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Interview of: ANTHONY ADRIAS
Welder

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(10:30 a.m.)

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3 LT [REDACTED]: All right, so this interview is going to be
4 recorded. It's currently recording now. My name is Lieutenant [REDACTED]
5 [REDACTED]. We have here Mr. Frank Thomsen. We have as a person
6 of interest --

7 MR. HALL: Attorney Roy J.D. Hall, Jr.

8 LT [REDACTED]: Okay. And then right now we are currently
9 interviewing -- what's your name, sir?

10 MR. ADRIAS: Anthony Adrias.

11 LT [REDACTED]: Anthony --

12 MR. ADRIAS: Adrias.

13 LT [REDACTED]: Adrias. And your position on board?

14 MR. ADRIAS: Welder.

15 LT [REDACTED]: You're a welder.

16 MR. ADRIAS: Yeah.

17 LT [REDACTED]: Okay, and it's currently 10:30 a.m.,
18 December 6, 2018.

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19
20 BY LT [REDACTED]:

21 Q. So you're going to go ahead and get started. The way I'd
22 like to do this is, the way I'd like to do this is I'd like you to
23 just tell me the story. Starting when you were working that
24 morning from when you first found out something was wrong. And
25 just tell us every single, every single thing you remember. Just

1 go nice and slow. Take your time. You don't have to worry about
2 anything. Just be honest so that we can figure out, you know,
3 what happened.

4 A. After 11:14, I just stop my job, shut down the welding
5 machine. Then after that I just came up to change my clothes, to
6 get ready for the lunchtime. Then after a few, a few minutes
7 later, then the skipman told me there's smoke. Then we try to
8 come inside, but we cannot. We cannot see anything. Then I heard
9 those guys. They're yelling. They're shouting that there's a
10 fire in that. Then I go up. I go up to the pilothouse, go back
11 to the working deck. And I don't see nothing no more. Just a lot
12 of smoke. That's it. I don't do nothing.

13 Then before I came up, the other guy, the other -- they're
14 still working down there with the other guy -- with this guy. And
15 I didn't know what those guys doing down there. I don't know what
16 this guy is -- what happened down there. I don't know. I don't
17 even know nothing. Then that's it. I mean, just -- we just
18 standing by on the working deck, then those guards told us to go
19 on the main deck. Then up there on the main deck, they told us to
20 go out that way. And we don't know nothing no more. That's it.
21 Don't know nothing. That's all.

22 BY MR. THOMSEN:

23 Q. Anthony, was the welding job that you did -- was it a
24 scheduled weld? Was it scheduled that day?

25 A. I just weld just a piece on the beam. Then when I finished

1 the one, I'm supposed to start the other one, but when I finished
2 the first one, then I take a break, getting ready for the lunch.
3 That's it. Ready to start the new one.

4 Q. When you said piece of the beam, what is -- what are you
5 talking about?

6 A. Is a piece of plate. I just went from the bottom of the,
7 bottom of the floor -- of the ceiling.

8 Q. So you were at the bottom welding to the ceiling.

9 A. Yeah.

10 Q. And what was your location? Was it the wet deck?

11 A. Yes, it's on the wet deck, but it's close to the galley. The
12 assistant's room.

13 LT [REDACTED]: Were there other welders or just you?

14 MR. ADRIAS: The other guy's position is close to the dry
15 store and the chief's room.

16 LT [REDACTED]: They were welding too?

17 MR. ADRIAS: No, the guy is cutting a piece of I-beam too.

18 And then --

19 LT [REDACTED]: You were the only welder? Okay.

20 MR. THOMSEN: What time did you start welding?

21 MR. ADRIAS: I stop 11:14.

22 MR. THOMSEN: No, what time did you start?

23 MR. ADRIAS: I start 7:00.

24 MR. THOMSEN: You were welding at 7 o'clock? That same
25 piece, same location?

1 BY LT [REDACTED]:

2 Q. And you were welding all day long?

3 A. Not all the time. Sometimes I just cut a piece with a torch.
4 Then when I finish cleaning up, cutting and that's it. We're
5 going to weld a piece of plate.

