

**SURVIVAL FACTORS GROUP
INTERVIEWS
ATTACHMENT #2
(28 Pages)**

INCIDENT COMMANDER INTERVIEWS

RECORD OF INTERVIEW

Minneapolis Deputy Police Chief Bob Allen

DATE: August 3, 2007

LOCATION: Police Command Post tent near Red Cross building

PRESENT: Deputy Police Chief Rob Allen, Investigator Ron Kaminski; and Captain Otto Wagenpfell, Commander of Special Operations Division with the Minneapolis PD

Deputy Chief Allen, of the Minneapolis Police Department, granted an interview with the NTSB to discuss his actions as Incident Commander in response to the bridge collapse.

Deputy Chief Allen states that he arrived on-scene at 6:35 and established a command post slightly southwest of the bridge collapse. He explained that although the city uses a unified command system, he was responsible for the investigation and preservation of the death scene while the Minneapolis Fire Department (MFD) handled the overall command as well as the structural collapse and the recovery and transport of injured victims, while the Hennepin County Sheriff's office (HCSO) handled river rescue and recovery. He said all three departments set up a command post near their main area of operations (i.e., HCSO down near the river, MFD on both sides of the bridge). According to the Deputy Chief, all three departments had a representative in each of the respective command centers to help coordinate the activities and continue the unified command.

According to the Deputy Chief, the Minnesota State Patrol helped coordinate the other police jurisdictions arriving on scene, while the Hennepin County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) handled financial details, the EOC's 911 center kept track of all the responding officers and rescuers, while the Coast Guard assisted with river rescue.

According to the Deputy Chief, the overall command was handed to them at 1900 hours August 2, 2007 after all fire department activities were completed.

RECORD OF INTERVIEW

Minneapolis Assistant Deputy Fire Chief John Fruetal

DATE: August 5, 2007

LOCATION: Minneapolis Fire Department Command Post tent near Red Cross building

PRESENT: Assistant Minneapolis Fire Chief John Fruetal; NTSB Investigator Ron Kaminski

Deputy Chief Fruetal of the Minneapolis Fire Department granted an interview with the NTSB to discuss his knowledge of the initial response to the bridge collapse.

According to Assistant Chief Fruetal, Deputy Chief Dick Christianson handled initial command until his arrival. Deputy Chief Christianson initially split up the recovery and

transport of injured victims on both sides of the river. Upon the Assistant Chief's arrival Deputy Chief Christianson was made operations chief. A staging and triage area was also set-up on both sides of the river with other Chiefs. From that point on Assistant Chief Fruetal monitored operations on both sides of the river.

RECORD OF INTERVIEW

Hennepin County Sheriff's Captain Bill Chandler

DATE: August 9, 2007

LOCATION: Hennepin County Sheriff's command post adjacent to river on South side

PRESENT: Hennepin County Sheriff's Captain Bill Chandler; NTSB Investigator Ron Kaminski, and Sgt. Steve Wagner with the Minneapolis PD.

Captain Bill Chandler, of the Hennepin County Sheriff's office granted an interview with the NTSB to discuss his knowledge of the river recovery operation in response to the bridge collapse.

Captain Bill Chandler was notified of the collapse at approximately 6:15 p.m. and arrived on-scene at the river flats location at approximately 6:30 p.m. The captain stated that he initially reported to Minneapolis Fire department Deputy Chief Fruetal. The captain stated that he initially had boats doing side screen sonar to help locate vehicles in the water. According to the captain at 7:26 p.m. the river rescue operation switched to river recovery. The captain stated that approximately 26 agencies responded with boats to assist with the river rescue. According to the captain he finally stopped and staged the arriving agencies with boats, except for the St. Paul Technical Rescue team.

According to the captain, once the operation turned into a recovery operation, he had all rescue boats removed from the river where he debriefed them and cleared them from the scene. From that point he started setting-up dive teams and maintained the dive team operation until the Navy divers arrived Monday, August 6, 2007.

DRIVER AND PASSENGER INTERVIEWS

RECORD OF INTERVIEW

Zeke Oaks (A14)

Interviewed August 7, 2007 at Mr. Oaks' place of business in Edina, Minnesota

Present during the interview was NTSB Investigator Ron Kaminski and Sgt. Steve Wagner with the Minneapolis PD

Zeke Oaks (6'1", 180 lbs.)

Mr. Oaks stated he was driving northbound traveling around 15 m.p.h., in the left lane towards the south end of the bridge in a green 2001 Pontiac Grand Am. According to Mr. Oaks, the first thing he felt was the bridge rumbling. Mr. Oaks said he then saw a

part of the bridge ahead of him fall and saw another northbound vehicle go off the bridge and immediately felt himself start falling.

Mr. Oaks stated that he grabbed his wallet and briefcase and exited his vehicle. . Upon exiting he started helping others nearby until he heard children crying on a school bus in the southbound lanes. Mr. Oaks stated that he and another driver climbed off the east edge of the bridge, ran under and climbed back up on the southbound side and started helping children down from the bridge to the roadway that was approximately four feet below the bridge rail.

According to Mr. Oaks, he sustained a fracture to his thoracic spine.

RECORD OF INTERVIEW

Sarah E.Mundy (A23)

Interviewed August 6, 2007 at Ms. Mundy's residence

Present during the interview was NTSB Investigator Ron Kaminski and Sgt. Steve Wagner with the Minneapolis PD

Sarah E. Mundy (5'8" 155 lbs.)

Ms. Mundy stated she was driving northbound going about 30 m.p.h. in the far left lane at the south end of the bridge in her red 1994 Chevrolet Caprice (VIN 1G1BN52P0RR). According to Ms. Mundy, the first thing she observed was the bridge span she was on crumble ahead of her, then seeing the car in front of her disappear. Ms. Mundy said that her vehicle stopped with her front wheels hanging over the front edge of the span. According to Ms. Mundy, she was able to pry her door open and crawled down to the bike trail where she was helped.

According to Ms. Mundy, she sustained a chipped tooth, air bag burn and abrasion to her left forearm, and a bruise to the right side of her rib cage from her seatbelt.

RECORD OF INTERVIEW

Kimmy Dahl, School bus driver (A30)

Interviewed August 6, 2007 at the Old Spaghetti Factory restaurant in Minneapolis.

