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**Recorded Interview with C.R. England driver dated June 13, 2023**

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FATAL MULTI-VEHICLE ACCIDENT NEAR  
ALBANY, OREGON ON MAY 18, 2023

\* Accident No.: HWY23FH013  
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Interview of: EDUARD NETESOV, Driver  
CR England

Tuesday,  
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APPEARANCES:

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By Mr. LaPonte

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2 MR. LAPONTE: Good afternoon. My name is Mike LaPonte. I'm  
3 an investigator with the National Transportation Safety Board, and  
4 we are conducting an interview with Mr. Netesov.

5 Is that how you pronounce it?

6 MR. NETESOV: It's Netesov.

7 MR. LAPONTE: Okay, Mr. Netesov -- who was the driver of a CR  
8 England tractor trailer that was parked in the rest area in north  
9 of Albany, Oregon and was involved in a crash which occurred on  
10 May 18th of 2023. And with me is Mr. Netesov and myself and his  
11 attorney, Mr. Derek Ashton. So what I would like to do is have  
12 them spell their names for the transcriber, and then we will  
13 proceed with the interview if we can do that, so let's do that.

14 MR. NETESOV: First and last name?

15 MR. LAPONTE: Yes, please.

16 MR. NETESOV: It's Eduard. It's spelled with E-d-u-a-r-d,  
17 and last name is N-e-t-e-s-o-v.

18 MR. ASHTON: And I'm Derek Ashton, Mr. Netesov's attorney.  
19 It's D-e-r-e-k, A-s-h-t-o-n.

20 MR. LAPONTE: All right. And we have gotten permission from  
21 both Mr. Ashton and Mr. Netesov to record this. When it is done,  
22 we will transcribe it and have them approve it to make sure that  
23 it is accurate, and then be able to use it in our investigation.  
24 So the interview questions are pretty generic, pretty general, and  
25 we'll start.

## 1 INTERVIEW OF EDUARD NETESOV

2 BY MR. LAPONTE:

3 Q. So first of all, Mr. Netesov, how long have you been driving  
4 commercial vehicles?

5 A. Approximately 6 months, a little over 6 months.

6 Q. A little over 6 months, okay. And where did you get your  
7 training to get your commercial driver's license?

8 A. At the CR England.

9 Q. Oh, okay.

10 A. At Salt Lake City, Utah.

11 Q. Okay. And how long is that school that CR England does for  
12 the training?

13 A. About a week and a half.

14 Q. A week and a half, okay. Okay. And then you've only worked  
15 for CR England since you've gotten your CDO?

16 A. Yes, sir. I've been working ever since.

17 Q. Okay. Okay. And do you have, as a result of them training  
18 you, do you have a time commitment you have to work for CR England  
19 or you have to pay them something back? How does that work when  
20 they provide the CDO training?

21 A. I have a one year contract to -- with --

22 Q. Okay.

23 A. -- CR England.

24 Q. Okay. And you've already done six months of that, more or  
25 less?

1 A. Well, I've been driving six months, but there have been --  
2 had to adjust about more than -- a little bit more than six  
3 months.

4 Q. Okay, all right. And do you -- where do you run out of for  
5 CR England? What facility do you operate out of?

6 A. Out of Albany.

7 Q. Albany.

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And you live in Gresham?

10 A. Yes, sir.

11 Q. Okay. And so when you go to Albany, is that where the  
12 tractors are parked?

13 A. Some of the tractors are parked -- my truck at the Portland  
14 yard.

15 Q. Okay. So that would make -- okay. So you pick up your  
16 tractor at the Portland yard?

17 A. Yes, sir.

18 Q. And then what do you do? So just walk me through a common  
19 day. So you're going to go to work -- it's whatever time of the  
20 day. What would you normally do? What is your process?