6 Q. When you found out about the fire, were you welding right
7 before that?

8 A. No, I already come up. I already on the bow with three guys
9 -- or with two guys. We were in the bow.

10 Q. Why were you on the bow?

11 A. We just waiting for to ring the bell for our lunch.

12 Q. Okay. Was anybody welding when you were on the bow?

13 A. The other welder guys still down there with the watchman.

14 Q. Are they here now?

15 A. Yes, they're (indiscernible).

16 Q. Okay.

17 MR. THOMSEN: The other -- when you're talking about other
18 welder guy, was it two separate weldings going on?

19 MR. ADRIAS: Yeah.

20 MR. THOMSEN: Where was he welding?

21 MR. ADRIAS: I was welding on the stern side, and then this
22 guy is cutting the piece of I-beam in the chief's room and the dry
23 store. Between the dry store and the chief's room.

24 MR. THOMSEN: Okay, what is that welder's name?

25 MR. ADRIAS: Mike.

1 LT [REDACTED]: Mike?

2 MR. ADRIAS: Batralo. Michael.

3 MR. THOMSEN: Is he on this list?

4 MR. ADRIAS: This one.

5 LT [REDACTED]: This one?

6 MR. ADRIAS: Yeah.

7 BY MR. THOMSEN:

8 Q. And you said he was welding where?

9 A. He's cutting the piece of I-beam with a torch.

10 Q. Where?

11 A. Is in the middle of the dry store and the chief's room.

12 Q. And where's the dry store located at?

13 A. It's in the middle of the boat.

14 Q. I mean is it on the wet deck, main deck?

15 A. It's upstairs.

16 Q. Main deck?

17 A. Yes, on -- no, it's upstairs. The dry store is upstairs.

18 It's close to the bathroom.

19 Q. Okay. This is the main deck. You were at the wet deck,
20 right?

21 A. Yeah. That's the main deck.

22 LT [REDACTED]: Which is the main deck, this one or this one?

23 MR. ADRIAS: The top one.

24 BY MR. THOMSEN:

25 Q. This is the main deck. You were at the wet deck. Where was

1 he at?

2 A. He's on the -- this is on the wet deck too, but is cutting a
3 piece on the bottom of the dry store on the main deck.

4 Q. Where is the dry store? Main deck?

5 A. Yeah.

6 Q. So he was one deck above you. Was he welding -- he was
7 cutting a piece of beam to the floor.

8 A. No, is on the bottom. It's on the -- this is on the bottom
9 of the floor.

10 Q. And what location is that? I mean, it's on the main deck.
11 Is it aft, midship, forward?

12 A. It's forward.

13 Q. Okay. You said you stopped. You started at 0700, and you
14 stopped your welding at 11:00? 11:14?

15 A. 14. 14.

16 Q. 11:14? And around what time -- you said -- who did you say
17 saw the, saw the smoke?

18 A. The skipman guy, but he's not here.

19 Q. And what's his name?

20 A. It's Armando.

21 LT [REDACTED]: Armando told you that there was --

22 MR. ADRIAS: No, the time we spoke on the bow. Then the guy
23 tell me there's a lot of smoke. I thought the guy is talking
24 about the cigarette smoking. Then the guy open the door, then
25 that's the time I smell the smoke coming from the wet deck.

