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LIMOUSINE CRASH IN SCHOHARIE,
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* Accident No.: HWY19MH001
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Interview of: KIM LISINICCHIA
Limousine Driver's Wife

Friday,
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I N T E R V I E W

(9:30 a.m.)

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3 MR. COLLINS: This is Dennis Collins with the NTSB,
4 D-e-n-n-i-s, C-o-l-l-i-n-s. This is an investigative interview
5 for the crash that occurred in Schoharie, New York.

6 Ma'am, if you would identify yourself and spell it for the
7 transcriptionist?

8 MS. LISINICCHIA: I'm Kim Lisinicchia: L as in Larry, I, S
9 as in Sam, I, N as in Nancy, I, C as in cat, C as in cat, H as in
10 house, I, A as in apple. I'm the wife of Scott Lisinicchia.

11 MR. COLLINS: And you're aware that we're recording and
12 you're okay with that?

13 MS. LISINICCHIA: Yes.

14 MR. COLLINS: Could we go around and just identify ourselves
15 and spell it for the transcriptionist as well?

16 MR. LAPONTE: Yeah. Mike Laponte with the NTSB. I'm an
17 accident investigator. I'm here with Mr. Collins and Kim,
18 investigating the same crash in New York City -- or in New York,
19 rather.

20 MR. BURKE: Richard Burke, B-u-r-k-e. I'm a licensed
21 investigator in New York representing Grant & Longworth Law Firm,
22 New York; Grant, G-r-a-n-t, and Longworth, L-o-n-g-w-o-r-t-h.

INTERVIEW OF KIM LISINICCHIA

23
24 BY MR. COLLINS:

25 Q. Ms. Kim, if you could just tell me about Saturday? Start

1 with, you know, how your day started on Saturday, and just walk me
2 through your events of Saturday.

3 A. Well, I -- we woke up. Scott was in a really good mood and
4 he started to get ready for his job. And he had told me that --
5 you know, we were, we were struggling a little bit, and he had
6 told me he was wished -- he wished that the limo company would
7 call him for a job. And they did.

8 And so he left around 10 o'clock. And he called me maybe
9 around 11:30 or so, and said he had to switch the limo out. And I
10 said okay. We said we love you, and that was the last I heard
11 from him. I found it strange because he gets in touch with me all
12 the time. And 3 hours had passed and I didn't hear from him, and
13 so I called his phone and called his phone, at least -- maybe like
14 a couple of hours. And then finally I got in touch with his boss.
15 And then his boss told me -- he said, did I hear from Scott. And
16 I said, no, I didn't hear from him and it's strange because he
17 calls me every minute, at least every hour or every, you know.
18 And I just found it strange. And he said, well, there's been a
19 bad accident. And I just -- I just knew right there something was
20 wrong.

21 And so I ended up calling the hospitals, and called the
22 police station. Nobody knew anything, and they -- his body,
23 nobody knew anything about him. So I just knew something terrible
24 happened. And then about 1:30 in the morning, 2 o'clock in the
25 morning, the Warren County Police Department came to my house and

1 said he had passed.

2 Q. Do you recall what time it was you got up that Saturday
3 morning?

4 A. We got up -- he's always a early bird, so -- oh.

5 (Phone interruption.)

6 BY MR. COLLINS:

7 Q. That's all right.

8 A. He's a early bird, so he was up like maybe around 7:30, and
9 then I got up around maybe 9.

10 Q. Do you know how he was notified that he was going to have a
11 tour to drive, he was going to be driving that day?

12 A. How he was notified?

13 Q. Yeah, how he found out. You said he -- you said he said he
14 wished the company would call. So Mr. Hussain called him?

15 A. Oh. The son called, yeah.

16 Q. The son called. Do you know what time that was?

17 A. I don't.

18 Q. Okay. And you said he left the house about at -- where -- do
19 you know where the limos were kept? Where was he going to go get
20 the vehicle?

