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| : THE AMTRAK ACCIDENT : NTSB Accident No. IN WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA: DCA16FR009 ON JULY 6, 2016 : |
| INTERVIEW OF: JOHN MARQUETTE |
| Wednesday, August 10, 2016 |
| Fort Lauderdale, Florida |
| BEFORE KALU KELLY EMEABA, NTSB RICHARD RUSNAK, FRA RICHARD PAGE, NTSB RUSSELL HUNTER, FRA NILES BLAZE, VTMI |
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| 1 | P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S |
| 2 | (12:09 p.m.) |
| 3 | MR. PAGE: Today's date is August 10, 2016. |
| 4 | It is 12:09 p.m. We're here to get an interview, to |
| 5 | perform an interview, with Mr. Marquette. |
| 6 | I'll introduce myself. This is Riky Page, |
| 7 | I'm the Investigator in Charge of the West Palm Beach |
| 8 | accident that occurred on July the 6th of 2016 with a |
| 9 | Amtrak vehicle collision that happened at 25th Street. |
| 10 | We will each introduce ourselves as we go |
| 11 | around the room. |
| 12 | MR. EMEABA: My name is Kalu Kelly Emeaba. |
| 13 | That's spelled, K-A-L-U, K-E-L-L-Y, last name, E-M-E-A- |
| 14 | B-A. I am an NTSB investigator. |
| 15 | MR. RUSNAK: My name is Richard Rusnak, R-U- |
| 16 | S-N-A-K. FRA Chief Inspector, Region III. |
| 17 | MR. HUNTER: Russell Hunter, signal and |
| 18 | train control inspector, FRA, Region III. |
| 19 | MR. BLAZE: Niles Blaze, general manager, |
| 20 | VTMI. |
| 21 | MR. PAGE: Riky Page. Mr. Marquette, would |
| 22 | you give me your name, your job title and a little bit |
| 23 | about yourself? Your experience. |
| 24 | And then I'd like for you to tell me about |
| 25 | the events that occurred on July the 6th, 2016 at 25th |
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| 1 | Street. Your recollection of the accident of that day. |
| 2 | MR. MARQUETTE: Okay. My name is John |
| 3 | Marquette, I'm the senior manager of communication |
| 4 | signals with VTMI. |
| 5 | I've been in the industry about 33 years. I |
| 6 | worked on VEC for 30 years. And I just started with |
| 7 | VTMI in October of 2015. |
| 8 | MR. PAGE: All right, thank you, sir. If |
| 9 | you could, do you recollect the train/vehicle collision |
| 10 | that occurred at 25th Street on July the 6th, 2016 |
| 11 | MR. MARQUETTE: Yes, I do. |
| 12 | MR. PAGE: West Palm Beach, Florida? |
| 13 | Could you recall the events to that day? |
| 14 | MR. MARQUETTE: What I know is that an |
| 15 | Amtrak train went through and struck a vehicle. And we |
| 16 | had a signal inspector onsite performing some relay |
| 17 | tests. And that's what I know. |
| 18 | MR. PAGE: Mr. Marquette, how did you come |
| 19 | about this information? |
| 20 | MR. MARQUETTE: I was in a meeting with RTA. |
| 21 | MR. PAGE: RTA being who? |
| 22 | MR. MARQUETTE: The Regional Transportation |
| 23 | Authority. SFRTA. |
| 24 | MR. PAGE: Yes, sir. |
| 25 | MR. MARQUETTE: And we were in a meeting and |
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| 1 | they came in and said that we had hit a vehicle at 25th |
| 2 | Street in West Palm Beach. |
| 3 | MR. PAGE: You said it involved a signal |
| 4 | inspector? |
| 5 | MR. MARQUETTE: Yes. He was onsite. |
| 6 | MR. PAGE: And how were you informed that |
| 7 | the signal inspector was onsite? |
| 8 | MR. MARQUETTE: I was informed by whom? |
| 9 | MR. PAGE: By whom? |
| 10 | MR. MARQUETTE: I think it was a dispatcher. |
| 11 | We think we talked to the dispatchers and found out |
| 12 | that there was a signal inspector onsite. |
| 13 | MR. PAGE: Did they say who the signal |
| 14 | inspector was? |