1 LT [REDACTED]: Who told you that there was smoke? Who?
2 What's his name?

3 MR. ADRIAS: Armando.

4 LT [REDACTED]: Armando.

5 MR. ADRIAS: The skipman.

6 BY MR. THOMSEN:

7 Q. And what time did he tell you that?

8 A. It's about 11:30, I think.

9 Q. So you've been up on the bow for about 15 minutes?

10 A. Yeah.

11 Q. And was there anybody assisting you on the weld?

12 A. On the welding?

13 Q. Who was assisting you? Anybody with you?

14 A. The spotter. The spotter stands in the middle of us with the
15 other guy.

16 BY LT [REDACTED]:

17 Q. What's the name? What's the name, one more time?

18 A. Para.

19 Q. Para?

20 A. Yeah.

21 Q. That's his first name?

22 A. I don't know.

23 Q. (Indiscernible).

24 A. It's --

25 Q. Right here?

1 A. Yeah.

2 Q. Tinifu Vailaina was with you.

3 MR. THOMSEN: Can I see that? Which one is that?

4 LT [REDACTED]: This one.

5 MR. ADRIAS: It's the guy watching us while working.

6 MR. THOMSEN: Tinifu Vailaina.

7 BY LT [REDACTED]:

8 Q. Vailaina? Was with you.

9 A. It's the guy that's watching us while we're working.

10 Q. Okay. So you're welding. Tinifu was watching you.

11 A. And the other guy too.

12 Q. Who was the other guy?

13 A. The other welder guy.

14 Q. Oh, so there were -- you were welding and someone else is
15 welding. You guys could see each other --

16 A. Yeah.

17 Q. -- welding?

18 A. It's close.

19 Q. Okay, you're pretty close. And who was the other guy
20 welding?

21 A. Michael.

22 Q. Michael? Finite? Finete?

23 A. No, it's Michael Batralo.

24 Q. Oh, right, Batralo. Yeah. Okay. So it's you three. And
25 all of you stopped -- did all of you weld at the same time, 7

1 o'clock in the morning to 11:14?

2 A. I start 7, then stop at 9 to take a break. Then 30 minutes
3 break, go back again.

4 Q. Okay, you did?

5 A. Yeah.

6 Q. 7 to 9:30, and then -- to 9. Sorry. And then 9:30 to 11 --

7 A. 11 sometimes, sometimes 11:30 is --

8 Q. Okay. So when you stopped at 11, did you stop for just to
9 take another break, or did you stop because someone told you to
10 stop?

11 A. No, I just stopped to take a break again, lunch.

12 Q. Okay. So 11:15 or so, is what you said?

13 A. Yeah.

14 Q. Is that right?

15 A. 11:14.

16 Q. 11:14 you took a break, you stopped to have lunch. And then
17 they told you about the smoke when you were where?

18 A. When I was in the bow.

19 Q. When you were on the bow. Okay. So at that point, you had
20 already left your welding area and you were on the bow, and you
21 knew about the fire, the smoke.

22 A. Yeah.

23 Q. Okay.

24 BY MR. THOMSEN:

25 Q. Your weld assistant, Tinifu, what was his job?

1 A. The guy is just crew on the boat.

2 Q. But I mean, he was helping you with the weld.

3 A. He's just watching us.

4 Q. Oh, he's just watching.

5 A. Yeah.

6 Q. Was there anybody helping you with the weld?

7 A. No.

8 Q. So it was just you.

9 A. Just me and the other guy too.

10 LT [REDACTED]: Was there anybody watching above where you
11 were welding at?

12 MR. ADRIAS: No, because I told the guy not to go up because
13 I'm sure not -- the piece I'm welding is not going to reach the
14 floor.

15 LT [REDACTED]: It's too short?

16 MR. THOMSEN: So was there -- going on what he said, is there
17 a fire watch?

18 MR. ADRIAS: The guy's a fire watch.

19 MR. THOMSEN: Who was a fire watch?

20 MR. ADRIAS: Para. Tinifu is the only --

21 LT [REDACTED]: Tinifu? The guy next to you?

22 MR. ADRIAS: That's close to me.

23 LT [REDACTED]: Yeah.

24 MR. ADRIAS: So pretty close to me. It's in the middle of us
25 with the two guys.

1 LT [REDACTED]: He was the fire watch.

2 MR. THOMSEN: Wait, wait. No, no. Now you're getting me
3 confused. Tinifu Vailaina, he's the fire watch. I asked you what
4 his, what his position was, what his job was. He was just -- he
5 said -- you said he was just there to watch.

6 MR. ADRIAS: He's just a, he's just a crew member on the
7 boat.

8 MR. THOMSEN: Okay. Was his job to observe the welding and
9 make sure that there's no fire?

10 MR. ADRIAS: Yeah, he's just watching.

11 MR. THOMSEN: So he's the fire watch.

12 LT [REDACTED]: There was no one above, there was no one above
13 where you were working? The deck above?

14 MR. ADRIAS: No.

15 LT [REDACTED]: Nobody was up there?

16 MR. ADRIAS: No one.

17 BY MR. THOMSEN:

18 Q. So Mr. Tinifu, his job is a fire watch. Why was he down
19 there with you instead of being up top? Because you were welding
20 the top overhead. Was he not supposed to be up top?