21 A. They're -- I don't know it's -- if there's a mall. It's in
22 -- there is a Kohl's. On that road there, down that road and to
23 the back, they were kept like in a parking lot, and I can't
24 explain where it is. I mean --

25 MR. BURKE: Was it near the motel?

1 MS. LISINICCHIA: No.

2 MR. BURKE: No. Okay.

3 MS. LISINICCHIA: No.

4 BY MR. COLLINS:

5 Q. Do you know is there a -- which city or is there a good
6 landmark by that Kohl's so we could maybe locate it?

7 MR. BURKE: I can get us that --

8 MS. LISINICCHIA: Okay. So, say Kohl's is right here.

9 BY MR. COLLINS:

10 Q. Okay.

11 A. And there's a road -- okay, if you get off the highway,
12 there's a McDonald's, there's a Denny's, and then there's the
13 Kohl's. That road, you go down and there is apartment complexes
14 on the left, and it's down that little dirt road.

15 Q. Okay. One of the things we look back is --

16 Go ahead, Mike. Go ahead.

17 MR. LAPONTE: Is that in Sarasota Springs?

18 MS. LISINICCHIA: Saratoga. Yeah.

19 MR. LAPONTE: Okay. Does 36 Weibel Avenue sound --

20 MS. LISINICCHIA: That sounds familiar.

21 MR. LAPONTE: Okay. All right. And that's -- then we have
22 the address, at least of where we think they were. Thank you.

23 MR. BURKE: Ms. Lisinicchia's --

24 MS. LISINICCHIA: Lisinicchia.

25 MR. BURKE: Lisinicchia's brother-in-law, Scott's twin

1 brother, had apparently been by there and saw the cars parked
2 there at one point in time, he told me. His name is Keith
3 Lisinicchia.

4 BY MR. COLLINS:

5 Q. When he -- when Scott left to go get the limo at 10, how did
6 he seem at that time?

7 A. He seemed in good spirits. You know, he was --

8 Q. Did he tell you how long the tour would be for?

9 A. I think about 7 hours.

10 Q. I'd like to go back in time a little bit. One of the things
11 that we look at is just anything that may have happened in the
12 days beforehand may or may not have been a factor.

13 So I want to make sure I get the dates right. Saturday was
14 the 6th. Do you remember the evening of Wednesday, the 3rd, what
15 time maybe Scott would have gone to bed?

16 A. I don't remember.

17 Q. What time would he typically turn in for the evening?

18 A. If it's not a limo job, I'd say around 9ish.

19 Q. Okay.

20 A. Yeah.

21 Q. And then on Thursday, the 4th, do you remember what time he
22 might have gotten up?

23 A. He's always -- he always gets up early, like 7, 7:30.

24 Q. Okay. And do you remember if he did anything -- do you
25 remember what he might have done on Thursday during the day? Did

1 he do anything special? Did he go anywhere? Did he have any
2 jobs?

3 A. I don't remember. I think he did some Ubering.

4 Q. On Thursday the 4th?

5 A. Yeah, I think so.

6 Q. Okay.

7 A. Yeah.

8 Q. And then the night of the 4th, do you remember what time he
9 might have gone to bed then? About the same time?

10 A. Yeah. Around 9.

11 Q. And then the morning of Friday, the 5th, the same question.
12 He would've gotten up around the same time?

13 A. Yeah. He always -- he's a early bird. He gets up early.

14 Q. And do you remember if he did anything -- had any jobs or did
15 anything on Friday the 5th?

16 A. Friday the 5th. No, I don't think so. I -- he got up and
17 Ubered, I think.

18 Q. Okay.

19 A. Yeah, he got up and Ubered. Yeah.

20 Q. And then -- and do you recollect what time he may have gone
21 to bed the night of Friday the 5th?

22 A. Around the same time. Like --

23 Q. The same time?

24 A. Yeah.

25 Q. Okay. In general, how was his health?

1 A. He was in great health.

2 Q. Did he regularly take any medications, over-the-counter or
3 prescription, anything like that?

4 A. For his bipolar disorder, yes. But I'm not sure what they
5 were.

6 Q. That's okay. Anything over-the-counter --

7 A. No.

8 Q. Okay. In general, how did he sleep? Did he -- when he
9 slept --

10 A. Slept like a log.

11 Q. Like a log. Would he generally wake up feeling refreshed and
12 ready to tackle his day?

13 A. Yep. Popped right up.

14 Q. Did he have any issues falling asleep or getting up in the
15 mornings that you are aware of?

16 A. I mean, there -- like if he was a little stressed maybe, you
17 know, he'll -- as soon as Scott's head hit the pillow, he was
18 snoring. I mean, and he may get up in the middle of the night
19 maybe worrying about bills or something like that, but he'll fall
20 right back to sleep, you know.