| 15 | MR. MARQUETTE: Yes they did. |
| 16 | MR. PAGE: And who was it? |
| 17 | MR. MARQUETTE: Alberto Perez. |
| 18 | MR. PAGE: Do you have any knowledge of what |
| 19 | Mr. Perez was doing at the site that day? |
| 20 | MR. MARQUETTE: According to the radio |
| 21 | tapes, he was performing some relay tests. |
| 22 | MR. PAGE: What type of relay test was he |
| 23 | performing? |
| 24 | MR. MARQUETTE: A four-year relay test. |
| 25 | MR. PAGE: And these four-year relay tests, |
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| 1 | can you explain how that is performed? |
| 2 | MR. MARQUETTE: Yes, the relay test is |
| 3 | performed by checking the working current for the pick- |
| 4 | up and drop away of the coils in the relay to make sure |
| 5 | they're in compliance. |
| 6 | MR. PAGE: And what effect would this have |
| 7 | on the safety of the operating system at 25th Street, |
| 8 | while testing? |
| 9 | MR. MARQUETTE: What do you mean? |
| 10 | MR. PAGE: Mr. Perez was testing relays, |
| 11 | what effect would it have on the safety or normal |
| 12 | operation of the crossing signal? |
| 13 | MR. MARQUETTE: It shouldn't really have |
| 14 | affected anything on the safety of the crossing at all. |
| 15 | But it depends on what kind of relays he was testing |
| 16 | there at the time. I'm not sure what relays he was |
| 17 | testing. |
| 18 | MR. PAGE: Is there any procedure that he is |
| 19 | to follow to protect the public or the safety of the |
| 20 | operation or the integrity of the system, while |
| 21 | testing? |
| 22 | MR. MARQUETTE: Yes he should. |
| 23 | MR. PAGE: Do you know what the procedure is? |
| 24 | MR. MARQUETTE: Yes. You call the |
| 25 | dispatcher and put a activation failure on the |

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| 1 | crossing. Let them know what you're doing before you |
| 2 | begin your testing. |
| 3 | MR. PAGE: And what is an activation |
| 4 | failure? |
| 5 | MR. MARQUETTE: Well, an activation failure |
| 6 | is all the trains have to come up and stop and flag the |
| 7 | crossing. |
| 8 | MR. PAGE: And this is done by calling the |
| 9 | dispatcher and placing this activation failure notice |
| 10 | on that particular crossing, is that correct? |
| 11 | MR. MARQUETTE: That is correct. |
| 12 | MR. PAGE: This would be normal procedure |
| 13 | for any testing of relays at any crossing? |
| 14 | MR. MARQUETTE: Yes, sir. |
| 15 | MR. PAGE: I have no further questions at |
| 16 | this time for Mr. Marquette. |
| 17 | MR. EMEABA: This is Kalu Kelly Emeaba. Mr. |
| 18 | Marquette, please can you state what relationship do |
| 19 | you have with the signal inspector, Mr. Perez? |
| 20 | MR. MARQUETTE: He's a signal colleague of |
| 21 | mine. |
| 22 | MR. EMEABA: What do you mean? Can you |
| 23 | explain what do you mean by colleague? |
| 24 | MR. MARQUETTE: Well, he works for me. And |
| 25 | he's a signal colleague. |
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1 MR. EMEABA: Okay. How long have you worked 2 with him? 3 MR. MARQUETTE: Nine months. 4 MR. EMEABA: Does he report to you directly? 5 MR. MARQUETTE: No. MR. EMEABA: What is the chain of command? 6 7 MR. MARQUETTE: He reports to a signal 8 manager. MR. EMEABA: Who is that? 9 MR. MARQUETTE: He reports to Raymond Rashid 1011 (phonetic). 12 MR. EMEABA: And? MR. MARQUETTE: And Raymond Rashid reports 13 14 to me. 15 MR. EMEABA: Okay. Does Mr. Khan report to 16 you also? 17 MR. MARQUETTE: Yes he does. 18 MR. EMEABA: So what relationship between Mr. Khan and also Mr. Perez? 19 20 MR. MARQUETTE: Well, that's Khan's signal 21 colleague. And mister, signal manager Khan is a 22 manager. 23 MR. EMEABA: So Khan is a manager like you? 24 MR. MARQUETTE: He is, yes. 25 MR. EMEABA: Are you in the same position