21 A. I go to the Portland yard. Do -- walk in to my  
22 (indiscernible), check my tractor and trailer. Then I go to --  
23 afterwards, after I finish up my pre-trip --

24 Q. Um-hum.

25 A. -- I go to Albany and check in with the security at the gate.

1 Then I leave with my empty trailer at the dock -- designated  
2 place.

3 Q. Um-hum.

4 A. Afterwards, I pick up a trailer that's been assigned to me.

5 Q. Um-hum.

6 A. Then I -- on my way out, I check in with the security gate  
7 once again.

8 Q. Okay. Now these trailers are pre-loaded at that distribution  
9 center by Target --

10 A. Yes, sir.

11 Q. -- personnel? And you are given, I assume, a bill of lading  
12 of some sort to tell you where you're supposed to be taking this  
13 trailer?

14 A. Yes, sir. First I'll check they got two copies. The first  
15 one I check upon entry, and the second one I'll (indiscernible).

16 Q. Yes. And they check to make sure you've got the right  
17 trailer and the seal's intact, and --

18 A. Yes, sir.

19 Q. Okay. Where were you going the day that the crash occurred?

20 A. Missoula, Montana.

21 Q. Okay. So that CR England forward is out of state. A  
22 photograph, which is very poor -- but that's not CR England's  
23 fault -- of that load going to Missoula. And it was signed for on  
24 the 16th by another gentleman, a Mr. Peterson. Now how does that  
25 work? Do they -- I mean do they have -- does CR England have



1 hostlers or somebody at this facility that moves trailers around  
2 the yard for Target or what?

3 A. I think so. Much -- I do see those -- what are they called  
4 -- the yard goats.

5 Q. Yes, yard goats. They're yard goats. That's what we used to  
6 call them, yard goats.

7 A. Yes, I do see them (indiscernible), back and forth, so.

8 Q. So it's conceivable that this trailer was loaded a couple of  
9 days early and it was just waiting for someone to come pick it up  
10 and take it to its destination?

11 A. Yes, sir.

12 Q. Okay. That's -- I just needed to -- I assume that was what  
13 was going on. I just wanted to verify that. So when you come  
14 back from a run, you park your tractor in Portland and then you go  
15 to your residence. And then how do you get your dispatches to  
16 come back to work? Do you -- I mean, what do they do? Do they  
17 text you, do they --

18 A. They --

19 Q. -- email me?

20 A. They send me a text, store location --

21 Q. The?

22 A. Store, date and time.

23 Q. Okay. And do you ever leave from Portland loaded? Do they  
24 sometimes have trailers in that yard in Portland where you pick up  
25 your tractors that are loaded or are they always come out of

1 Albany to begin?

2 A. Always in Albany.

3 Q. Okay. Okay. And do you drive the same tractor every day?

4 Are you assigned a tractor, or do you just get whatever's in the  
5 yard?

6 A. I'm assigned to a tractor.

7 Q. Okay. So the tractor you were operating on the 18th was your  
8 assigned tractor?

9 A. Yes, sir.

10 Q. Okay.

11 MR. ASHTON: Is this the text you got from your dispatcher  
12 for the load?

13 MR. NETESOV: Yes.

14 MR. LAPONTE: Oh, okay.

15 MR. ASHTON: You can have that.

16 MR. LAPONTE: All right.

17 BY MR. LAPONTE:

18 Q. So this tells you your next trip is to Missoula and you have  
19 to be there no later than 8:00 on the 19th, but you can deliver as  
20 early as noon on the 19th. Is that what that --

21 A. Yes, sir.

22 Q. -- purports to say? Okay, all right. Thank you. Okay, so  
23 walk me through what happened on the day of the crash from the  
24 time you got up and went and got your truck until the time all the  
25 -- the crash occurred.

1 A. Once -- after I drop -- I'm only -- it only takes about  
2 approximately an hour and a half for me to get to Albany.

3 Q. Um-hum.

4 A. After that, it keeps -- it took me about approximately a half  
5 hour or so to switch an empty trailer with a loaded trailer.