Present during the interview were Mrs. Dahl's husband, her attorney, NTSB Investigator Ron Kaminski and Sgt. Steve Wagner with the Minneapolis PD

Kimmy Dahl (5'7" 190 lbs.)

Mrs. Dahl stated she was driving southbound in the right lane at the south end of the bridge in the school bus (VIN 4DRVBABP33B). According to Mrs. Dahl, the first thing she observed was the bridge start swaying and then hearing rumbling prior to dropping down. She recalled the front right side of the bus hit something then the back right side hit something.

According to Mrs. Dahl, she initially couldn't turn the ignition off and get the bus in park. Mrs. Dahl said that Julie Graves, another adult helper seated in the front right seat and was injured when she was thrown into the loading door stairwell, crawled back up and was able to turn off the ignition while she lifted her leg to engage the parking brake.

According to Mrs. Dahl, she had her two children in the bus with her. Her 5-year-old son was seated in the row directly behind her with her 10-year-old daughter seated in the right front row near the window. According to Mrs. Dahl, her son complained of neck and shoulder pain while her daughter bruised her chin and complained of right shoulder pain. Mrs. Dahl stated that she sustained compression fractures to her spine at T-12 and L1, a left leg laceration, a rotator cuff injury to her left shoulder, and lap belt bruises to her abdomen.

RECORD OF INTERVIEW

Julie Graves, School bus helper

Interviewed August 8, 2007 at HCMC in Minneapolis.

Present during the interview were Ms. Graves' fiancé, NTSB Investigator Ron Kaminski and Sgt. Steve Wagner with the Minneapolis PD

Julie Graves (5'3" 130 lbs.)

Ms. Graves stated she was seated in the front right seat of the school bus. According to Ms. Graves the first thing she felt was a falling sensation. She believes the bridge fell three times.

According to Ms. Graves, she flew over the padded courtesy panel and landed in the loading stairwell, breaking one of the door windows. Ms. Graves stated that she was able to lift herself up and assisted the bus driver, Kimmy Dahl in shutting of the ignition. Due to her injuries another teenage helper named Jeremy Hernandez, helped carry her off through the back of the bus.

Ms. Graves stated that she sustained compression fractures to her spine at T-12 and L1, an avulsion laceration to her right triceps, a deep laceration to her right forearm, a right ankle fracture, a right foot fracture, a left big toe fracture, and several deep lacerations to her right leg and shin.

RECORD OF INTERVIEW

Jenny Xiong, School bus helper

Interviewed August 8, 2007 at her parents residence

Present during the interview were NTSB Investigator Ron Kaminski and Sgt. Steve Wagner with the Minneapolis PD

Jenny Xiong (4'8" 100 lbs.)

Ms. Xiong stated she was seated in the second row in the aisle seat on the right side of the school bus. According to Ms. Xiong the first thing she felt was free. She only felt

one hit when the bus hit the ground. Ms. Xiong stated that following the drop she inhaled some dust and had trouble breathing. She then walked out the back of the bus.

According to Ms. Xiong, she sustained compression fractures to her lumbar spine and an abrasion to her right ankle.

RECORD OF INTERVIEW

Jeremy Hernandez, School bus helper

Interviewed August 8, 2007 at his aunts residence

Present during the interview were NTSB Investigator Ron Kaminski and Sgt. Steve Wagner with the Minneapolis PD

Jeremy Hernandez (5'11" 141 lbs.)

Mr. Hernandez stated he was seated in the second or third row from the back on the right side near the window of the school bus. According to Mr. Hernandez the first thing he heard was a loud bang then felt the bridge drop. He then felt it drop farther down. Mr. Hernandez could not recall if he went over his seat or not. Mr. Hernandez stated that immediately afterwards the bus was filled with dust and it was hard to see anything. After it cleared, he saw other kids on top of seat backs. According to Mr. Hernandez, he told the kids to exit out the back emergency door. He then went to the back door, moved some coolers out of the way, and opened the door and started handing the kids down to the roadway. He recalled that the bridge still seemed to be shaking. After all the kids were out he said he went and helped carry Julie Graves out the back of the bus. After getting off the bus Mr. Graves stated that he and another man started handing kids off the bridge down to the street below.

According to Mr. Hernandez, he sustained a lower lip laceration, a very sore middle back, and some hip pain.

RECORD OF INTERVIEW

Angela Haeny, School bus helper

Interviewed August 9, 2007 at her residence

Present during the interview was NTSB Investigator Ron Kaminski and Sgt. Steve Wagner with the Minneapolis PD

Angela Haeny (5'4" 140 lbs.)

Ms. Haeny stated she was seated in the 5th or 6th row behind the bus driver; playing games with Ricardo and Zach when she felt the bus drop then drop again. Ms. Haeny recalled moving to her left and right during the drops. She then proceeded to help the kids get off the bus through the back door.

According to Ms. Haeny, she sustained a sore neck a chin bruise and she bit her lip.

RECORD OF INTERVIEW

James Hanson, School bus helper

Interviewed August 9, 2007 at his residence

Present during the interview were NTSB Investigator Ron Kaminski and Sgt. Steve Wagner with the Minneapolis PD

James Hanson (5' 11" 215 lbs.)

Mr. Hanson stated he was seated in the second behind the driver near the aisle, when he felt the bus drop. Mr. Hanson stated he felt the bus drop again after the first one. According to Mr. Hanson, he was leaning forward prior to the first drop and then hit his seatback and on the second drop he was thrown to the right. Mr. Hanson said he was initially confused but helped Jenny up since he had landed on top of her. Mr. Hanson stated that he got off the bus but went back on to help the bus driver off. Mr. Hanson stated that he helped the bus driver turn off the ignition while she applied the parking brake.

According to Mr. Hanson, he sustained contusions to the left side of his chest, upper back, chin, and broke a couple teeth. In addition Mr. Hanson stated he had a slight concussion.