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| 1 | with him? |
| 2 | MR. MARQUETTE: No, I'm the senior manager. |
| 3 | MR. EMEABA: Okay. Go ahead. |
| 4 | MR. MARQUETTE: I'm sorry, what did you want |
| 5 | to know? |
| 6 | MR. EMEABA: Just to know the relationship. |
| 7 | You work with Mr. Perez for the past nine months, |
| 8 | correct? |
| 9 | MR. MARQUETTE: (Inaudible response.) |
| 10 | MR. EMEABA: Have you observed him work in |
| 11 | any form? |
| 12 | MR. MARQUETTE: Yes. Yes I have. |
| 13 | MR. EMEABA: Okay. Can you tell us a little |
| 14 | about his work? |
| 15 | MR. MARQUETTE: In what |
| 16 | MR. EMEABA: Proficiency. |
| 17 | MR. MARQUETTE: Yes. Yes, he's proficient, |
| 18 | he's competent. |
| 19 | MR. EMEABA: Are there medal of verification |
| 20 | of his proficiencies? |
| 21 | MR. MARQUETTE: Say that again? |
| 22 | MR. EMEABA: Are there medals to confirm his |
| 23 | proficiency? |
| 24 | MR. MARQUETTE: Are there medals? What did |
| 25 | you say? |
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| 1 | MR. EMEABA: Are there, you know, the system |
| 2 | in place that you verify, verifiable (indiscernible)? |
| 3 | MR. MARQUETTE: No, I work with him and saw |
| 4 | him work. So I observed his work. And he was very |
| 5 | proficient and competent in what he was doing. |
| 6 | MR. EMEABA: Okay. You mentioned you |
| 7 | weren't not at 25th Street when the accident occurred, |
| 8 | correct? |
| 9 | MR. MARQUETTE: That is correct. |
| 10 | MR. EMEABA: And did you arrive at 25th |
| 11 | Street after the accident? |
| 12 | MR. MARQUETTE: Did I |
| 13 | MR. EMEABA: Were you at the 25th Street |
| 14 | location after the accident? |
| 15 | MR. MARQUETTE: Yes, I did. |
| 16 | MR. EMEABA: Can you tell us, go through it, |
| 17 | how the day went, what you did and when got there and |
| 18 | the accident? |
| 19 | MR. MARQUETTE: Okay. When I got there, I |
| 20 | arrived, I spoke with Al. And I noticed the police had |
| 21 | everything cornered off. They weren't letting any |
| 22 | trains through because the train was still there. So I |
| 23 | briefly spoke with Al Perez. |
| 24 | And spoke with him about, if he wanted to |
| 25 | make a statement at that time. He said he did not. So |
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| 1 | I said okay. And then I brought up a signal manager to |
| 2 | have him drug tested. And we just standed down until |
| 3 | we could do our testing. Which was not until the next |
| 4 | day. |
| 5 | MR. EMEABA: What testing please? |
| 6 | MR. MARQUETTE: Post-accident testing for a |
| 7 | highway gray crossing accident. |
| 8 | MR. EMEABA: Are you talking about drug test |
| 9 | or physical testing? |
| 10 | MR. MARQUETTE: Well no, you asked me about |
| 11 | Al. |
| 12 | MR. EMEABA: Yes. |
| 13 | MR. MARQUETTE: So when I got there, spoke |
| 14 | with Al briefly |
| 15 | MR. EMEABA: Yes. |
| 16 | MR. MARQUETTE: asked for his statement, |
| 17 | he didn't want to give a statement at the time. |
| 18 | MR. EMEABA: I understand. |
| 19 | MR. MARQUETTE: Okay. And then I had a |
| 20 | signal manager come up to the location to take him for |
| 21 | a drug test. |
| 22 | MR. EMEABA: Okay. |
| 23 | MR. MARQUETTE: Okay. And he didn't do |
| 24 | anything after that. And then we were in the area, I |
| 25 | brought a couple signal maintainers with me, I called |
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| 1 | them one to come with me, and we were going to do some |