21 Q. It's my understanding that he was SSD?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Why was he on SSD?

24 A. Physically because of his hip.

25 Q. Okay. His hip.

1 A. After, you know, years of truck driving and the bouncing of
2 the truck, that kind of messed his hip up. But after his hip
3 operation, everything was okay. So --

4 BY MR. LAPONTE:

5 Q. When did Scott last drive a truck? How long ago did he quit
6 driving or was he still driving truck?

7 A. It was a dump -- the last time he drove a dump truck was like
8 the beginning of the summer.

9 Q. Last summer?

10 A. Yeah.

11 Q. 2018?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. And do you know who that was he was driving for?

14 A. Oh, gosh, what are their names? I don't remember. Sorry.

15 Q. Does the name JB Paving --

16 A. Yes. He did work for JB.

17 Q. JB Paving.

18 A. Yeah.

19 Q. Is that the last --

20 A. He worked for Stanley Paving years ago.

21 Q. Was JB the last dump truck job he had?

22 A. I think it was. I think it was, yeah.

23 Q. And the reason I'm asking is, we've been trying to locate JB
24 and not having much success.

25 A. I think they're out of business.

1 Q. Oh, okay.

2 A. I think that's why. And they end up -- and I think also
3 JPMorgan, something like -- no, that's a -- what is that?

4 MR. BURKE: That's a bank.

5 MS. LISINICCHIA: No. I'm sorry.

6 MR. COLLINS: That's okay.

7 MS. LISINICCHIA: But -- oh, gosh. What was I going to say?
8 I don't remember. I'm sorry.

9 BY MR. LAPONTE:

10 Q. But JB, you believe was the last --

11 A. Yeah. Yeah.

12 Q. -- truck job that he held. And that was summer of this --
13 this last summer?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Thank you.

16 MR. COLLINS: Do you want to keep going?

17 BY MR. LAPONTE:

18 Q. Can you remember who he may have worked with before that,
19 before JB?

20 A. That's probably why I said JPMorgan, because I remember his
21 last name was Morgan.

22 Q. Okay.

23 A. I really -- you know, it's a shame, I really didn't keep up
24 with that, unfortunately, because I had so many other things going
25 on with my son. So I really didn't -- and my daughter, 18-year-

1 old daughter, Lord have mercy.

2 Q. Not a problem. What we try to do is just find out, you know,
3 his work history a little bit. And then hopefully these companies
4 have some information for the background of his experience over
5 the course of years. Now I know he had had his CDL for a long
6 time, so I --

7 A. Yeah.

8 Q. -- I mean, I assume that he spent most of his adult life
9 driving truck of some make --

10 A. Yeah.

11 Q. -- for somebody.

12 A. I think about 20-plus years he's had it. And that's why I'm
13 just so baffled. Because I was telling Richard that, you know, he
14 got called to work with Hurricane Sandy and the blizzards and all
15 that stuff. He was one of the drivers that got called to do all
16 of that. You know, the cleanup and plowing, that's pretty
17 meticulous when you have to --

18 Q. Yeah.

19 A. -- plow next to something and direct, you know -- I just
20 thought that --

21 Q. Do you remember when he started driving for Uber and the
22 limousine businesses?

23 A. The limousine, over a year ago. And Uber maybe about 3
24 months ago. And he got a 5-star rating with Uber. He was proud
25 of that.

1 Q. That means he got good, he got good reviews.

2 A. Yeah. Yeah, he did.

3 Q. That's great.

4 A. He was proud of that.

5 Q. Yeah. He should be. As he should be.

6 Prior to the limos a year ago, everything prior to that was
7 in his truck --

8 A. Yeah.

9 Q. -- in the trucking industry?

10 A. Um-hum. Dump truck or --

11 Q. Dump truck.

12 A. Yeah, dump truck.

13 Q. And then --

14 A. I wish I knew -- like I wish I remember like a couple of
15 people that used to call him to see if he was still driving,
16 because they just thought he was a great driver and they would
17 always call him to see if he's still interested. I don't remember
18 the names.