6 Q. Um-hum.

7 A. After that, I went and stopped by a truck stop.

8 Q. Okay.

9 A. So after -- I grabbed some drink and stuff. Then after that,  
10 I went to the rest area to do my 30 minute required break.

11 Q. Um-hum.

12 A. After that, I was going to -- after that I was going to a  
13 truck stop at 159th. I think it's called Tower Road if I'm not  
14 mistaken.

15 Q. Um-hum. So how far -- if the crash had not occurred on that  
16 day, how far would you have made it that night towards Missoula,  
17 given the time you started and had to go -- went to Albany and did  
18 -- made your stops and then were continuing on that trip. How far  
19 would you have made it that day towards Albany or towards  
20 Missoula, excuse me.

21 A. Approximately a third of the way --

22 Q. Um-hum.

23 A. -- maybe a (indiscernible) maybe.

24 Q. Okay. And then you would go back on your 10-hour rest  
25 period?

1 A. Yes, sir.

2 Q. Do you always -- when you do your rest periods on the road,  
3 do you always sleep in the tractor?

4 A. Yes, sir.

5 Q. Okay. All right. Okay. So you were taking your half-hour  
6 break that's mandated by DOT. Is -- do you usually take it that  
7 early on your trip or do you -- I mean, I know it -- you have the  
8 option of taking it at any time, you know, in your shift time,  
9 your 11 hours. But do you normally take it that early in your  
10 trip or when do you normally do your half hour there?

11 A. I do -- normally when I reach my five-hour alarm, my timer --

12 Q. Um-hum.

13 A. -- that's when usual. But on that day, when I was driving  
14 there, it was like about 2:00.

15 Q. Yes, right at 2:00.

16 A. I stopped by at that particular rest area because -- what is  
17 it -- that rest area had the space.

18 Q. Um-hum.

19 A. And I -- I don't want to take a chance because traffic and  
20 the other rest area that I know, truck stop, I know that the --  
21 most of the time they're full --

22 Q. Yes.

23 A. And didn't have the space.

24 Q. Yes, that makes sense. So why -- when you stopped to take  
25 your 30-minute break, why didn't you pull in to the rest area

1 proper rather than stopping up on the shoulder there -- or on the  
2 wide-paved shoulder there?

3 A. I took a wide space --

4 Q. Um-hum.

5 A. -- because I didn't want to take space just in case another  
6 trucker needed to stop there and take their 10-hour break.

7 Q. That's what I got. That's a very reasonable decision. So,  
8 okay. How wide do you think that shoulder is there where you  
9 pulled over at the rest stop? Just a guesstimate. This is  
10 nothing accurate.

11 A. Approximately I would say just at least -- if you put the  
12 trucks side by side --

13 Q. Um-hum.

14 A. -- I would say about -- at least two -- let's see, two and a  
15 half trucks, maybe three trucks, if you put it side --

16 Q. Side by side and they still wouldn't be in the travel portion  
17 of the highway?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Yes, okay. Well, you have a good eye for that, because it's  
20 30 feet. So -- and a truck is about 8 and a half foot wide, not  
21 counting the mirrors, so you have a pretty good eye there, Eduard.  
22 Okay. So you're in -- were you in the truck when the impact  
23 occurred? What happened? Now, you've stopped, you've started  
24 your 30-minute DOT break. What happened next?

25 A. I was about to finish up my break.

1 Q. Um-hum.

2 A. Like my timer was -- like my 30 minutes break -- I finished  
3 my -- first, it was 27 minutes on my break, the count in 27  
4 minutes and counting.