| 2 | testing after we were allowed to go in and do some |
| 3 | testing. |
| 4 | MR. EMEABA: Okay. |
| 5 | MR. MARQUETTE: Now of course at the time, |
| 6 | we didn't know we weren't going to be able to do any |
| 7 | testing until the next day. So basically we stood |
| 8 | around for the whole day and just waited around. |
| 9 | MR. EMEABA: Okay. So on July 26th, there |
| 10 | were no other tests that you could perform at that |
| 11 | location? |
| 12 | MR. MARQUETTE: You said July 26th or 6th? |
| 13 | MR. EMEABA: July 6th, I'm sorry. |
| 14 | MR. MARQUETTE: Okay. |
| 15 | MR. EMEABA: July 6th. |
| 16 | MR. MARQUETTE: Yes, we didn't do any |
| 17 | testing on July 6th. |
| 18 | MR. EMEABA: Okay. Beside Mr. Perez, which |
| 19 | one of your subordinate, one you supervise, do your |
| 20 | supervision include Mr. David Bickford and Josh |
| 21 | Mularchyk? |
| 22 | MR. MARQUETTE: Yes. |
| 23 | MR. EMEABA: Okay. Can you tell me what |
| 24 | happened between you, with Mr. David Bickford and Josh |
| 25 | Mularchyk, on July 6th, 2016 at that location? |
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| 1 | MR. MARQUETTE: Well, nothing really |
| 2 | happened with us. David Bickford was there when I |
| 3 | arrived. He was standing next to Al. Josh Mularchyk |
| 4 | came after I arrived. |
| 5 | We did brief with him momentarily what we |
| 6 | were going to be doing. And once they were going to |
| 7 | move the train, I had them hanging around so we could |
| 8 | do some post-accident testing after the scene was |
| 9 | clear. Of course that did not happen, so we didn't do |
| 10 | really much of anything. |
| 11 | MR. EMEABA: Okay. So while you were there |
| 12 | on July 6th, was either of these employee, David |
| 13 | Bickford or Josh Mularchyk, did any of them perform |
| 14 | work in the signal house itself? |
| 15 | MR. MARQUETTE: Yes. What had happened was, |
| 16 | when the West Palm Beach Police department took down |
| 17 | their tape, we were given the okay to start our post- |
| 18 | accident testing. So I instructed them to go into the |
| 19 | bungalow and start the post-accident testing. |
| 20 | Within a few minutes we were told to stand |
| 21 | down and seal the cases. So they may have broke the |
| 22 | threshold of the door, went in there to check some |
| 23 | stuff, and then within five minutes we were told not to |
| 24 | do any testing until the NTSB arrived on the scene. So |
| 25 | we immediately removed the employees from the bungalow, |
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| 1 | we shut the doors and we sealed the doors. |
| 2 | MR. EMEABA: Okay. |
| 3 | MR. MARQUETTE: Until further instruction. |
| 4 | MR. EMEABA: Please, if you can, walk me |
| 5 | through, what does a post-accident inspection involve? |
| 6 | What does it entail? |
| 7 | MR. MARQUETTE: It's an annual inspection. |
| 8 | It's a yearly inspection. We're going to perform a |
| 9 | year inspection of the crossing. |
| 10 | MR. EMEABA: Okay. |
| 11 | MR. MARQUETTE: Which is required by the |
| 12 | FRA. So it's an annual inspection that we do on the |
| 13 | crossings. |
| 14 | And what's involved in a post-accident |
| 15 | testing, we just do a complete annual inspection to |
| 16 | make sure everything is functioning properly. |
| 17 | MR. EMEABA: Yes, what comprises |
| 18 | MR. MARQUETTE: Well, it's a monthly |
| 19 | inspection. A monthly, quarterly and an annual. So we |
| 20 | check the crossing lights, the send time of the gates, |
| 21 | the battery voltages, the approach of trains, the focus |