RECORD OF INTERVIEW

Demaris Montota-Mendoza, school bus passenger

Interviewed August 11, 2007 at her parents residence

Present during the interview was her mother, NTSB Investigator Ron Kaminski, and Sgt. Steve Wagner with the Minneapolis PD

Demaris Montoya-Mendoza

Ms. Montoya-Mendoza stated she was seated in the 3rd row from the back, behind the bus driver, when she felt the bus hit a big bump and then fall. Ms. Montoya-Mendoza stated that she thought the bus was going to tip over. She then proceeded off the bus through the back door.

According to Ms. Montoya-Mendoza, she sustained only a sore back.

RECORD OF INTERVIEW

The following group of interviews was conducted on August 10, 2007 by thirteen investigators from four different agencies. The purpose of this group interview approach was to assemble as many of the school bus passengers in one location in order to collect as much information regarding what they experienced as well as there seat position on the bus. The interviews were conducted at:

Waite Community House
2529 13th Ave. So.
Minneapolis, Minnesota
(612) 721-2752

RECORD OF INTERVIEW

Isaiah Mattson, school bus passenger

Isaiah Mattson (3'8", 38 lbs)

Isaiah stated he thought he was seated in the 6th row from the front on the right side, with Creole Taylor and Monica Segura. According to Isaiah, he felt two bumps, one little and one big. Isaiah stated that everyone was screaming and then Jeremy kicked open the back door and he helped everyone out.

According to Isaiah, he sustained a scrape to his right lower leg and a bruise on his right foot. Isaiah stated that he was treated and released from Children's Hospital.

RECORD OF INTERVIEW

Tyrone Taylor-Levet Mattson Jr., school bus passenger

Tyrone Taylor-Levet Mattson Jr. (5'0", 84 lbs)

Tyrone (aka TJ) stated he thought he was seated in the 4th row from the back on the right side, with Jeisy Aguiza and Kameron Price. According to TJ, the bus hit some bumps and he flew into the air hitting his head on the ceiling. TJ stated that Terrance kicked open the back door and everyone got out. TJ said that after exiting the bus, Kim and Julie were still on the bus so Jimmy Hanson helped them off.

According to TJ, he sustained a bruise on his backside, and his head, with pain to his right shoulder. TJ stated that he was treated and released from HCMC.

RECORD OF INTERVIEW

Imahni Naylor Taylor-Henderson, school bus passenger

Imahni Naylor Taylor-Henderson (5'4", 119 lbs)

Imahni stated she was seated in the last row on the right side, with Joaquin Vences. According to Imahni, the bus hit a bump and she felt like they were falling. Imahni stated the bus hit a bigger bump and there was a cloud of dust. Imahni stated that Jeremy opened the back door and everyone got out.

According to Imahni, her mom took her to Children's Hospital but she didn't have any injuries.

RECORD OF INTERVIEW

Betsy Calle-Naula, school bus passenger

Betsy Calle-Naula (4'0", 70 lbs)

Betsy stated she thought she was seated in the 3rd row from the back on the left side, with Damaris. According to Betsy the bridge separated and the bus went boom-boom and they all started crying and screaming. Betsy stated that her older cousin and Jeremy helped opened the back door and helped her get out.

According to Betsy, she sustained a hip and shoulder injury. Betsy did not recall where she was treated but that her aunt took her.

RECORD OF INTERVIEW

Olivia J. Reynolds, school bus passenger

Olivia J. Reynolds (4'0", 78 lbs)

Olivia stated she thought she was seated in the middle on the right side, with Randi and Jasmine. According to Olivia, she felt the bus shake and then it fell. After it stopped, it started to roll forward. Olivia stated that a lot of dust came into the windows. Olivia stated that Jeremy kicked open the back door and he helped everyone out.

According to Olivia, she hurt her chest and got whiplash. Olivia stated that she was treated and released from North Memorial Hospital.

RECORD OF INTERVIEW

Mary-Juanita Leonard, school bus passenger

Mary-Juanita Leonard (4'7", 78 lbs)

Mary stated she thought she was seated in the 3rd row on the right side, with Michele and Itati. According to Mary, she was drifting off to sleep awoke to a loud crash and it felt like the bus was falling. After it stopped it started rolling forward. Mary stated that people were bleeding and falling out of their seats, and then a lot of dust came into the windows. Mary stated that Jeremy cleared the back exit and started helping everyone out.

According to Mary, she was not hurt.

RECORD OF INTERVIEW

Sagal Ali Roble, school bus passenger

Sagal Ali Roble (5'0", 105 lbs)

Sagal stated he was seated in the 10th row on the left side, with two little kids. According to Sagal, he felt like the bus drop like a ride at Valley Fair. Sagal stated that he fell to the floor and everyone froze because they were scared. Sagal said that a lot of dust and smoke came into the windows. Sagal stated that someone opened the back exit and helped everyone out.

According to Sagal, he sustained a sore neck, and his right foot hurt. He was treated and released from Abbott-Northwestern Hospital.

RECORD OF INTERVIEW

Saiku M. Kennah, school bus passenger

Saiku M. Kennah (5'2", 119 lbs)

Saiku stated he thought he was seated in the middle on the left side, with Mohammed and David. According to Saiku, he was sleeping when he awoke to a big bumping. After it stopped, Jeremy started helping everyone out.

According to Saiku, he sustained pain to his upper back and neck. Saiku stated that he was treated and released from Children's Hospital.

RECORD OF INTERVIEW

Joaquin Vences-Garcia, school bus passenger

Joaquin Vences-Garcia (5'8", 138 lbs)

Joaquin stated he was seated in the very back row on the right side with Ihamni. According to Joaquin, he remembers hitting a bump then everyone went up in the air. Then it stopped and started again a couple times. When they stopped Joaquin stated that it was quit with a lot of dust in the air. Joaquin stated that Jeremy jumped over some seats, cleared away the coolers and started helping everyone out. According to Joaquin, after he got out he was looking for his brother and sister while trying to calm the other kids that were crying.

According to Joaquin, he sustained injuries to his upper back and neck. Joaquin stated that he was treated and released from Children's Hospital the next day.

RECORD OF INTERVIEW

Randi L. Leonard, school bus passenger

Randi L. Leonard (4'1", unk lbs)

Randi stated she thought she was seated in the middle on the right side, with Olivia and Jasmine. According to Randi, she was playing games with her friends when the bus started falling. Randi stated that a lot of dust came into the bus. Randi stated that Jeremy helped everyone out.