19 Q. Well, if -- you know, as things settle out a little bit, if
20 you do, feel free to call Dennis or myself.

21 A. Okay.

22 Q. Like I say, the reason we are interested in that is so we can
23 reconstruct his employment history a little bit.

24 A. Okay.

25 Q. Just who he had worked for, and so forth.

1 A. Okay.

2 Q. You said he started driving limos about a year ago. Was that
3 fairly steady or was it --

4 A. Yeah, it was.

5 Q. -- or was it real hit and miss? How would you describe it?

6 A. It depends, like in the winter, of course, there's not much
7 work, but in the summertime/spring there was a lot of work.

8 Q. Yeah.

9 A. Yeah.

10 Q. Prom season?

11 A. Yeah, prom season, weddings, bachelorette parties, bachelor
12 parties, birthday parties. So he actually did pretty good.

13 Q. Did he only drive for the current --

14 A. Yeah.

15 Q. -- the last company? For --

16 MR. COLLINS: Prestige.

17 MR. LAPONTE: Yes. Thank you.

18 BY MR. LAPONTE:

19 Q. Well, they have several names they operated under. So I
20 know --

21 A. Yeah. I thought it was Saratoga Limo.

22 Q. Well, that's one of them.

23 MR. BURKE: Prestige is -- what, there was a satellite
24 company or --

25 MR. LAPONTE: Well, he has several. They market their

1 services under several different names.

2 MR. COLLINS: Yeah, they have a couple different names.

3 MS. LISINICCHIA: He also was a personal driver for the
4 brother, the other brother, for maybe about 2 weeks. He couldn't
5 take it anymore because I guess he was just too demanding or
6 something. I don't know.

7 BY MR. LAPONTE:

8 Q. Was that for Nauman or for the other brother?

9 A. There was another brother. I guess he had real estate in
10 Albany and a couple of other places. So --

11 MR. BURKE: Would you have the insurance carrier for them?

12 MR. COLLINS: I can check. I may not have it with me, but --

13 MR. BURKE: Yeah, I'd appreciate that.

14 MR. COLLINS: But we can check into it, see if we can find
15 that for you. I'll make a note.

16 BY MR. LAPONTE:

17 Q. When you got the call from his employer, you said it was --

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. -- or when you called him and he -- what did he tell you?
20 That he hadn't heard from Scott that day?

21 A. No, he said he hasn't heard from Scott and he thought it was
22 strange, too. Because that's how Scott is, he would keep in
23 touch, you know, to let someone know that -- he would always let
24 me know that the job is over, he's on his way home. So, yeah.

25 I have to say, he did sound very nervous and very shocked --

1 Q. The owner did?

2 A. The owner's son, yeah.

3 Q. And was that Nauman you spoke with?

4 A. How many names does he have? I --

5 Q. Yeah. He has several, I think.

6 A. I mean, I knew him as Arsalan.

7 Q. Oh, really?

8 A. Yeah.

9 Q. Okay. Because we found some documents with that name on it
10 and we were trying to figure out --

11 MR. BURKE: Yeah, that's what I have his name as.

12 MR. LAPONTE: -- who Arsalan was.

13 (Interruption.)

14 MR. COLLINS: We have a friend --

15 MS. LISINICCHIA: Hi.

16 MR. COLLINS: We had a visitor.

17 MR. BURKE: Yeah, Arsalan is the name that she had told me.

18 MR. COLLINS: Okay.

19 MR. LAPONTE: Okay. I think there is some documents we
20 discovered with that name.

21 MR. COLLINS: She was a cutie.

22 MS. LISINICCHIA: She was cute.

23 MR. COLLINS: Yeah.

24 MS. LISINICCHIA: Oh, my goodness.

25 BY MR. COLLINS:

1 Q. Now, you said Scott called you and said he had to switch out
2 the limos. Did that involve taking it back to this area by the
3 Kohl's --

4 A. Yes. Um-hum.

5 Q. -- and getting a different vehicle?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. So they were stored there and the keys were kept in them or
8 something along those lines?