| 22 | of the mass lights. |
| 23 | MR. EMEABA: If you can help me a little |
| 24 | bit, you know, I'm learning from you. |
| 25 | MR. MARQUETTE: Oh, okay. |
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| 1 | MR. EMEABA: You missed the monthly and you |
| 2 | always missed when you said the annual. Which one was |
| 3 | it and what is that? |
| 4 | MR. MARQUETTE: It was all three. So an |
| 5 | annual inspection consists of a monthly inspection, a |
| 6 | quarterly inspection and an annual inspection. All |
| 7 | three are done at one time. |
| 8 | MR. EMEABA: Okay. |
| 9 | MR. MARQUETTE: So the monthly inspection |
| 10 | you're checking your light brilliance at this end of |
| 11 | the gates, you're checking your battery voltages. |
| 12 | That's a pretty brief inspection. |
| 13 | A quarterly inspection we're checking the |
| 14 | condition of the bond wires that are on the tracks. |
| 15 | And then the annual inspection we're |
| 16 | checking the light voltages and the focus of the |
| 17 | lights. And then of course we do usually watch trains |
| 18 | through there and check the warning times for the |
| 19 | approach of trains. |
| 20 | MR. EMEABA: Okay. If you had to do what |
| 21 | you just explained, with the situation you had at hand, |
| 22 | was it possible to accomplish those tests, that you |
| 23 | just mentioned? |
| 24 | MR. MARQUETTE: Sure. |
| 25 | MR. EMEABA: If you had a train on the |
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| 1 | MR. MARQUETTE: Well not a train on the |
| 2 | track. We were going to do it after the train left. I |
| 3 | said, once the train had left, the Amtrak train had |
| 4 | left and they had cleared a site, and the West Palm |
| 5 | Beach Police Department took down their caution tape to |
| 6 | let us in the bungalow, yes, we could have completed |
| 7 | those. |
| 8 | MR. EMEABA: Okay. The test you started, |
| 9 | was it during, while the accident train was still or |
| 10 | when it had gone? |
| 11 | MR. MARQUETTE: No, the testing didn't go |
| 12 | for, I don't know, I forget what day the testing |
| 13 | actually took place. Because |
| 14 | MR. EMEABA: No, the one on July 6th. |
| 15 | MR. MARQUETTE: Yes. |
| 16 | MR. EMEABA: The on July 6th. |
| 17 | MR. MARQUETTE: Which test are you talking |
| 18 | about? |
| 19 | MR. EMEABA: Was there any test you |
| 20 | performed |
| 21 | MR. MARQUETTE: No. |
| 22 | MR. EMEABA: with David Bickford and Josh |
| 23 | Mularchyk |
| 24 | MR. MARQUETTE: No, we didn't test |
| 25 | MR. EMEABA: on that particular day? |
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| 1 | MR. MARQUETTE: Right. No, we didn't |
| 2 | perform any tests. We were getting ready to perform |
| 3 | some tests, but we did not perform any tests. |
| 4 | MR. EMEABA: Okay. I will stop at this time |
| 5 | and let someone takeover. |
| 6 | MR. PAGE: Riky Page. We discussed the |
| 7 | mandatory briefing items prior to the interview, but I |
| 8 | don't think I went on record to put those mandatory |
| 9 | briefing items into the record. I'd like to do so at |
| 10 | this time. |
| 11 | The purpose of this investigation is to |
| 12 | increase safety, not to assign fault, blame or |
| 13 | liability. The NTSB cannot offer or guarantee of |
| 14 | confidentiality or immunity from legal or certificate |
| 15 | action. |
| 16 | A transcript or summary of the interview |
| 17 | will go into the public docket. |
| 18 | The interviewee may have one representative |
| 19 | of the interviewees choice. The representative may be |
| 20 | an attorney, but is not require to be an attorney. The |