According to Randi, she was not hurt.

RECORD OF INTERVIEW

Elsa Segura, school bus passenger

Elsa Segura (5'0", 110 lbs)

Elsa stated she thought she was seated in the 4th row across from Samira, Josette and Jasmine. According to Elsa, she though the bus went down a ditch. Elsa stated that she went forward and to the right and then the bus fell again. Elsa thought there were three different drops. Elsa said she went out the back door.

According to Elsa, she sustained a neck strain, and both knees were bruised. Elsa Stated that she was treated and released from Children's Hospital the next day.

RECORD OF INTERVIEW

Cristian Martinez, school bus passenger

Cristian Martinez (4'5", 70 lbs)

Cristian stated he didn't remember much about the collapse other than while they were crossing the bridge it all fell. He did recall that Jeremy helped everyone out.

According to Cristian, he was sore to his left knee and buttocks, and sustained a black eye. He said he was treated and released from HCMC.

RECORD OF INTERVIEW

Michelle Klouda, school bus passenger and helper

Michelle Klouda (5'4", 120 lbs)

Michelle stated she thought she was seated in the 3rd row on the right side with Itati and Mary-Juanita. According to Michelle, she thought the bus dropped 2-3 times. She recalled flying out of her seat. Michelle stated that after it stopped she grabbed the girls seated with her and started moving off the bus.

According to Michelle, she sustained a neck and middle back strain. Michelle stated that she was treated and released from HCMC.

RECORD OF INTERVIEW

Elfego Vences-Garcia, school bus passenger

Elfego Vences-Garcia (5'8", 150 lbs)

Elfego indicated that he was seated around the 9th row on the right side with Dianna Segura. According to Elfego, he thought they hit a speed bump and then he could feel himself dropping. Then it stopped and there was a lot of smoke in the air. Elfego stated that Jeremy opened the door and started helping everyone out. According to Elfego, after he got out he helped his sister who was hyperventilating.

According to Elfego, he sustained injuries to his middle back and had a bruised nose. Elfego stated that he was treated and released from Children's Hospital the next day.

RECORD OF INTERVIEW

Jonathon Angeles-Sanchez, school bus passenger

Jonathon Angeles-Sanchez (unknown height and weight)

Jonathon stated he didn't remember what happened. Jonathon stated that he only remembered the bus on its side.

According to Jonathon, he was sustained a contusion to the left side of his ribs. He said he was treated and released from North Point Medical Center.

RECORD OF INTERVIEW

Feysol Roble, school bus passenger

Feysol Roble (4'0", 50 lbs)

Feysol stated he thought he was seated in the 3rd or 4th row on the right side, in the middle with two other kids. According to Feysol, he was almost asleep when he heard a "bang, bang, bang" and the bus dropped and almost fell on its side. Feysol stated that he ended up on the floor and sat there for a while because he thought it was fun.

According to Feysol, he sustained a scratch to his forehead but was not treated.

RECORD OF INTERVIEW

Leyton Guallpa-Naula, school bus passenger

Leyton Guallpa-Naula (unk, 115 lbs)

Leyton indicated that he was seated near the back on the right side with Ivan. According to Leyton, he thought it was bumpy and then they crashed.

According to Leyton, he bit his tongue when he hit the seat in front of him. Leyton stated that he was treated the next day and released from Children's Hospital.

RECORD OF INTERVIEW

Aylene Carina-Calderone, school bus passenger

Aylene Carina-Calderone (Unk", 65 lbs)

Aylene stated she was seated in the middle on the left side with Naomi. According to Aylene, she thought the bus hit a lot of bumps then she went flying and fell into the aisle.

According to Aylene, she hurt her ribs, back and buttocks. Aylene stated that she was treated and released from HCMC the next day.

RECORD OF INTERVIEW

Monica Guadalupe-Segura, school bus passenger and helper

Monica Guadalupe-Segura (5' 4", 140 lbs)

Monica stated she was seated in the 6th row on the right side with Isaiah and Creole. According to Monica, she initially thought the bus was hit from behind. She recalled that the bus dropped then dropped again. According to Monica, after the second drop dust came in through the windows. She said Jeremy opened the rear door and helped all the kids off. Monica stated that she didn't realize that the bridge had collapsed until she got off the bus.

According to Monica, she sustained a bruised chest and some internal bleeding, and middle back strain. Monica stated that she was treated and released from Abbott Northwestern three days later.

RECORD OF INTERVIEW

Zach Roble, school bus passenger

Zach Roble (5'0", 65 lbs)

Zach stated he thought he was seated with Angie Haeny. According to Zach, he felt the bus fall and tip to the right. Zach stated that he had two sisters on the bus with him.

According to Zach, he sustained a bruise on his left cheek.

RECORD OF INTERVIEW

Ronal Miguel Aguiza, school bus passenger

Ronal Miguel Aguiza (Unknown height and weight)

Ronal stated he thought he was seated on the left side towards the middle. According to Ronal, he felt the bus jump.

According to Ronal, he sustained a bruise above his left ear and a laceration to his tongue.

RECORD OF INTERVIEW

Diana Segura, school bus passenger and helper

Diana Segura (Unknown height and weight)

Diana stated she thought she was seated towards the back on the right side with Elfego. According to Diana, she thought the bus hit a speed bump and then she felt it falling down.

According to Diana, she sustained a bruise on her knee. Diana stated that she was not treated.

RECORD OF INTERVIEW

Jazmine Angeles, school bus passenger

Jazmine Angeles (Unknown height and weight)

Jazmine stated she thought she was seated towards the back on the right side with Olivia. According to Jazmine, she heard a noise and the bus started to fall. According to Jazmine they were lifted off her seats. She added that it felt like the bus was sliding.

According to Jazmine, she had pain to her back, ribs and foot. Jazmine said she went for x-rays 8 days later at North Point Hospital.

RECORD OF INTERVIEW

Samantha Calderoh, school bus passenger

Samantha Calderoh (Unknown height and weight)

Samantha stated she was seated in the second row on the left side with Mariella. According to Samantha, she felt big bump then it seemed like she was falling on a roller coaster ride. Samantha said everyone was flying off his or her seats.