21 A. I don't know the guy, I don't know the guy, why he went down.
22 But he just watching us down there and --

23 Q. What's the -- when you guys do welding, what is the normal
24 procedure when you guys weld?

25 A. We just stand by a fire extinguisher and fire pump hose.

1 That stuff.

2 Q. Okay. How many people are normally involved with a weld?

3 You got the welder.

4 A. Yeah. And sometimes we have one helper guy. We have one
5 that work with us.

6 Q. So two people?

7 A. Yeah.

8 Q. And the other person is what?

9 A. Is watching.

10 Q. Fire watch.

11 A. Yeah.

12 Q. So when you're, when you're welding a space adjacent to
13 another space or a space below another space, what is that fire
14 watch supposed to do?

15 A. He's just going to watch for the fire, I guess. Just
16 watching for the fire.

17 Q. Okay. Is he watching for the fire in the area you're
18 welding, or is he supposed to be watching for the fire in a space
19 next to, next to where you're welding?

20 A. Yeah. He's watching next to the place I'm welding.

21 Q. That's the normal procedure?

22 A. Yeah.

23 Q. And this one, he was not where he's supposed to be.

24 BY LT [REDACTED]:

25 Q. Is there a normal procedure written down somewhere? The

1 procedure you guys use, is it -- how did you -- how do you know
2 that's the procedure?

3 A. I just, I just train that one because I was go for the
4 welding.

5 Q. Okay, so you were taught that in school. Did everyone go to
6 the same school?

7 A. I don't know. I guess.

8 Q. So what I want to ask you -- so what's the company that you
9 work for for this welding?

10 A. I don't have a company. Before I work in (indiscernible)
11 before.

12 Q. So when you were welding, when you were welding on the
13 *Jeannette* --

14 A. I get one guy.

15 Q. -- who is paying you?

16 A. The *Jeannette*.

17 Q. Okay, and what -- you don't have a company? You don't have a
18 business?

19 A. I don't have.

20 Q. How did they, how did they hire you?

21 A. Because I was in (indiscernible) before in *American*
22 *Enterprise*.

23 Q. So there's no company you work for?

24 A. No more this time.

25 Q. You're just, you're just your own person --

1 A. Yeah.

2 Q. -- that they pay?

3 MR. THOMSEN: He's a, he's a crew member on board.

4 LT [REDACTED]: Okay. You're a crew member on board the
5 *Jeannette*?

6 MR. ADRIAS: Yeah.

7 LT [REDACTED]: Okay. And is there a procedure for the -- on
8 the *Jeannette* of how to weld? Is there a written procedure? Is
9 there?

10 MR. ADRIAS: Yeah.

11 LT [REDACTED]: Okay.

12 MR. THOMSEN: Michael, is it M-E-C-H-A-E-L, or M-I? Your
13 name is spelled M-E-C-H-A-E-L, or is it Michael?

14 MR. ADRIAS: I don't --

15 MR. THOMSEN: Your name.

16 LT [REDACTED]: No, his -- he's Anthony.

17 MR. ADRIAS: I'm Anthony.

18 LT [REDACTED]: Anthony Adrias.

19 MR. THOMSEN: Oh, sorry. I'm looking --

20 MR. ADRIAS: Mike is the other guy.

21 MR. THOMSEN: Sorry, I'm looking at -- I marked this
22 asterisk. I'm sorry. Adrias. Okay.

23 BY MR. THOMSEN:

24 Q. Anthony, who told you to do welding that day? Who was the
25 one that gave you that direction?

1 A. The chief told us that direction.

2 Q. And who is the chief?

3 A. It's Jonathan.

4 Q. Sorry?

5 A. Jonathan Yolk (ph.).

6 Q. Yolk.

7 A. That third one.

8 Q. Jonathan Yolk.

9 LT [REDACTED]: That's your boss?

10 MR. ADRIAS: That's the chief engineer for the boat.

11 LT [REDACTED]: What's the name?

12 MR. THOMSEN: Jonathan Yolk.

13 BY MR. THOMSEN:

14 Q. Now in the beginning, I -- was this a scheduled weld for that
15 morning? So it was already scheduled --

16 A. Yeah.

17 Q. -- the day before? Okay.

18 A. The day before we arrived, it's already scheduled to work
19 that day, those things.

20 Q. Now your assistant, the fire watch, Tinifu, did he have an
21 extinguisher with him?

22 A. Yeah. Yes.

23 Q. And when you left, did he leave?

24 A. When I leave, I don't know what happened to those guys.

25 LT [REDACTED]: You went on break at 11:14, you said? You

1 went on break by yourself, or did the other guys come with you?

