



Survival Factors Attachment- Law Enforcement Interviews

Biloxi, Mississippi

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Corporal George Chaix

(The interview with Corporal George Chaix took place at the pathology lab during the autopsies of the victims. Cpl. Chaix was present to document the scene.)

Corporal George Chaix reported that he was one of the first officers to arrive on the scene of the crash. Upon arrival, he was asked to provide tourniquets to other police officers who were treating victims. Cpl. Chaix grabbed his first-aid equipment and began assisting victims. One of the victims, Mrs. [REDACTED], was found alive and trapped underneath the train's locomotive. The victim sustained massive injuries to her lower extremities. Cpl. Chaix attempted to apply a tourniquet to the victim's right leg that was almost completely severed but during the application of the tourniquet, it became detached.

Another victim, Mrs. Peggy Hoffman, had been located approximately ½ block away from the front of the train. She and her husband, Kenneth, were found lying on the ground on the northside of the tracks. Cpl. Chaix reported that the fire department had extricated Mr. Clint Havran from the interior of the bus and he had been carried out and placed on the ground on the southside of the tracks. Mr. Havran had no external injuries and was believed to have died of a heart attack.

Cpl. Chaix reported that Main Street was not the normal route for commercial vehicles. He advised that no sign prohibited the use but most commercial vehicles used Caillavet Street to travel north and south. Cpl. Chaix advised that an experiment was performed by members of the Biloxi Police Department utilizing a "commercially available" GPS unit. When they imputed the desired destination, the GPS unit would direct the user to follow Main Street. The Corporal advised that a search warrant was being obtained to access the GPS unit that was recovered from the scene.

(The interview took place on March 9, 2017 at the Biloxi Public Safety Building, located at 170 Porter Avenue, Biloxi, MS.)

Investigator Granver Everett

Investigator Everett reported that upon arrival on the crash scene, he was assigned to assist the fire department in verifying the number of victims and their identities. He obtained a copy of the passenger manifest from the interior of the motorcoach. However, he discovered that the manifest he obtained was not accurate. Several individuals on the passenger list were either not on board or two different names were used to identify one passenger. The investigator reported that it was impossible to verify the identities of all the passengers while on the scene. It took an additional day before the Biloxi Police Department had a verified manifest of the passengers on the motorcoach.