5 Q. Um-hum.

6 A. That's when I started getting ready, bring my seatbelt and  
7 rest.

8 Q. Um-hum.

9 A. What I thought it was putting my seatbelt on, that's when I  
10 felt that big impact.

11 Q. Okay. And lucky -- you're lucky you put your seatbelt on  
12 and --

13 A. Well, I was about halfway --

14 Q. Oh.

15 A. -- before clicking it in.

16 Q. All right. Were you -- did you have any injuries because of  
17 the crash? Physical injuries?

18 A. Physical, no, sir.

19 Q. Okay. Did you know the van -- when you were taking your 30-  
20 minute break, did you notice the van pulling in behind your  
21 tractor trailer, or did you see him, or did you even know they  
22 were back there?

23 A. No, sir, I never saw them.

24 Q. Okay. Do you -- until the event. Okay. Then what happened?  
25 So what happened then after the impact and the crash sequence

1 occurred?

2 A. First, I contact 9-1-1 first.

3 Q. Okay.

4 A. Then after that, I contact my company accident department.

5 Q. Um-hum.

6 A. While I was talking to -- with my company and manager, police  
7 and ambulance and everybody showed up.

8 Q. Okay. And then what happened after that?

9 A. One officer said that I should stay in the truck. I should  
10 just stay there and not go back there where -- not go where the  
11 bodies are. Just stay in the truck.

12 Q. Okay. Well, he was -- that was a wise decision as well. So  
13 you're in the truck. You know, the EMTs have showed up. Did the  
14 police interview you what -- after this crash, what occurred  
15 between you and the Oregon state police?

16 A. Officers take -- ask questions, took my driver's license  
17 number and insurance information. When the fire department took  
18 my -- both of my copies of --

19 Q. The bill of lading?

20 A. Right.

21 Q. Yes. That was -- near as I can determine, and unfortunately  
22 I tried to print this, so I'd have it as a reference for you  
23 today. But apparently there was some limited amounts of hazardous  
24 material in that load that they had -- were tendering to the store  
25 in Missoula. All right. So the fire department took your bill of

1 lading, and at what point did Oregon state police come in and  
2 interview you, if they did at all?

3 A. I think the officers asked me questions and I had the  
4 interview.

5 Q. Okay. So they just asked you some general questions and got  
6 your credentials, and that was about it?

7 A. Yes, sir.

8 Q. Okay. And then your company had you take a post-crash drug  
9 test -- drug and alcohol test. How did that occur? Where did  
10 that occur at?

11 A. It happened at the -- after one of the officers took me to  
12 the truck stop. My company assigned -- I forgot his name.

13 Q. That's okay. I have a copy of the drug test. I'm just  
14 trying to get the --

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. -- timeline if you will.

17 A. Yes, we met up at the truck stop.

18 Q. Um-hum.

19 A. And that's where she took my drug test.

20 Q. Okay. All right. And then did -- how did you get back to  
21 the yard in Portland or back home after the crash?

22 A. I hired Uber driver.

23 Q. Okay. All right. And you hired him and paid for that?

24 A. Yes, sir.

25 Q. Okay. And when did you go back to work in your normal -- you



1 know, for CR England in your normal duties?

2 A. Last week.

3 Q. Pardon me?

4 A. Last week.

5 Q. Last week?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. So how many days from the crash to -- well, I can look at a  
8 calendar. Did -- were the days you took off, were they mandated  
9 by CR England or they were just you wanting to rest and regroup,  
10 or what was that timeframe? How did that work out? I mean, did  
11 they say, Eduard, we want you to take two weeks off and get  
12 healthy, or did you say I really need some time to get my, you  
13 know, my act together before I go back to driving?

14 A. I'm not sure, but I couldn't -- I only got to drive last  
15 week, so.

16 Q. Okay. All right, that's fine. Often, after traumatic  
17 experiences like that, it's good not to rush right back to -- you  
18 know what I mean. So you have to get a new tractor now and put  
19 all your stuff in it or --

20 A. I'm not sure.

21 Q. So, I mean, did they -- have you been able to get your -- the  
22 stuff you had in your truck out of it? Because it's still in --  
23 your truck is in Albany, I believe.