2 MR. ADRIAS: So everybody come up already, except for the two
3 guys. Tinifu and Michael.

4 MR. THOMSEN: Now Tinifu, was he, was he down there just to
5 talk with you on the wet deck?

6 MR. ADRIAS: No, he's just watching us. He's just watching
7 us, what we are doing.

8 MR. THOMSEN: You said "us." Who's the other person?

9 MR. ADRIAS: The other guy. The welding guy. Michael.

10 LT [REDACTED]: What's his name? Batralo?

11 MR. ADRIAS: Yeah.

12 BY MR. THOMSEN:

13 Q. I thought he was on the main deck.

14 A. No, he was in the, he was in the wet deck too. He's close --
15 pretty close to me.

16 Q. So was he welding from --

17 A. The bottom on the wet deck.

18 Q. Was he welding the overhead?

19 A. Yeah.

20 Q. So he was welding underneath the dry store?

21 A. Yeah. He's cutting the piece of the I-beam from the bottom
22 of the dry store.

23 Q. Was it port or starboard side?

24 A. Starboard side.

25 Q. Starboard side. And you were welding starboard side?

1 A. Port side.

2 Q. Port side.

3 (Phone ringing.)

4 (Conversation on speakerphone.)

5 LT [REDACTED]: Lieutenant [REDACTED].

6 CHRIS: (Indiscernible).

7 LT [REDACTED]: What vessel? *Jeannette* sank.

8 MR. THOMSEN: Hey, Chris.

9 CHRIS: Frank?

10 MR. THOMSEN: Yeah.

11 CHRIS: Yeah, I was just telling the Lieutenant that we just
12 wanted to let you know (indiscernible). We just got a call from
13 the (indiscernible).

14 MR. THOMSEN: Uh-huh.

15 CHRIS: And they're noticing that it's -- the vessel is
16 starting to list to the port side, listing to the port
17 (indiscernible) and taking on water.

18 LT [REDACTED]: Give me the position.

19 MR. THOMSEN: Got it.

20 CHRIS: So I told them to, I told them to monitor it and
21 report every half hour unless something dramatic happens. But
22 also to be on stand by with -- get ready to cut the line, right,
23 the towline. So (indiscernible).

24 LT [REDACTED]: Okay. Do you have a time?

25 CHRIS: Yeah, that's where we're at now.

1 MR. THOMSEN: Okay, the position there --

2 LT [REDACTED]: 1039?

3 MR. THOMSEN: -- is in pretty deep water.

4 LT [REDACTED]: Do you know what the --

5 CHRIS: (Indiscernible) it's all deep water.

6 LT [REDACTED]: Okay, how deep is the water?

7 MR. THOMSEN: It says in deep water.

8 CHRIS: Maybe 2 miles, 2 miles off.

9 LT [REDACTED]: Do you know how deep it is there?

10 MR. THOMSEN: If it were to sink there, would it be a hazard?

11 CHRIS: No, (indiscernible) --

12 LT [REDACTED]: How deep, how deep is the water there? Do you
13 know?

14 CHRIS: -- down in that ship, and the only other hazard is if
15 it doesn't sink. If it stays buoyant for whatever reason, we'll
16 stick around and monitor it and just make sure that it goes fully
17 under.

18 LT [REDACTED]: Okay.

19 CHRIS: No, it's all deep water. I'll have them use their --

20 LT [REDACTED]: 16 miles.

21 CHRIS: -- (indiscernible) their position and stuff. But
22 they're monitoring it right now, all right?

23 MR. THOMSEN: Okay, last question. If the vessel is sinking
24 pretty fast, you guys will be able to release the lines fast,
25 right?

1 CHRIS: Yeah, that's what, that's what they're monitoring
2 right now. And they've been instructed to call in every half hour
3 and give us a report every half hour.

4 LT [REDACTED] Okay.

5 MR. THOMSEN: Okay.

6 MR. THOMSEN: All right, thanks, Chris. Appreciate that.

7 CHRIS: Yeah, right on. Okay. Bye.

8 MR. THOMSEN: Bye.

9 LT [REDACTED]: Okay. All right. Thank you very much. You
10 -- all right. Bye-bye.

11 (End of call.)

