ship, did you
2 stay there for just a muster?

3 MR. CARDOZO: Yes.

4 MR. JONES: And someone took a roll call.

5 MR. CARDOZO: Yes.

6 MR. JONES: They took your name.

7 MR. CARDOZO: Yes, they called.

8 MR. JONES: They call your name.

9 MR. CARDOZO: Number.

10 MR. JONES: Number, okay. Just to make sure
11 you were there and you were okay.

12 MR. CARDOZO: I guess, yes.

13 MR. JONES: Okay. And what happened after
14 that?

15 MR. CARDOZO: Then it is --

16 MR. JONES: All over.

17 MR. CARDOZO: Yes.

18 MR. JONES: Did you go anywhere else after
19 that?

20 MR. CARDOZO: No.

21 MR. JONES: Did the Captain speak to anybody,
22 did he speak to you over the PA or the announcements or
23 the --

24 MR. CARDOZO: (inaudible)

25 MR. JONES: Did you go down, did everyone

1 muster down to the theater?

2 MR. CARDOZO: Yes.

3 MR. JONES: And did you go down to the
4 theater?

5 MR. CARDOZO: The theater?

6 MR. JONES: The theater --

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Movie theater.

8 MR. JONES: Movie theater. You didn't go
9 there?

10 MR. CARDOZO: Yes, I went.

11 MR. JONES: You did go there.

12 MR. CARDOZO: Yes.

13 MR. JONES: Okay. Was all the crew there?

14 MR. CARDOZO: Yes, all the crew was there.

15 MR. JONES: Okay. The Captain speak to
16 everybody.

17 MR. CARDOZO: Yes.

18 MR. JONES: Okay. After that, all done?

19 MR. CARDOZO: Yes.

20 MR. JONES: And back to your room then or back
21 to your duties or did you go ashore?

22 MR. CARDOZO: I go back to the pantry.

23 MR. JONES: To the pantry, to go back to work.

24 Okay.

25 You say you came out of your room, did you

1 see any, anything after the, after the bang, did you
2 see any smoke?

3 MR. CARDOZO: No, I don't see any --

4 MR. JONES: No.

5 MR. CARDOZO: No.

6 MR. JONES: No smoke. Did you feel any, did
7 your ears ring? Did you feel any boom in your ears or
8 nothing like that?