| 21 | representative may not testify for the interviewee. |
| 22 | As I said earlier, we discussed these |
| 23 | mandatory notifications prior to going on record, but I |
| 24 | want to enter them into the record at this time. Mr. |
| 25 | Marquette, if you can affirm that we discussed these |
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| 1 | items, prior to going on record, by affirming yes or |
| 2 | no? |
| 3 | MR. MARQUETTE: Yes, sir. |
| 4 | MR. PAGE: Thank you, sir. I apologize for |
| 5 | the mistake. At this time, I will go ahead with Mr. |
| 6 | Rusnak and Mr. Hunter. |
| 7 | MR. RUSNAK: Richard Rusnak. I just have |
| 8 | one question. Could you clarify who reports to who? |
| 9 | Did we went through from the top down or the bottom up? |
| 10 | MR. MARQUETTE: Okay, so who do you want to |
| 11 | clarify? |
| 12 | MR. RUSNAK: Okay, Mr. Perez. |
| 13 | MR. MARQUETTE: Mr. Perez. |
| 14 | MR. RUSNAK: Who's his supervisor? |
| 15 | MR. MARQUETTE: Mr. Perez, his direct |
| 16 | supervisor is Raymond Rashid and Raymond Rashid reports |
| 17 | to me. |
| 18 | MR. RUSNAK: And his title? |
| 19 | MR. MARQUETTE: Signal manager. Raymond |
| 20 | Rashid, right? |
| 21 | MR. RUSNAK: Signal manager. And Mr. Major |
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| 23 | MR. MARQUETTE: Yes. |
| 24 | MR. RUSNAK: he's a signal manager too? |
| 25 | MR. MARQUETTE: Yes he is. |
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| 1 | MR. RUSNAK: And Imtineaz Khan is a signal |
| 2 | manager? |
| 3 | MR. MARQUETTE: Yes, that is correct. |
| 4 | MR. RUSNAK: And they're all equal? |
| 5 | MR. MARQUETTE: Yes they are. |
| 6 | MR. RUSNAK: So in other words, Mr. Perez |
| 7 | could report to any three of them? |
| 8 | MR. MARQUETTE: Yes. |
| 9 | MR. RUSNAK: Okay. |
| 10 | MR. MARQUETTE: Yes. Yes. |
| 11 | MR. RUSNAK: And then you're on top of the |
| 12 | food chain, as we say. |
| 13 | MR. MARQUETTE: Exactly. |
| 14 | MR. RUSNAK: Okay, thank you. |
| 15 | MR. MARQUETTE: Yes. |
| 16 | MR. RUSNAK: That's all I have. |
| 17 | MR. HUNTER: Russell Hunter. I only got |
| 18 | question. And something that I'm curious. Was the |
| 19 | tester, relay tester, when you were on scene, was the |
| 20 | relay tester still in the location or had it already |
| 21 | been moved and where was the tester at the end of all |
| 22 | of this? |
| 23 | MR. MARQUETTE: We found the relay tester in |
| 24 | Al Perez's truck. |
| 25 | MR. HUNTER: Okay. So he had removed it and |
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| 1 | placed it back in his truck before anybody got on the |
| 2 | scene? |
| 3 | MR. MARQUETTE: I don't know who removed it. |
| 4 | MR. HUNTER: Okay. But you didn't remove it |
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| 6 | MR. MARQUETTE: I did not remove it. |
| 7 | MR. HUNTER: and it was not in the |
| 8 | location when you were |
| 9 | MR. MARQUETTE: It was not in the signal |
| 10 | house when we arrived. |
| 11 | MR. HUNTER: Okay. |
| 12 | MR. MARQUETTE: Okay. I mean I didn't go in |
| 13 | the house, but we didn't go into the signal house until |
| 14 | we got the post-accident. And then I didn't really |
| 15 | look for it. |
| 16 | We did look at Al's truck onsite and we |
| 17 | found it inside the truck with a casual look. |
| 18 | MR. HUNTER: Okay. |
| 19 | MR. MARQUETTE: That's all. |
| 20 | MR. HUNTER: That's all I have. |
| 21 | MR. BLAZE: Niles Blaze. And I just want to |
| 22 | clarify too. There's been some confusion on who is Mr. |
| 23 | Perez's direct supervisor. With that confusion, is it |