According to Samantha, she hurt her ribs, back and had a cut on her chin. Samantha stated that she was treated and released from North Memorial Hospital that day.

RECORD OF INTERVIEW

Fernanda Araujo-Calderoh, school bus passenger

Fernanda Araujo-Calderoh (Unknown height and weight)

Fernanda stated she was seated on the left side in the aisle seat with Sasha in the window seat and Canaan in the middle. According to Fernanda, they were playing games when the bus moved up and down four times. Fernanda stated that Jeremy kicked open the back door and he helped everyone out.

According to Fernanda, she had a sore bottom and was bleeding between her legs. Fernanda stated that she was hospitalized at HCMC for two nights.

RECORD OF INTERVIEW

Ivan A. Luna-Calderoh, school bus passenger and helper

Ivan A. Luna-Calderoh (5'9" 145 lbs.)

Ivan stated he was seated on the right side in the aisle seat behind Jeremy, at the rear of the bus. According to Ivan, they were driving slower than normal when he heard a loud "Boom". Then he couldn't hear anything for a few more seconds, and then it felt like he was floating. He said they went up and down four times. When they stopped there was a lot of dirt and rocks flying at them. Ivan stated that the fourth time they went down was when they hit the concrete side of the bridge, with the bus ending up on an angle. Ivan said he landed in his seat. Ivan stated that Jeremy jumped over his seat and kicked open the back door and started helping everyone out.

According to Ivan, he had a sore bottom and sore body. Ivan stated that he went to HCMC the next day to get checked out.

RECORD OF INTERVIEW

Jeisy J. Aguaiza, school bus passenger

Jeisy J. Aguaiza (5'3" Unk lbs.)

Jeisy stated she was seated on the right side in the 10th row with TJ. According to Jeisy, she was sleeping and heard a semi honk his horn and the next thing she knew was the bus falling. Then she could hear banging like things hitting the bus. When they stopped there was a lot of dust in the air. Jeisy stated that Jeremy opened the back door and started helping everyone out.

According to Jeisy, she went for x-rays at Children's Hospital and was called back the next day for a back brace because she had a fractured vertebrae.

RECORD OF INTERVIEW

Aisha Ali Roble, school bus passenger

Aisha Roble (Unknown height and weight)

Aisha stated she was seated in row two by the window. According to Aisha, she was sleeping and the next thing she knew kids were screaming and Julie Graves was bleeding. Aisha stated that Jeremy kicked opened the back door and she got out.

According to Aisha, she went to Children's Hospital but was not injured.

RECORD OF INTERVIEW

Ryan H. Watkins, school bus passenger and helper

Ryan H. Watkins (5'5" 115 lbs.)

Ryan stated he was seated on the left side, two rows from the back, in the aisle seat with Nina. According to Ryan, he felt two bounces and fell to his right across the aisle but did not hit the floor. He saw Nina slumped in her seat to the left. He initially thought they were in an accident. Ryan stated that Jeremy opened the back door and started helping everyone out.

According to Ryan, he had a sore neck and had a bad headache for 2 days. Ryan stated that he called the health partners phone line for advice.

RECORD OF INTERVIEW

Mohammed Ali Roble, school bus passenger

Mohammed Roble (5'8" 124 lbs.)

Mohammed stated he was seated in the middle on the left side next to David. According to Mohammed, he heard a noise like steel bending prior to the accident. He said the bus slid to the right and stopped at the bridge wall. Mohammed said he saw the semi truck crash in front of them and then start on fire.

According to Mohammed, he went to HCMC by ambulance and sustained an injured right scapula, and a bump over his left eye..

RECORD OF INTERVIEW

Ricardo Rameriz-Avarez, school bus passenger

Ricardo Rameriz-Avarez (Unknown height and weight)

Ricardo stated he thought he was seated on the left side with Angie Haeny. According to Ricardo, he thought the semi hit the bus to the right and the bridge fell.

According to Ricardo, he sustained a bruise to the underside of his left arm but did not go to a hospital.

RECORD OF INTERVIEW

Amar Elghorab, school bus passenger

Amar Elghorab (5'2" 82 lbs)

Amar stated he was seated on the right side towards the front. According to Amar, he heard a noise like the bus was going over a bump. Amar stated that Jeremy opened the back door and saved everyone.

According to Amar, he hurt the left side of his back and went to his doctor two times.

RECORD OF INTERVIEW

Ana Vences, school bus passenger

Ana Vences (5'2" Unk lbs)

Ana stated she was seated on the left side in the back row. According to Ana, she didn't remember the crash but did recall that Alexis Martinez ended up under the seat. She also recalled that Jeremy kicked opened the back door.

According to Ana, she hurt her back and went to a Chiropractor after being seen at Abbott Hospital.

RECORD OF INTERVIEW

Amy S. Naula-Carillo, school bus passenger

Amy S. Naula-Carillo (5'2" Unk lbs)

Amy stated she was seated on the left side in the middle playing games when she felt some bumps and then it felt like she was falling. Amy thought she was going to fall in the water.

According to Amy, she hurt has a mid back strain and went to HCMC.

RECORD OF INTERVIEW

Canaan H. Mattson, school bus passenger

Canaan H. Mattson (4'3" 59 lbs)

Canaan indicated that he was seated on the right side behind Monica Segura. According to Canaan, they started falling and when they landed dust came in the bus

According to Canaan, he had scratches on his neck and his knees got banged up. Canaan stated that he was treated and let go at Children's Hospital.

RECORD OF INTERVIEW

Creole Ava Taylor, school bus passenger and helper

Creole Ava Taylor (3'11" 55 lbs.)

Creole stated she was seated on the right side next to Monica Segura. According to Creole, they started to fall and when they landed there was a lot of dust.

According to Creole she had a pain in her legs and went to Children's Hospital to get checked out.

RECORD OF INTERVIEW

Brian Sturgill (B1)

Interviewed August 10, 2007 by phone

Sgt. Steve Wagner of the Minneapolis PD conducted this interview after the interviewee called him back on his cell phone. The interviewee lives in San Diego, California.

