



VEHICLE AND BATTERY FACTUAL ATTACHMENT

Vehicle Witness Interview

Coral Gables, FL

HWY21FH011

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

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Investigation of: *

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FATAL CRASH AND FIRE OF TESLA *

MODEL 3 IN CORAL GABLES, *

Accident No.: HWY21FH011

FLORIDA ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2021 *

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Interview of: IAN SHELDON

Accident witness

Coral Gables, Florida

Monday,

September 13, 2021

APPEARANCES:

MS. SISNEY, Officer
Coral Gables Police Department

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Interview of Ian Sheldon:

By Officer Sisney

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I N T E R V I E W

(9:31 p.m. EST)

1 OFFICER SISNEY: Good evening. My name is Officer Sisney
2 (ph.) from Coral Gables Police Department. Today is Monday,
3 September 13, 2021. The time is 9:31 p.m., and this is reference
4 case number 21005156.
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6 The location where I'm taking this taped statement is Coral
7 Way and Alhambra Circle.
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9 Sir, could you please state your full name for the record?

10 MR. SHELDON: Ian Michael Linder (ph.) Sheldon.

11 OFFICER SISNEY: Okay, your date of birth?

12 MR. SHELDON: [REDACTED] 2000.

13 OFFICER SISNEY: Your phone number?

14 MR. SHELDON: [REDACTED]

15 OFFICER SISNEY: And your email for the record?

16 MR. SHELDON: [REDACTED], [REDACTED]
17 [REDACTED].

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18 BY OFFICER SISNEY:

19 Q. Now, can you tell me what happened today, Monday, September
20 13th?
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22 A. Yes. I was traveling northbound. This is north, right?

23 Q. Yep.

24 A. I was traveling northbound on Alhambra. A black Tesla, model
25 -- I think it's an S, went around me, passing me. I was going --

1 I think I was going 35. My dash camera records good speed, so
2 we'll see. I -- if I have to guess, I think he was going over 50.

3 He, from my recollection, ran a yellow. There's a small bump
4 here on -- like, when Coral Way goes through Alhambra, and he hit
5 that. I saw sparks. His car jumped, if I'm guessing, 2 or 3
6 feet. He landed, lost control of the rear of the car, swerved,
7 collided with the tree, and then my recollection is ten, maybe 20
8 seconds before, it actually literally exploded into a fireball.
9 And you can hear me say that on 911 to the dispatcher that it
10 exploded in a fireball.

11 Q. Okay. And when you say that he jumped or he hit a bump and
12 he landed --

13 A. Yep. The --

14 Q. Where was that at?

15 A. Coral Way.

16 Q. So was that on the intersection?

17 A. Yeah. Yeah. There's a bump like, (indiscernible) the road.
18 You can -- when you walk over there, you can feel it.

19 Q. Okay. He only hit one tree, or --

20 A. I only saw him hit -- maybe -- I don't -- I -- obviously,
21 it's dark. Maybe he hit two and like, spun around. But from when
22 I saw the sparks of him jumping to the car catching on fire, it
23 was at least, you know, ten, 20 seconds from at least my memory.

24 Q. Okay. Were you directly behind him?

25 A. Yes. I was in front of him. He passed me about a block

1 before and was flooring it. Sorry that's my father.

2 Q. He passed -- no, that's fine.

3 A. That's my mother.

4 Q. Call him after, please.

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. So he passed you like, going northbound?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Okay.

9 A. It was obviously dash line; he wanted to go around me, not
10 that -- whatever -- to make the yellow.

11 Q. Okay. And did you hear anything before he collided into the
12 tree?

13 A. I heard -- I could hear the scraping from when he hit the --
14 in the intersection when he went over the bump.

15 Q. Okay. And the light was turning from green to yellow, you
16 said?

17 A. It --

18 Q. It was still yellow?

19 A. It was yellow. It might have turned red, like, a split
20 second before but when I think of him going over, I remember
21 yellow.

22 Q. Okay.

23 A. Obviously, the dash camera will show that.

24 Q. Did you see the -- before the crash, did you see how many
25 people were in the car or --

1 A. No.

2 Q. -- anything like that?

3 A. No. Nothing.

4 Q. Okay.

5 A. And immediately after the accident, it was obstructed and I
6 was on the phone, and I --

7 Q. Okay.

8 A. I remember yelling at one of the other people to go look
9 because I was on the phone.

10 OFFICER SISNEY: Okay. Okay. All right. So this concludes
11 our taped statement. The time is 9:35 p.m.

12 (Whereupon, at 9:35 p.m. EST, the interview was concluded.)

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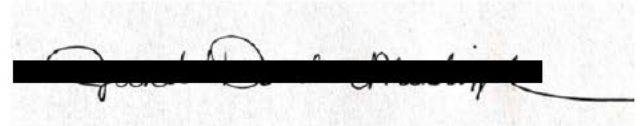
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