| 24 | possible that Mr. Perez would lean on any of those |
| 25 | managers, as well as yourself, for direction? |
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| 1 | MR. MARQUETTE: Of course. |
| 2 | MR. BLAZE: So who did Mr. Perez initially |
| 3 | contact? Did he |
| 4 | MR. MARQUETTE: He contacted Mr. Khan. |
| 5 | Because Mr. Khan was the duty manager for the week. |
| 6 | MR. BLAZE: So at any time, any of those |
| 7 | managers could be directing Mr. Perez? |
| 8 | MR. MARQUETTE: Yes. |
| 9 | MR. BLAZE: Managing Mr. Perez? |
| 10 | MR. MARQUETTE: Yes. |
| 11 | MR. BLAZE: And what would Mr. Rashid's |
| 12 | function be then, as his direct manager? What makes |
| 13 | his function any different than the other two managers? |
| 14 | MR. MARQUETTE: Mr. Rashid was scheduling |
| 15 | the testing for the signal inspectors. |
| 16 | MR. BLAZE: I see. And that's his only |
| 17 | different function as his "direct manager?" Mr. |
| 18 | Rashid's only function as Mr. Perez's direct manager is |
| 19 | to direct his testing, tell him where to test? |
| 20 | MR. MARQUETTE: Exactly. |
| 21 | MR. BLAZE: Okay, I have no further |
| 22 | questions. |
| 23 | MR. PAGE: Riky Page. I want to ask, you |
| 24 | said you arrived shortly |
| 25 | MR. MARQUETTE: It wasn't shortly, it was |
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| 1 | awhile. But go ahead. |
| 2 | MR. PAGE: You arrived on the day of the |
| 3 | accident? |
| 4 | MR. MARQUETTE: Yes I did. |
| 5 | MR. PAGE: Can you tell me about what time |
| 6 | you arrived? |
| 7 | MR. MARQUETTE: Approximately 11:35. |
| 8 | MR. PAGE: Okay. |
| 9 | MR. MARQUETTE: What I recall. |
| 10 | MR. PAGE: In the a.m.? |
| 11 | MR. MARQUETTE: Yes, sir. |
| 12 | MR. PAGE: The accident happened at 9:59 |
| 13 | a.m.? |
| 14 | MR. MARQUETTE: 9:59. Yes. |
| 15 | MR. PAGE: So you arrived somewhere around |
| 16 | 11:00 what? |
| 17 | MR. MARQUETTE: Thirty-five. |
| 18 | MR. PAGE: Thirty-five. Thank you, sir. |
| 19 | Did you notice the event recorder? The NAS event |
| 20 | recorder in the instrument shed? |
| 21 | MR. MARQUETTE: When? |
| 22 | MR. PAGE: When you arrived on the scene, |
| 23 | did you |
| 24 | MR. MARQUETTE: No, I didn't go into the |
| 25 | bungalow. |
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| 1 | MR. PAGE: You didn't go into the bungalow? |
| 2 | MR. MARQUETTE: No. West Palm Beach police |
| 3 | had the area cornered off as a crime, you know, they |
| 4 | had the yellow tape. |
| 5 | MR. PAGE: Yes. |
| 6 | MR. MARQUETTE: So no one could go into the |
| 7 | bungalow. |
| 8 | MR. PAGE: Okay. |
| 9 | MR. MARQUETTE: So when we arrived, there |
| 10 | was no going into the bungalow. |
| 11 | MR. PAGE: You stated at one point that they |
| 12 | cleared it and you temporarily went into the bungalow |
| 13 | until it was resealed? |
| 14 | MR. MARQUETTE: Yes, I didn't go into it. |
| 15 | Yes, we're going to start our post-accident testing. |
| 16 | They took down the tape, which is a normal |
| 17 | thing for us to do is to do some post-accident testing |
| 18 | after an accident, and I instructed my two signal |
| 19 | maintainers that I wanted to get into the bungalow and |
| 20 | start taking their voltage readings. And just to start |
| 21 | commencing with the post-accident testing. And then of |
| 22 | course a couple minutes later we were told to stop and |
| 23 | shut the cases and reseal the cases. |
| 24 | MR. PAGE: Do you recall the event, NAS |
| 25 | event recorder, was operational or none operational, in |
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| 1 | the short period of time that you entered the |
