

RANDEEP SOMNATH SOOD—He is an bar/waiter, joined the ship October 22, and has been transferred to the Sky, and will be on the Sky in about a month. Has worked on the Sky before. He works, every week a different schedule. Last week he worked in the sports bar from 1730 to 2200 Windward Dining Room, then from 2300 to closing the Sports Bar, closing about 0215. On Sunday, the day of the accident, he and his cabin mate went down to the Viking Deck to call home, went to his cabin about 0500, then felt the shaking and then he and his mate smelled fuel in the cabin. They left the cabin because they were afraid of fire. He saw a spark on the Caribbean deck, then 5 to 10 minutes later heard the announcement. He was the zone leader for staircase 5. He saw that all crew members that he ran into were cool and calm so he did not get upset. His cabin his C10-72. All five of his team were there but some had to leave to bring water to the crew, then told him to leave the ship and waited there a long time till about 1230. Around 0830 on Sunday “they” told him to leave the ship.

He heard the Code Alpha announcement, then Code Poppa, Code Alpha is a medical emergency. Did not hear bells, whistles, etc. Cruise director was telling passenger that there has been a fire downstairs but that things were under control. It took about 8 to 10 minutes after the event to hear the announcement. He went ashore between 0830 and 0900.

Crew were told to leave by different stations. They were told that as soon as they went down to leave the ship. An officer told him to evacuate. All of the passengers were off the boat when he left. An announcement was made that all passengers were off the vessel and they could leave their stations. It was the safety manager who told them to leave.

The lights went off when he was in his cabin and the emergency lights went on. He went to his emergency station, then went to the muster station, and the announcement came that everyone had to leave the ship.