9 MR. CARDOZO: No.

10 MR. JONES: Okay. At your emergency station,
11 you said you were at the Stair Tower.

12 MR. CARDOZO: Yes. Atlantic Deck.

13 MR. JONES: Atlantic Deck. To assist
14 passengers.

15 MR. CARDOZO: --

16 MR. JONES: The crew, the crew stairway.

17 MR. CARDOZO: Yeah, crew --

18 MR. JONES: And during an emergency, you help
19 them go up and down the stairs, and tell them which way
20 to go.

21 MR. CARDOZO: Yes.

22 MR. JONES: Is that what your duties are
23 there?

24 MR. CARDOZO: Yes.

25 MR. JONES: Anything else?

1 MR. CARDOZO: No.

2 MR. JONES: No. How long have you been
3 working for --

4 MR. CARDOZO: This is my third contract.

5 MR. JONES: Third contract.

6 MR. CARDOZO: Yes.

7 MR. JONES: Were you on ships before this one?

8 MR. CARDOZO: I was in --

9 MR. JONES: When?

10 MR. CARDOZO: (inaudible)

11 MR. JONES: And how long have you been working
12 for NCL?

13 MR. CARDOZO: Third contract.

14 MR. JONES: Okay. Anybody, any ships before
15 Norwegian ships?

16 MR. CARDOZO: No.

17 MR. JONES: Okay. And before you went on
18 ship --

19 MR. CARDOZO: I was --

20 MR. JONES: Okay. Okay. Do you have drills
21 onboard this ship?

22 MR. CARDOZO: Yes, yes.

23 MR. JONES: Very often, not too often?

24 MR. CARDOZO: Every week.

25 MR. JONES: Every week.

1 MR. CARDOZO: Yes.

2 MR. JONES: Do you understand the drills and
3 why they have them?

4 MR. CARDOZO: Yes.

5 MR. JONES: Did having those drills help you
6 during this emergency?

7 MR. CARDOZO: Yes.

8 MR. JONES: Okay. Any questions, Jim?

9 MR. WALSH: What are the different
10 announcements that they make on this ship for
11 emergencies?

12 MR. CARDOZO: Like Code Alpha, Bravo --

13 MR. WALSH: And what is a Code Alpha?

14 MR. CARDOZO: (inaudible)

15 MR. WALSH: Code Bravo?

16 MR. CARDOZO: Fire.

17 MR. WALSH: (inaudible) and the emergency
18 alarms.

19 MR. CARDOZO: Yes.

20 MR. WALSH: What are they?

21 MR. CARDOZO: Seven short and one long blast.

22 MR. WALSH: And that is for?

23 MR. CARDOZO: Stand --

24 MR. WALSH: But, what are they for? What would
25 that tell you to do?

1 MR. CARDOZO: Go to the emergency station.

2 MR. WALSH: Both.

3 MR. CARDOZO: Yes.

4 MR. WALSH: So, describe the alarms and then
5 tell me what is suppose to --

6 MR. CARDOZO: Okay. The --

7 MR. WALSH: Right and then describe the alarms
8 for me.

9 MR. CARDOZO: The long blast.

10 MR. WALSH: And that tells you to do --

11 MR. CARDOZO: For emergency.

12 MR. WALSH: Okay. Now, how, you said that
13 there was an abandon ship as well. What is the abandon
14 ship signal?

15 MR. CARDOZO: One --

16 MR. WALSH: And you heard that?

17 MR. CARDOZO: Yes.

18 MR. WALSH: And then you went ashore?

19 MR. CARDOZO: No, Olympia Deck.

20 MR. WALSH: And you went to the Olympia Deck.

21 And is the theater on the Olympia Deck?

22 MR. CARDOZO: Yes.

23 MR. JONES: Is the theater on the Olympia
24 Deck? The lounge?

25 MR. CARDOZO: (inaudible)

1 MR. WALSH: The lounge.

2 MR. ESQUEA: Theater.

3 MR. CARDOZO: I --

4 MR. WALSH: So when did you go to the pool
5 deck?

6 MR. CARDOZO: When --

7 MR. WALSH: Okay. Did you hear any Codes?

8 MR. CARDOZO: When?

9 MR. WALSH: On Sunday, from after you woke up?

10 MR. CARDOZO: Yes, I heard Alpha.

11 MR. WALSH: All right, great. Code Alpha,
12 main galley. And that is where you work.

13 MR. CARDOZO: Right --

14 MR. WALSH: But, you were in your cabin.

15 MR. CARDOZO: I was.

16 MR. WALSH: Right. So, but you normally work
17 in the main galley?

18 MR. CARDOZO: Yes.

19 MR. WALSH: Now did you hear any other code?

20 MR. CARDOZO: No.

21 MR. WALSH: Just the Code Alpha.

22 MR. CARDOZO: Yes. After -- Seven shorts.

23 MR. WALSH: Okay. Do you remember if the
24 lights did anything funny?

25 MR. CARDOZO: Lights, they went off.

1 MR. WALSH: They went off.

2 MR. CARDOZO: They went off.

3 MR. WALSH: Did they come back on?

4 MR. CARDOZO: Yes, they come back.

5 MR. WALSH: Sometime. Three minutes, 10
6 minutes?

7 MR. CARDOZO: I don't know.

8 MR. WALSH: More than 10 minutes? Less than
9 10 minutes?

10 MR. CARDOZO: I don't --

11 MR. WALSH: And were you in your cabin when
12 the lights went off?

13 MR. CARDOZO: I was outside.

14 MR. WALSH: Oh, you were outside. Did it get
15 very dark?

16 MR. CARDOZO: Not too bad. The lights were --

17 MR. WALSH: Were there a lot of people with
18 you?

19 MR. CARDOZO: All the, all --

20 MR. WALSH: Were people, were people talking
21 about getting off the ship?

22 MR. CARDOZO: No.

23 MR. WALSH: No. Thank you very much.

24 MR. JONES: Okay. Thank you.

25 MR. CARDOZO: You are welcome.

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MR. JONES: Thank you.

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(Whereupon, the interview was concluded.)