9 A. See, I'm not sure if -- because there was a situation where
10 he had to go to Troy to get another limo.

11 Q. Okay.

12 A. You know, so -- but usually it's the same place.

13 Q. And it's your belief that it was the same place --

14 A. Yeah.

15 Q. -- this past Saturday?

16 A. Um-hum.

17 Q. He had a -- did he tell you what the problem he was having
18 with that limo was?

19 A. No.

20 Q. Just there was a problem with it and he needed to swap?

21 A. He needed to -- yes.

22 Q. Okay.

23 MR. BURKE: So this Troy, is that the same guys -- the same
24 company?

25 MR. COLLINS: Well, we don't know. This is the first of

1 having to pick up -- we've heard of limos in Troy.

2 MR. BURKE: Okay.

3 MS. LISINICCHIA: Yeah, he had to go to -- he had to Troy for
4 some reason.

5 MR. BURKE: That's the first I heard of it, so --

6 Just for your record, I was told that limos were parked near
7 some commercial property that they owned as well.

8 MS. LISINICCHIA: Yeah.

9 MR. BURKE: It was a back, rear lot.

10 MS. LISINICCHIA: Yeah, that's what, that's --

11 MR. BURKE: Is this the place near Kohl's?

12 MS. LISINICCHIA: Yeah.

13 MR. BURKE: Oh, okay. Because they apparently own a
14 commercial property near there.

15 MR. COLLINS: Okay.

16 MR. BURKE: And they rent out apartments, and then they have
17 some kind of a low-end hotel that's gotten horrific reviews in --

18 MS. LISINICCHIA: Yeah, a lot of --

19 MR. BURKE: -- Travel Advisor, Yelp, and stuff like that.

20 MS. LISINICCHIA: Yeah. There's a lot of -- oh, what is it
21 -- welfare with, you know, recipients that stay there.

22 MR. COLLINS: Okay.

23 Do you have more motor carrier or do you need a second?

24 MR. LAPONTE: No, I'm -- I mean, if JB was the last employer,
25 then I have --

1 MS. LISINICCHIA: He has a box of stuff that I can look
2 through if it says anything -- it's too bad, because he usually
3 got paid cash. But, you know, I'll look and see if there's any
4 stubs or something.

5 MR. COLLINS: Okay.

6 MR. LAPONTE: Well, we know he -- when he worked for JB he
7 had a couple of roadside inspections in one of JB's trucks, and
8 that's how we --

9 MS. LISINICCHIA: Oh, okay.

10 MR. LAPONTE: -- that's how we traced back the fact that he
11 had worked for JB for a period of time. Like I say, unfortunate
12 we can't contact JB to get any clarification on that, so --

13 Yeah, that's fine. I think I'm -- in terms of his
14 employment, his general employment history, I've got --

15 MR. COLLINS: Then I'll switch gears, and --

16 BY MR. COLLINS:

17 Q. Did Scott drink alcohol?

18 A. A beer every now and then. You know, nothing heavy.

19 Q. And we talked about prescription drugs. Did he use any drugs
20 that may not have been prescription or over-the-counter? Anything
21 that --

22 A. I mean, he smoked weed, you know.

23 Q. Okay. Was that -- I know that New York is a medical state.
24 Was that medical or recreational?

25 A. No. He was trying to get a medical card.

1 Q. Okay. We also like to ask about life stressors. And what I
2 mean by that is if you have a big life change you could be under
3 some extra stress.

4 A. Um-hum.

5 Q. And things that fall into that category -- I'll just give you
6 a few examples and you can just tell me in general if he had any.
7 You've already said there was some concern over the finances. But
8 did anybody get married or divorced in the family regularly -- or
9 recently?