12 LT [REDACTED]: I better call the command center.

13 MR. THOMSEN: Yeah.

14 LT [REDACTED]: Sorry about -- I'm sorry about this, Anthony.
15 Just hang tight for a second.

16 1039, is that what they told you?

17 (Phone call.)

18 LT [REDACTED]: Hi, good morning.

19 MR. THOMSEN: He said he just got the call.

20 LT [REDACTED]: Yeah, can you hear me? This is Lieutenant,
21 this is Lieutenant [REDACTED]. I just wanted to report that the
22 vessel *Jeannette*, the one that we were actively towing, the one
23 that was on fire, sank at 1039 --

24 MR. THOMSEN: No, it didn't -- it's not sinking. Chris said
25 that it's listing a little bit to the port side --

1 LT [REDACTED]: Oh, CU (ph.) just told me -- hold on just,
2 hold on just a second. Let me -- actually can I call you back?
3 I'm going to call you right back. I'm sorry.

4 CU just told me it sank. It's underwater.

5 MR. THOMSEN: Really?

6 LT [REDACTED]: Yeah.

7 MR. THOMSEN: Okay. There must be --

8 LT [REDACTED]: We need to get that -- we need to get around
9 and turn on that. Can you please call him back?

10 MR. THOMSEN: Let me go get my phone.

11 LT [REDACTED]: Can we, can we put a pause on this interview
12 and -- do you mind if we take care of this? We're going to hit
13 pause on this.

14 (Off the record.)

15 (On the record.)

16 LT [REDACTED]: All right. We're back. Same folks as before
17 doing an interview with Mr. Anthony Adrias, welder.

18 By MR. THOMSEN:

19 Q. Okay, Anthony. So you said at about 11:30, the skip man told
20 you about a lot of smoke. Where did he say the smoke was?

21 A. It was coming from the door going to the bow. Was coming
22 from the wet deck.

23 Q. Coming from the wet deck?

24 A. Yeah. Then there's a second -- there's smoke coming out from
25 the hallways.

1 Q. So the smoke was -- I just want to make sure. You said that
2 the smoke was coming from the wet deck up to the main deck?

3 A. Yeah.

4 Q. And then what did you do?

5 A. We tried to go inside, but we cannot see nothing. We can't
6 do -- we cannot see the hallway, so I go up to the --

7 Q. From the bow. From the door from the --

8 A. From the door from the bow. Then I go up to the pilothouse,
9 go back to the working deck. The back.

10 Q. Okay. And then what?

11 A. And that's it. Those guards, they tried -- we tried to
12 connect those hose to the fire pump, then those guards, they told
13 us to leave the boat to go to the main deck. And after that, we
14 don't know what happened.

15 Q. Did anybody sound the general alarm?

16 A. Yeah.

17 Q. What time was that sounded?

18 A. It's just about 11:30, I think. Just the same time when we
19 smell the smoke.

20 Q. Was there any announcement on the PA?

21 A. No.

22 Q. So it was just the alarm going off at 11:30. And you said
23 that you were trying to connect hose?

24 A. We tried to connect those hose to the fire pump. Then some
25 guys inside.

- 1 Q. Okay. Was anybody wearing SCBA?
- 2 A. The other guy right there is -- is right there. Renaldo
- 3 (ph.).
- 4 Q. Renaldo?
- 5 A. I don't -- this guy's not -- the name here.
- 6 Q. Is he on the crew list?
- 7 A. This guy's not here on the crew list.
- 8 Q. What about the other SCBA?
- 9 A. It's inside.
- 10 Q. So only one person?
- 11 A. Just one, just one in the, in the door going inside to the
- 12 galley. Then the other one's inside close to the top there.
- 13 Q. The other one's inside where?
- 14 A. It's close to the top, the other one.
- 15 Q. Up above?
- 16 A. No, it's the bottom. In the bottom. In the hallway. In
- 17 front of the hallway. There's the top one right there.
- 18 Q. So both the SCBAs were on the same level?
- 19 A. Yeah. And there's one in the pilothouse.
- 20 Q. So how many SCBAs do you have?
- 21 A. I think it's three.
- 22 Q. And only one person was wearing it.
- 23 A. Yeah.
- 24 Q. And you said the other one was above where the helo was?
- 25 A. In the pilothouse.

