

MARCELLO LOPEZ-Casino dealer (Ecuador), 5 months into his 1st contract, 10-months, with NCL. This is his first employment in the cruise industry, he had spent 5 years in Costa Rica working in a casino.

He arrived at his cabin, 1123, on the Biscayne deck, about 0300. He ordinarily worked till about 0330, but they closed the casino a little earlier Sat. night/Sun. morning. He went to sleep and slept through the event. His roommate woke him and told him that he needed to get out. Marcello heard a code Alpha and a Code Bravo. He saw smoke, the electricity went off and the emergency lighting went on.

They did not have a drill the week before, but ordinarily drills were conducted on Wednesday and on Thursday.

He left his cabin to go to his muster station, on the Olympic Deck, but he passed the gangway on the Biscayne deck and saw security personnel, in brown uniforms, signaling him to exit the vessel. He left the vessel and went to the shore.