10 A. No.

11 Q. Any births or death?

12 A. No. I mean, his brother-in-law, a year ago, passed -- I
13 mean, not his brother-in-law. His younger brother passed away a
14 year ago --

15 Q. Okay. I'm sorry.

16 A. -- from a heroin overdose. So we had to deal with that, and
17 he was -- that was tough.

18 Q. He was still dealing with it?

19 A. Yeah. Well, he was getting over it, you know. Not that --
20 you know, it wasn't that bad.

21 Q. To the degree you ever do.

22 A. Yeah.

23 Q. Yeah.

24 MR. LAPONTE: How many siblings did Scott have?

25 MS. LISINICCHIA: Two.

1 MR. LAPONTE: Two. So the twin brother, Keith --

2 MS. LISINICCHIA: And the younger brother.

3 MR. LAPONTE: And the younger brother.

4 MR. COLLINS: Who passed last year.

5 BY MR. COLLINS:

6 Q. How did he like working for the limo company, Scott?

7 A. Scott, he loved what he did because that's -- you know, he
8 would always say driving is my life. You know, that's all he ever
9 knew how to do, just like his dad. His father was a truck driver.

10 So, you know, of course there are times where he didn't want
11 to go because he wanted to stay home with me or he wanted to take
12 me out to dinner or something like that. But he knew that he had
13 to go to help out, you know, help his family.

14 Q. Um-hum.

15 A. So, but he definitely was a people person, so -- that's why
16 he got a 5-star rating from Uber. He liked what he did.

17 Q. And apparently, if he's getting 5-star ratings, his customers
18 appreciated him.

19 A. Yeah, they liked him. Um-hum. I mean, there's got to be a
20 record of some passengers -- I mean, he got requested from some
21 passengers. He got -- you know, they wanted Scott to drive for
22 them. So --

23 Q. Okay. I had asked a couple minutes ago about his health.
24 Did he regularly see any particular doctors, like a family -- he
25 had a general practitioner or a family physician he would go to?

1 A. Yeah, West Mountain Health Care.

2 Q. At West Mountain? Okay.

3 A. Yeah. And Glens Falls Hospital.

4 Q. Okay. For his prescriptions, is there one place he'd get
5 them filled or would he go to different places?

6 A. CVS on -- oh, God -- I don't know the street. It's in Glens
7 Falls.

8 Q. I apologize for the pauses. I have a mental list that I'm
9 going through to make sure I haven't forgotten anything. Because
10 I only want to bother you once, and so I'm trying to make sure
11 that I get everything. In my mental list -- we talked about
12 sleep, we talked about medications -- oh, did Scott have a cell
13 phone?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. By any chance, can I get the number?

16 A. It's [REDACTED].

17 Q. And you said he was in contact with you when he was out on
18 tours. Did he use a hands-free headset or --

19 A. I had bought him one. Yeah -- no. No, he didn't use it.

20 Q. And you may not know, but I'm going to ask it. When he's
21 driving the limo, in the driver's area, was there anything else
22 technologically used? Like do you know if there was a GPS
23 system --

24 A. No.

25 Q. -- anything like that?

1 MR. LAPONTE: You don't know or there wasn't one?

2 MS. LISINICCHIA: He used the GPS on his phone.

3 BY MR. COLLINS:

4 Q. He used it on his phone. Okay.

5 A. Yeah.

6 Q. And I know where the crash happened is a distance from your
7 home. Would you say Scott was familiar with that area?

8 A. I don't know.

9 Q. You don't know.

10 A. I mean, being a truck driver, he -- I think he kind of knew
11 everywhere, you know. Because I would say -- it would be weird.
12 I would be like, well, I don't know where so and so is. He'd be
13 like, yeah, I know where that is because I used to drive that
14 route all the time. Just -- you know, he knew where places were.
15 He wasn't --

16 Q. He had a good sense of direction?

17 A. Yes, he did. Very --

18 Q. He would be able to get around?

19 A. -- good sense of direction. Very good sense of direction.

20 Q. To your knowledge, had he ever had -- he had to swap out the
21 limos. Had he ever had to do that before or ever had mechanical
22 problems with a limo while he was driving?

23 A. Yes, because he would call me and tell me.

24 Q. And what was his normal procedure if something went wrong
25 with the limo? Was there -- he'd call somebody? What would he do

1 if he had passengers and now the vehicle is having issues?