| 2 | instrument case? |
| 3 | MR. MARQUETTE: I entered the instrument |
| 4 | case with the West Palm Beach police officer. He |
| 5 | wanted to take a picture of the event recorder. |
| 6 | Because they wanted to get a download of it. When I |
| 7 | went in with them, I noticed it was shutoff. |
| 8 | MR. PAGE: Did you notice anything else |
| 9 | about it? |
| 10 | MR. MARQUETTE: Not at that time. No. |
| 11 | MR. PAGE: Thank you, sir. I have no other |
| 12 | questions at this time. |
| 13 | MR. EMEABA: This is Kalu Kelly Emeaba. Mr. |
| 14 | Marquette, you mentioned that Mr. Raymond Rashid drew |
| 15 | up the schedule for the signal inspectors, correct? |
| 16 | MR. MARQUETTE: Yes. |
| 17 | MR. EMEABA: How are these schedule offered |
| 18 | to these inspectors, do you know? |
| 19 | MR. MARQUETTE: Yes. |
| 20 | MR. EMEABA: Can you explain? |
| 21 | MR. MARQUETTE: Yes. There are some due |
| 22 | dates for the four-year relay tests and Mr. Rashid |
| 23 | typed up some, he just typed it up in an email and send |
| 24 | it to Mr. Perez and said, these crossings need to be |
| 25 | four-year relay tested. |
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| 1 | MR. EMEABA: Okay. Do you have chance of |
| 2 | reviewing those schedules for yourself? |
| 3 | MR. MARQUETTE: Yes, I can. |
| 4 | MR. EMEABA: On following up with Mr. Page, |
| 5 | can you just confirmed, you did instruct Mr. Bickford |
| 6 | and Mr. Mularchyk to go into the |
| 7 | MR. MARQUETTE: To start the post-accident |
| 8 | testing. Yes, I did do that. Yes, sir. |
| 9 | MR. EMEABA: Okay, I just wanted to go off |
| 10 | on that. All right, thank you so much. |
| 11 | MR. MARQUETTE: Yes. |
| 12 | MR. RUSNAK: Richard Rusnak, FRA. A follow- |
| 13 | up question. You said that they send a schedule to the |
| 14 | signal inspector that he has to do these inspections |
| 15 | for the box. Now after he does inspection, does he |
| 16 | send it back to you in an email stating that he was at |
| 17 | this location or |
| 18 | MR. MARQUETTE: He doesn't send emails back |
| 19 | to me at all. So usually he just hands his completed |
| 20 | tests in. |
| 21 | MR. RUSNAK: Okay. |
| 22 | MR. MARQUETTE: For filing purposes. |
| 23 | MR. RUSNAK: Now when you say completed |
| 24 | testing, is that handwritten or is it computerized or - |
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| 1 | MR. MARQUETTE: The test is computerized and |
| 2 | then it must be printed out and then placed in the |
| 3 | file. |
| 4 | MR. RUSNAK: Okay. Thank you. |
| 5 | MR. MARQUETTE: Yes. |
| 6 | MR. HUNTER: I'm still done. |
| 7 | MR. MARQUETTE: Okay, Russell. |
| 8 | MR. PAGE: Riky Page. Any further questions |
| 9 | for Mr. Marquette? From anyone? All right, Mr. |
| 10 | Marquette, do you have anything you would like to add |
| 11 | or change or is there any questions that you'd like to |
| 12 | ask us? |
| 13 | MR. MARQUETTE: No, I do not. |
| 14 | MR. PAGE: Should we interview anyone else, |
| 15 | in pertaining to this matter, as far as your |
| 16 | MR. MARQUETTE: In my opinion, no. |
| 17 | MR. PAGE: Well, sir, thank you for your |
| 18 | time. And if you have anything that you want to add or |
| 19 | change, just please let us know. This concludes the |
| 20 | interview with Mr. Marquette. It is 12:36 p.m., August |
| 21 | 10th, 2016. |
| 22 | MR. EMEABA: Thank you. |
| 23 | MR. PAGE: We are off the record. |
| 24 | (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter went |
| 25 | off the record at 12:36 p.m.) |
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