1 Q. Oh, pilothouse. Now where did -- what's his name?

2 A. Renaldo.

3 Q. Renaldo. Where did he get the one that he was wearing?

4 A. Just close to the door from the working deck.

5 Q. So at the stern of the boat, aft of the boat. And what did
6 Renaldo do?

7 A. Sorry?

8 Q. What did he do?

9 A. He just tried to go inside, but he cannot go inside because
10 cannot see nothing to -- can't see because of the smoke. And he
11 just went out.

12 Q. So how long, how long was he in the, in the boat before he
13 came back out?

14 A. It's not even 1 minute. The guy come out. It's not even 1
15 minute. It's not even 1 minute.

16 Q. Not even 1 minute?

17 A. Yeah.

18 Q. Now when did Renaldo go in? When did he put on the -- when
19 did he go on? When did he put on the SCBA and go in?

20 A. I guess it's already 11:30 past. It's already a lot of fire
21 inside, I think. It's already a lot of smoke. Then I see the
22 box, then I tell the guy to wear it, but it's too late.

23 Q. Okay. The local fire department. The local fire department.
24 What time did they get on scene?

25 A. Those guys, they arrive, I think, before 12.

1 Q. And then what did you see, what did you see them do?

2 A. They just spraying the water. Spraying the water, then when
3 they start spraying the water, those guys -- those guards called
4 us to main deck to leave the boat.

5 Q. Guards?

6 A. The guards on the main deck.

7 Q. They told you guys to come out?

8 A. Yeah. Told us to come out.

9 Q. Including your fire team?

10 A. Yeah.

11 Q. And what was that -- what time was that?

12 A. I don't know what time is that. But it's already past 12.

13 Q. The color of the smoke. What color was the smoke?

14 A. What?

15 Q. The color of the smoke. Was it white?

16 A. It's a white one.

17 Q. White smoke?

18 A. Yeah. It's white.

19 Q. No black?

20 A. No black.

21 Q. Okay, you said the fire department got on scene at 12, before
22 12. And what time did they start using the water?

23 A. When they arrive, they set up those fire hose, then they
24 start (indiscernible).

25 Q. How long do you think it took for them to set it up?

1 A. Just a minute. Just 1 minute, I think.

2 Q. One minute?

3 A. One minute, 2 minutes.

4 Q. Was any of them -- did any of them go inside the boat?

5 A. Mike, the guy -- the first firefighting guy come inside.
6 They just -- they don't have a mask. Then Mike try to take the
7 hose, go inside, but the guy come out too.

8 Q. Who's Mike?

9 A. The welder guy too. The other guy.

10 Q. Okay. Nearly done, Anthony. Where was the fire department
11 spraying? From the port side?

12 A. Just in the hallway. Inside the hallway.

13 Q. So they were staying outside spraying into the hallway?

14 A. Yeah.

15 Q. Did they go in to spray any water inside? I mean, did they
16 go in to fight the fire inside?

17 A. They tried. They tried to go inside.

18 Q. So they did not go inside because they weren't wearing SCBA?

19 A. Yeah.

20 Q. About what time did the other fire department show up?

21 A. We don't know because we take a lunch in the town right then
22 (indiscernible). We don't know what time those guys arrive.

23 LT [REDACTED]: At that point he's gone.

24 MR. THOMSEN: Then I got no further questions.

25 LT [REDACTED] Yeah, I think this is a good start.

1 MR. THOMSEN: Anthony, we may call on you later for further
2 questioning. But in the meantime, we want you to fill that out as
3 best as possible.

4 LT [REDACTED]: It's a statement form. Just try and write it
5 down from -- just like you told us. Nice and organized, easy to
6 read, legible. If you need more forms, just let us know; we'll
7 get you more. And then just sign and date it at the bottom.

8 MR. ADRIAS: Okay.

9 LT [REDACTED]: But that's it for now. Thank you.

10 MR. ADRIAS: Thank you.

11 LT [REDACTED]: This concludes the interview. Do you have any
12 questions for us?

13 MR. ADRIAS: No.

14 LT [REDACTED]: Okay. Thank you very much.

15 MR. HALL: Thank you.

16 (Whereupon, the interview was concluded.)
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