2 A. And that was, that was a lot on him, you know. He had -- he
3 called Arsalan, and say, listen, the muffler just fell. So, you
4 know, and I guess -- I don't know if somebody came and brought
5 another limo. I don't, I don't know. But --

6 Q. But in general, to your recollection, he would call --

7 A. He would call.

8 Q. -- the son that was managing the company?

9 A. Um-hum. And say, look, this --

10 Q. And then some action would be taken?

11 A. I remember hearing him say -- and like pretty much
12 practically yelling, like, I'm not driving this limo; you got to
13 -- you have to get this limo fixed; I'm not going to drive that
14 today. And then Arsalan, I guess, would go get it fixed or
15 something and, you know, Scott trusted that and ended up, you
16 know, driving it. So --

17 Q. Do you know where Arsalan would get the vehicles worked on?

18 A. Mavis in Saratoga.

19 Q. Mavis.

20 A. And I told my husband, I said, you need to Arsalan not to go
21 to Mavis. Because they fixed our car, our personal car, and we
22 had to bring it back because it was stopping on us. And they
23 redid the spark plugs or something and gave us our money back, so
24 -- I may have a copy of that receipt too.

25 MR. COLLINS: Okay.

1 MR. LAPONTE: Did Scott have to do that very often or -- I
2 mean, was that a common occurrence or was --

3 MS. LISINICCHIA: Yeah. Not a lot, but pretty often. Yeah.

4 BY MR. COLLINS:

5 Q. How often in your recollection would one of the limos develop
6 an issue on him?

7 A. I'd say maybe every three times he uses them.

8 Q. Okay.

9 A. There was always something.

10 Q. Would he drive for -- you said he was driving for Uber.
11 Would he drive for Uber every day?

12 A. Maybe about 4 days a week.

13 Q. Okay.

14 A. Yeah.

15 Q. And how often, on average, would he get calls from the limo
16 company to do driving for them?

17 A. Monthly or weekly or?

18 Q. Whatever time frame.

19 A. Maybe like -- because he only worked on the weekends, so
20 maybe -- there was a streak where he, every weekend he was doing
21 something. But I'd say two, three times a week maybe.

22 Q. And the driving for Uber, that would maybe be four times a
23 week during the week?

24 A. Yeah.

25 Q. And then the weekends would typically --

1 A. Be the limo.

2 Q. For the limo. And the Uber work was all handled through the
3 apps and the Internet and the electronic thing with that?

4 A. Um-hum.

5 Q. What vehicle did he use when driving for Uber?

6 A. Our Cadillac. I think that's why everybody -- because
7 everybody used to be like, wow, a Cadillac? This is great.
8 That's what he would say.

9 Q. Yeah.

10 MR. LAPONTE: When Scott would go out and drive for Uber, how
11 long a shift did he put in? How long was he out there? I know it
12 can depend on --

13 MS. LISINICCHIA: It's limited, it's limited every day. So
14 I'd say maybe about 5 hours.

15 BY MR. COLLINS:

16 Q. Switch gears slightly, back to the limo company. You said
17 you thought the -- I wrote it down because it -- and it's on the
18 recording. But you said you thought you knew how many hours the
19 tour on Saturday was. Do you know what time he was supposed to
20 pick up the passengers?

21 A. No. I don't.

22 Q. No. But he would -- and he left at 10 and called you at
23 11:30, and that's when they swapped -- he swapped out the limo?