Mr. Brian Sturgill stated he was driving northbound in the right lane, going very slowly, in a silver 2007 Chevrolet Impala, which was a rental car. According to Mr. Sturgill, the first thing he felt was his car shaking. He saw the bridge break apart in front of him and felt like he was freefalling then stopped. According to Mr. Sturgill, he started to freefall again and ended up with the back end of his vehicle in the river and filling up with water. Mr. Sturgill stated that he initially couldn't open his door so he tried kicking out the windshield. He said that the car shifted and he then was able to open his door and climbed to the bridge.

According to Mr. Sturgill, he was told that he sustained some compressed disc in his back and was released.

RECORD OF INTERVIEW

Omar Abuabara (B2)

Interviewed August 28, 2007 by phone

NTSB Investigator Ron Kaminski conducted this interview by cell phone. The interviewee lives in Irving, Texas.

Mr. Abuabara stated he was driving northbound in the left lane, going about 30 M.P.H., in a silver 2007 Cadillac CTS, which was a Hertz rental car. According to Mr. Abuabara, the first thing he saw was the bridge falling in front of him. According to Mr. Abuabara, he closed his eyes and screamed out prior to hitting water. He recalled that his vehicle started filling up with water. Mr. Abuabara stated that he couldn't open his door so he somehow broke out the window behind him and got out. He said that initially stood on the back trunk lid and saw a fuel tanker nearby start smoking and he was afraid it was going to explode so he jumped in the water and swam to the bridge where Brian Sturgill helped him up. After calling his father he said he and Brian Sturgill swam to a boat, which took them to shore.

According to Mr. Abuabara he was told that he sustained a strained neck, a bruised right lung, bruised right clavicle, and ribs along with lacerations to his hands. He said he was treated and hospitalized at University of Minnesota, Fairview Hospital and was released on Saturday August 4, 2007.

RECORD OF INTERVIEW

Suzanne M. Blundell (B5)

Interviewed August 7, 2007 at Ms. Blundell's residence

Present during the interview was Elizabeth C. Wunderlich, a passenger in Ms. Blundell's vehicle, Ms. Blundell's mother, NTSB Investigator Ron Kaminski and Sgt. Steve Wagner with the Minneapolis PD

Suzanne Blundell (5'2", 120 lbs.)

Ms. Blundell stated she and her passenger Elizabeth Wunderlich, were driving northbound in the left lane at the north end of the bridge in her silver 2003 Nissan Pathfinder. According to Ms. Blundell, the first thing she felt was the bridge shaking and swaying. Ms. Blundell said that she felt three distinct drops. According to Ms. Blundell, the last drop, her vehicle fell into the river and was showed with debris. Ms. Blundell stated they went out the driver's door and were picked up by a boat and taken to shore.

According to Ms. Blundell, she sustained only a sore neck and back.

Elizabeth Wunderlich

According to Ms. Wunderlich, she first saw a wave of concrete coming at them. She said she felt the car drop down then drop down a second time. Ms. Wunderlich stated that they fell into the river and were showed with debris on the way down.

According to Ms. Wunderlich, she sustained only a sore neck and back.

RECORD OF INTERVIEW

David Ostrowski (B7)

Interviewed August 7, 2007 at Mr. Ostrowski's sister's residence

Present during the interview was Mr. Ostrowski's sister, NTSB Investigator Ron Kaminski and Sgt. Steve Wagner with the Minneapolis PD

David L. Ostrowski (5'9" 240 lbs.)

Mr. Ostrowski stated he was driving northbound in the left lane, going 10-15 m.p.h. in his 2002 Chrysler Sebring (VIN 1C3AL56R12N). According to Mr. Ostrowski he saw the bridge span he was on angle downward prior to collapsing. After he landed he said he picked up his glasses were knocked off and his cell phone. He said he exited the vehicle and looked both north and south to see where he was.

Mr. Ostrowski stated that he took several photos with his cell phone and agreed to send them to this investigator.

According to Mr. Ostrowski, he sustained a compression fracture to T-12 along with neck soreness.

Mr. Ostrowski stated that he normally wears his seat belt but was not wearing his lap and shoulder belt on this trip.

RECORD OF INTERVIEW

Amy Lindholm (B8)

Interviewed August 7, 2007 at Ms. Lindholm's place of business.

Present during the interview was a friend of Ms. Lindholm's, NTSB Investigator Ron Kaminski and Sgt. Steve Wagner with the Minneapolis PD

Amy Lindholm (5'4" 180 lbs.)

Ms. Lindholm stated she was driving northbound in the far left lane in the center section of the bridge in her silver 2004 Saturn L200. According to Ms. Lindholm, she was on her cell phone when she first thing felt a rumbling then heard a boom and heard metal twisting and saw part of the bridge in front of her go down. According to Ms. Lindholm, after getting out of her vehicle (unknown how), she initially tried to help a person stuck in a car that was floating in the river but jumped off after it started shaking. Ms. Lindholm stated that she then helped two injured construction workers.

According to Ms. Lindholm, she sustained a bruised left knee, and her back and neck are still very sore. Ms. Lindholm stated that she was wearing her seatbelts.

RECORD OF INTERVIEW

Roman Koyrakh (B19)

Interviewed August 17, 2007 by phone

Sgt. Steve Wagner of the Minneapolis PD conducted this interview after the interviewee called him back on his cell phone.

Mr. Koyrakh stated he was driving northbound in the left lane, approaching the north end of the bridge, in a green 2001 Subaru. According to Mr. Koyrakh, the first thing he remembers was the feeling the car jump, then saw a cloud of dust and everything start to rumble and shift. According to Mr. Koyrakh, he closed his eyes and felt the car falling nose first. On it's way down he could fell it striking several objects or objects striking him. He recalled that when he landed he opened his eyes and saw his vehicle filling up with water. According to Mr. Koyrakh, while under water, he was able to open his door and swam out. He said he grabbed onto a steel girder and pulled his himself up onto the bridge. He said saw a woman in a silverSUV that was hurt and he told her not to move that help was on the way. He then jumped in the water and swam to shore.

According to Mr. Koyrakh he sustained a badly bruised right hip. He said he was treated and released from North Memorial Medical Center.

RECORD OF INTERVIEW

Wen-Yan King (B20)

Interviewed August 7, 2007 at Ms. Kings parents residence.

Present during the interview was NTSB Investigator Ron Kaminski and Sgt. Steve Wagner with the Minneapolis PD

Wen-Yan King (5'4" 150 lbs.)