24 A. Much of my stuff is still in my old truck.

25 Q. In the old tractor? Okay. You might -- and this is -- you

1 might want to check with the Oregon State police because they have  
2 done their searches of that equipment and they may well give you  
3 permission to get your personal goods out of the tractor or  
4 actually they may release the tractor because there's nothing --  
5 there's no damage to the tractor. All the damage was on the  
6 trailer. So they may, you know, make arrangements to release the  
7 tractor back to CR England and I'll let you and your attorney sort  
8 that out. But I -- we did look at it. It was sealed when we took  
9 photos of it, so we did not, you know, we didn't -- as far as I  
10 know, it's still in that condition. But they were -- the Oregon  
11 State police were working on getting the search warrants to search  
12 all of the equipment involved in this, so. Obviously, they're not  
13 particularly interested in your truck, but they certainly are  
14 interested -- we're interested in the other vehicle, so.

15 So you started last week. I was -- the reason I got my phone  
16 out is I was going to look at a calendar to get a date. So what  
17 day did you -- they give you permission to go back to work?

18 A. Is it all right if I looked at my phone and see what date I  
19 received my first load?

20 Q. Um-hum. If you're like most people now, you can't do  
21 anything without your phone -- without checking your phone.

22 A. I rather be -- double-check, you know.

23 Q. Yes -- no, that's perfectly fine.

24 A. 6/6.

25 Q. On the 6th, okay. And you've been driving since the 6th

1 again? You've made some more loads?

2 A. So far, I only make one trip.

3 Q. Okay. Where did you go for that trip?

4 A. Boise, Idaho.

5 Q. Um-hum, okay. So how far, in your experience, how wide a  
6 regional territory does CR England cover for Target under this --  
7 under what you do for them?

8 A. To account to that, I'm assigned to -- they do, let's see,  
9 Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana.

10 Q. Okay. So -- and what trip do you like the best? Where do  
11 you like to go the best when you get dispatched?

12 A. My favorite store is at Napa, Idaho.

13 Q. Napa, okay. My wife went to school in Napa. So, all right.  
14 When you went through your training -- back to your training with  
15 CR England -- did they cover parking? You know, where to park the  
16 truck and parking practices. Do they have a policy that they give  
17 to the drivers in terms of, you know, parking policy if you will?

18 A. Yes, sir.

19 Q. Okay. And do you remember what that was? Just generally. I  
20 don't --

21 A. Pretty much not to park on a -- unless it's an emergency --  
22 not to park on the shoulder.

23 Q. Um-hum.

24 A. And to park to -- separate areas such as rest areas and truck  
25 stops.

1 Q. And that's where they ask you to park is at rest areas and  
2 truck stops?

3 A. Yes, sir.

4 Q. Okay. Okay. Have you had trouble in the past when you get  
5 towards the end of your driving shift finding a place to park,  
6 finding truck parking?

7 A. Sometimes, yes, sir, especially if I drive at night.

8 Q. Um-hum. So it's -- when it's late at night, it's much harder  
9 to find a spot than if it is -- or during the day?

10 A. Yes, sir.

11 Q. Okay. Okay.

12 MR. ASHTON: Mike, this is my associate. He's a lawyer,  
13 Jason Evans (ph.).

14 MR. LAPONTE: Jason, how are you? Mike LaPonte. I'll give  
15 you a card when we're done so you can keep this in your files.

16 MR. EVANS: Sure, thank you.

17 MR. LAPONTE: You bet you. That's about all I have. Derek,  
18 do you have any questions for --

19 MR. ASHTON: I don't.

20 MR. LAPONTE: -- for Eduard? Okay. All right, well, Eduard,  
21 again I want to thank you for your time, and we'll hopefully  
22 conclude this. It is now -- let's see if I can figure out -- it  
23 is now 1:28 in the afternoon on June 13th, and we are ending the  
24 interview with Eduard Netesov, the driver of the CR England truck.

25 (Whereupon, the interview was concluded.)

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the attached proceeding before the  
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