24 A. Um-hum. He always left early to make sure he got places on
25 time and to clean the limo and --

1 BY MR. LAPONTE:

2 Q. He only did the limo on the weekends even though -- did they
3 ever call during the week to ask him to drive?

4 A. Yeah, a couple -- not often.

5 Q. Not often?

6 A. Yeah, not often.

7 Q. So then did he just -- he would just tell them I only work
8 the weekend or --

9 A. No. There wouldn't really be calls that much during the
10 week.

11 Q. But if they were to call during the week, would he take
12 the --

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. -- limo job or --

15 A. Yeah. Yes.

16 Q. -- an Uber job? Okay.

17 A. He did a few New York City trips and --

18 BY MR. COLLINS:

19 Q. And those -- were those through the limo company as well?

20 A. The limo, um-hum.

21 Q. When he drove for the limo company, most of those would be,
22 for lack of a better term, local?

23 A. Um-hum.

24 Q. He would kind of remain in the area. And you said he did a
25 few down to the City.

1 A. Yeah.

2 Q. Which is -- 3 hours? Or a little more?

3 MR. BURKE: A little bit more.

4 MR. COLLINS: A little bit -- okay. So occasionally he'd go
5 to the City.

6 MR. BURKE: Well, I -- what time -- 6:30-- I mean, the state
7 police gave me a little bit of a break today, you know, I got here
8 a little quick -- I took the parkway. There was no traffic,
9 but --

10 MR. COLLINS: I think I am well covered. I think that's
11 everything I needed.

12 Are you good, sir?

13 MR. BURKE: I think so. Like I said, you know --

14 BY MR. LAPONTE:

15 Q. JB Paving, how long a time frame when he started working for
16 him until -- we know -- you stated earlier that he worked until
17 the beginning of the summer. When did he start with them? Do
18 you --

19 A. When did he start to work?

20 Q. Yeah. For JB.

21 A. I think the -- I'm not sure. I think it was the beginning of
22 the summer until like, you know, the season ended.

23 Q. Yeah. All right.

24 A. That's how the pattern was, you know, the beginning of the
25 summer until the season ended.

1 BY MR. COLLINS:

2 Q. For the paving company?

3 A. Um-hum.

4 Q. They'd get a seasonal demand, so they'd bring on him as a
5 driver.

6 A. Yeah.

7 Q. He'd drive for them during the paving season and then he'd
8 return to just taking the limo and Ubers?

9 A. Yeah.

10 Q. While he was driving for JB, was he also doing the Uber work?

11 A. No.

12 Q. No?

13 A. No.

14 Q. Okay.

15 MR. LAPONTE: All right. That's all I have.

16 MR. COLLINS: And we're going to conclude.

17 (Whereupon, the interview was concluded.)
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IN THE MATTER OF: LIMOUSINE CRASH IN SCHOHARIE,
NEW YORK, OCTOBER 6, 2018
Interview of Kim Lisinicchia

ACCIDENT NO.: HWY19MH001

PLACE:

DATE: October 12, 2018

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Interview of Jason McKelvy

Witness

Interview Notes
HWY19MH001
Schoharie, NY
October 11, 2018
2:45 p.m.
Via Telephone

Interviewer(s): Dennis Collins, Senior Accident Investigator, Human Performance
Office of Highway Safety, National Transportation Safety Board

Interviewee: Mr. Jason McKelvy
[REDACTED] Cell

Mr. McKelvy was interviewed in his capacity as a witness who saw the limousine involved in this crash shortly before the crash occurred; he did not see the crash.

- Mr. McKelvy stated was travelling up the hill (ENE) on Route 30 on 10/6/2018
- He crossed the bridge that passes over I-88; as he approached the intersection of Route 30 and Route 7, he observed a white “stretch” limousine turning right from Route 7 onto Route 30 to head towards Route 30A
- The limousine took the turn wide, encroaching on Mr. McKelvy’s lane
- Mr. McKelvy went to the right, passing part of his vehicle over the fog line
- As the limousine passed him, Mr. McKelvy observed the driver. He stated the driver “looked off” and appeared “confused” or “frazzled”
- Mr. McKelvy reached the stop sign at the intersection of Route 30 and Route 7; as he began to proceed through the intersection, he looked in his rear view mirror and observed the limousine pulled off the road to the right
- He estimates he saw the limousine 1-2 minutes before the crash. When asked how he reached this time estimate, he stated he was going to see his girlfriend, with whom he was exchanging text messages. He looked at the time stamp of a message he sent as he was leaving his home – it read 1:46 p.m. He further stated he knows it typically takes him 7-8 minutes to reach the stop sign at Route 30 and Route 7
- When asked if he recalled anything else about the limousine, he stated it did not seem particularly clean and did not seem “nice”, just big
- Mr. McKelvy advised that the DOT has paved over the area where the limousine pulled over