Ms. King stated she was driving northbound near the north end of the bridge in her tan 1994 Nissan Sentra. According to Ms. King, she felt the bridge rumble and saw the bridge come apart near her front bumper. Ms. King stated that she feels her car rotated or tumbled upside down coming to rest upside down on an angle atop a beam. She thought she crawled out the passenger side door or window and crawled down a beam to a pile of debris. She said from there she walked in shallow water to where ambulances and rescue vehicle's started pulling up.

According to Ms. King, she sustained avulsion lacerations to both hands and a chest bruise from her shoulder belt. She stated that her vehicle has an automatic shoulder belt and a manual lap belt, but was only wearing her shoulder belt.

RECORD OF INTERVIEW

David L. Brown (C4)

Interviewed August 5, 2007 at Mr. Brown's residence.

Present during the interview was Mr. Browns girlfriend, NTSB Investigator Ron Kaminski and Sgt. Steve Wagner with the Minneapolis PD

David L. Brown (6'4" 205 lbs.)

Mr. Brown stated he was driving southbound in the far right lane on the northside of the river in his black 2001 Saab 9.3. According to Mr. Brown he felt and saw the bridge sway left to right, tilting more so to the left. He immediately saw a puff of smoke and he felt his vehicle drop down prior to his span tilting back causing him to roll rearwards. He said that as he came to a stop, a Ford Explorer that slid back into him struck him.

According to Mr. Brown, he sustained compression fractures to T-6 and L-1 along with some minor soft tissue bruises.

RECORD OF INTERVIEW

Jesse Shelton (C7)

Interviewed August 4, 2007 at North Memorial Medical Center.

Present during the interview was NTSB Investigator Ron Kaminski and Sgt. Steve Wagner with the Minneapolis PD

Jesse Shelton (5'4" 135lbs.)

Ms. Shelton stated that she was driving an 2001 Honda Civic LX. Ms. Shelton related that she was driving southbound in the far left lane planning to exit at 11th avenue when she felt a jolt and an upheaval and her vehicle started rolling backwards. Ms. Shelton does not remember anything after that point.

Ms. Shelton said she sustained a bruise across her waist from her seatbelt, and 4 compression fractures 2 to her thoracic spine and 2 to her lumbar spine, and a concussion.

RECORD OF INTERVIEW

Thomas Hughes (C10)

Interviewed August 4, 2007 at Fairview Medical Center at the University of Minnesota Campus.

Present during the interview was NTSB Investigator Ron Kaminski and Sgt. Steve Wagner with the Minneapolis PD

Thomas Hughes (5'8" 238lbs.)

Mr. Hughes stated that he was driving a 1990 Chevrolet ½ ton extended pick-up truck. According to Mr. Hughes, he was heading northbound in the left lane traveling approximately 20-30 m.p.h. He stated that he felt the bridge flex and then saw the pavement ripple. He said he experienced it again prior to his truck's back end falling back striking the concrete center divider prior to flipping end over end and landing on his wheels. Mr. Hughes stated that he unbuckle his seat belt and attempted to get out. He called out his windshield and was helped by a fireman off the bridge.

Mr. Hughes said he sustained an T-10 and T-11 compression fractures, a fractured left wrist, and a puncture laceration to his left armpit.

RECORD OF INTERVIEW

Karge James Olsen (C13)

Interviewed August 4, 2007 at Fairview Medical Center at the University of Minnesota Campus.

Present during the interview was NTSB Investigator Ron Kaminski and Sgt. Steve Wagner with the Minneapolis PD.

Karge James Olsen (5'10" 175 lbs)

Mr. Olsen stated that he was driving a 2006 Jeep Compass. According to Mr. Olsen, all he remembers about the collapse was that he was driving south on 35W.

Mr. Olsen stated he sustained fractures to his cervical and thoracic spine, right clavicle, and a concussion.

RECORD OF INTERVIEW

Mercedes M. Gordon (C17)

Interviewed August 11, 2007 at Fairview Medical Center at University of Minnesota campus.

Present during the interview was Ms. Gordon's fiancée, NTSB Investigator Ron Kaminski and Sgt. Steve Wagner with the Minneapolis PD

Mercedes M. Gordon (5'8" 140 lbs.)

Ms. Gordon stated she was driving northbound in the left lane just past the center section of the bridge in her black 1998 Ford Escort. According to Ms. Lindholm, she was traveling around 20 m.p.h. The first thing she saw was what looked like the road was in a wave and then felt it sway left to right. According to Ms. Gordon, the look on the construction workers faces was one of panic. Ms. Gordon stated that the roadway pitched forward and she just held onto the steering wheel. According to Ms. Gordon, her legs were pinned by the doorsill and the dashboard and she needed to be extricated from her vehicle.

According to Ms. Gordon, she shattered both the tibia and fibula's on both legs, fractured her left ankle, and ruptured a disc in her spine at L-1. Ms. Gordon stated that she was wearing her seatbelts.

RECORD OF INTERVIEW

Ana Marie Sokolowski (C18)

Interviewed August 4, 2007 at Fairview Medical Center at the University of Minnesota Campus.

Present during the interview was NTSB Investigator Ron Kaminski and Sgt. Steve Wagner with the Minneapolis PD.

Ana Marie Sokolowski (5'3" 172 lbs)

Ms. Sokolowski stated that she wearing her seat belt in her 2000 Toyota Camry, heading northbound in the far left lane when she saw the pavement of the bridge look like a wave. She recalled the bridge. Ms. Solokowski stated that she ended up upside down and hanging by her seat belt. She said she unbuckle her seat belt and went to the biggest window where several people pulled her.

Ms. Solokowski said she sustained a couple lumbar fractures, a left shoulder injury and a sore right thigh.

RECORD OF INTERVIEW

Bradley Coulter (C19)

Interviewed August 4, 2007 at North Memorial Medical Center.

Present during the interview was NTSB Investigator Ron Kaminski and Sgt. Steve Wagner with the Minneapolis PD

Bradley Coulter (5'9" 190lbs.)

Mr. Coulter stated that he was driving a Gold 2002 Honda Odyssey minivan. Mr. Coulter related that he was driving with his 18-year-old daughter in the right front seat, his 17-year-old daughter in the second row right seat and his 43-year-old wife in the second row left seat. Mr. Coulter stated that all four of them were wearing their seatbelts.

According to Mr. Coulter, he was driving slowly heading northbound near the east bank of the river, when the bridge started to wobble from side to side. He looked over to the side and saw all the bridge workers running. He said when the bridge collapsed his vehicle slid down forward hitting the front end and flipping on its roof. Mr. Coulter stated that they he and his two daughters were able to undue their seatbelts and crawl out. He did not recall which window they exited. Mr. Coulter stated that his wife was semi unconscious and after exiting called for others to help him get his wife out.

Mr. Coulter said he sustained two compressed fractures to his vertebrae in his lumbar and cervical regions. He added that both his daughters sustained vertebrae fractures while his wife was still in ICU at Hennepin County Medical Center.

RECORD OF INTERVIEW

Mohamed A. Mohamud (C31)

Interviewed August 6, 2007 over the phone

Present during the interview was NTSB Investigator Ron Kaminski and Sgt. Steve Wagner with the Minneapolis PD

Mohamed A. Mohamud

Mr. Mohamud stated he was driving southbound in the right lane at the north end of the bridge in his silver 2004 Ford Freestyle. According to Mr. Mohamud, the first thing he heard was a noise like a tornado. He then observed two construction workers falling just prior to him falling and landing above the train tracks. He said the bridge then collapsed behind him.

According to Mr. Mohamud, he sustained a lower back strain, a sprained left ankle, and was momentarily knocked unconscious.

RECORD OF INTERVIEW

Lindsey Peterson (D3)

Interviewed August 4, 2007 at Fairview Medical Center at the University of Minnesota Campus.

Present during the interview was NTSB Investigator Ron Kaminski and Sgt. Steve Wagner with the Minneapolis PD

Lindsey Peterson (5'6" 190lbs.)

Ms. Peterson stated that she was driving a 2000 Volkswagon Passat. According to Ms. Peterson, she was heading southbound in the left lane when she heard a snapping sound and saw the bridge in front of her collapse. She recalled then falling down into the river. Ms. Peterson stated that she unbuckle her seat belt and initially felt like she was thrashing around and drowning while trying to get out of her vehicle. She did not recall how she escaped her vehicle but surfaced where a construction worker helped her out.

Ms. Peterson said she sustained an L1 burst fracture of her spine, facial abrasions from her air bag deploying, and abrasions to her right hand and right knee.

RECORD OF INTERVIEW

Alicia Babitz (D4)

Interviewed August 7, 2007 at Ms. Babitz's residence.

Present during the interview was NTSB Investigator Ron Kaminski and Sgt. Steve Wagner with the Minneapolis PD

Alicia Babitz (5'3" 130 lbs.)

Ms. Babitz stated she was driving southbound in the far right lane on the middle span of the bridge in her black 1998 Nissan Maxima (VIN JN1CA21D1WT602701). According to Ms. Babitz, she felt the bridge come out from under her and simultaneously saw the bridge come apart in front of hers. She said she closed her eyes and the next thing she remembers is feeling the water filling into her vehicle. She doesn't recall how she released her seatbelt but did so and went out one of the windows (unknown which one). She said she swam to the bridge, crawled up on top and waited for help.

According to Ms. Babitz, she sustained a fractured sacral, concussion and numerous scrapes to her extremities in addition to seatbelt bruises to her chest and hips.

RECORD OF INTERVIEW

Abdi Sahal (D10)

Interviewed August 10, 2007 at his residence

Present during the interview was NTSB Investigator Ron Kaminski and Sgt. Steve Wagner with the Minneapolis PD

Abdi Sahal (5'9", 126 lbs)

Mr. Sahal stated he was driving southbound in the left lane, just north of the middle span, going 5 m.p.h. in his navy blue 1992 Toyota Camry. According to Mr. Sahal, the first thing he saw was the bridge ahead of him drop a little then drop a lot ending up in the river. Mr. Sahal stated that the span he was on angled downward. According to Mr. Sahal, his whole car went underwater. Mr. Sahal stated that he undid his seatbelt and went out the driver window to the surface. He said when he surfaced, he saw another girl swimming and a guy with a bloody face in a red car that couldn't get out.

According to Mr. Sahal, he sustained a neck injury, a rib injury and a lung contusion.

RECORD OF INTERVIEW

Sheila Bennet-Kilander (E1)

Interviewed August 9, 2007 at Red Cross Center

Present during the interview was NTSB Investigator Ron Kaminski and Sgt. Steve Wagner with the Minneapolis PD

Sheila Bennet-Kilander (5'5" 120 lbs.)

Ms. Bennet-Kilander stated she was driving northbound, going about 30 m.p.h. in the right lane at the north end of the bridge in her pewter 2006 Acura TL. According to Ms. Bennet-Kilander, she remembered hearing a loud "bad" strange sound come from behind her. She immediately thought something bad happened at the construction site. All of the sudden she said the road was breaking up in front of her. Ms. Bennet-Kilander stated that there was a huge upheaval of pavement and then she started falling. According to Ms. Bennet-Kilander, after stopping, she stepped on the gas but then pulled over and stopped after the guy in front of her did so. She said that she was able to drive her vehicle off the bridge.

According to Ms. Bennet-Kilander, she sustained a stiff neck and back along with a headache.

RECORD OF INTERVIEW

Justin Mishler (E2)

Interviewed August 7, 2007 at Mr. Mishler's residence

Present during the interview was NTSB Investigator Ron Kaminski and Sgt. Steve Wagner with the Minneapolis PD

Justin Mishler (5'11", 200 lbs.)

Mr. Mishler stated he was driving northbound in the left lane at the north end of the bridge in his purple 1999 Saturn SL2. According to Mr. Mishler the first thing he felt was the bridge shaking and rumbling. Mr. Mishler said that his vehicle dropped once then dropped again. According to Mr. Mishler, his vehicle stalled and he was able to restart it and drive it off the north end of the bridge. Mr. Mishler stated that he drove a few blocks away and parked his car because he could feel that the suspension wasn't right.

According to Mr. Mishler, he sustained a compression fracture to his spine at T-12.