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Pickup Truck Driver's Wife Interview Transcript

Andrews, TX

HWY22MH006

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NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

Investigation of:

FATAL TWO-VEHICLE COLLISION *

IN ANDREWS COUNTY, TEXAS * Accident No.: HWY22MH006 ON MARCH 15, 2022 *

ON MARCH 15, 2022

Interview of: AGATHA SIEMENS,

Wife of Victim

Via telephone

Tuesday,

March 22, 2022

APPEARANCES:

KENNY BRAGG, Investigator National Transportation Safety Board

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INTERVIEW

MR. BRAGG: Again, my name is Kenny Bragg. I'm with the

NTSB, and we're talking about the crash that happened in Andrews,

Texas, back on September 15th.

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6 BY MR. BRAGG:

- 7 | Q. What's your first name?
- 8 A. September?
- 9 Q. I'm sorry. March 15th. Yes, March 15th.
- 10 A. Agatha.
- 11 | Q. Can you spell it for me?
- 12 | A. A-g-t-h-a.
- 13 Q. Can you spell your last name?
- 14 | A. S-i-e-m-e-n-s.
- 15 | Q. Okay. Is your address
- 16 A. Yes, sir.
- 17 | Q. Okay. And how are you related to Henrich?
- 18 A. He was my husband.
- 19 Q. How long had you guys been married?
- 20 | A. 13 years.
- 21 | Q. 13 years. And are you Richard's mother as well?
- 22 A. His name is Ricky.
- 23 Q. Ricky, yes. Are you his mother?
- 24 | A. Yes.
- 25 | Q. Okay. The day of the crash, when was the last time you had

- 1 | spoken with him?
- 2 A. About 20 minutes before the accident.
- 3 || Q. And where did you speak with him at? Where was he at?
- $4 \parallel A$. In the driveway.
 - Q. He was here. And where were they going?
- 6 A. Midland.

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- 7 | Q. Going to Midland. What's in Midland?
- 8 A. He was going to pick up a car.
- 9 Q. And who was driving when you left?
- 10 A. My husband.
- 11 | Q. There's been some media reports that maybe Ricky was driving.
- 12 Do you know anything about that?
- 13 | A. No. The -- my husband was firmly in that driver's seat, and
- 14 he was driving as I said I love you when they left.
- 15 \parallel Q. Had you -- have you ever known your son to have driven the
- 16 | car before?
- 17 | A. He knows how to drive because he's going to make his license
- 18 | next year but --
- 19 Q. Okay.
- 20 | A. -- but he didn't drive on highways.
- 21 | Q. Okay. But it's -- so it's nothing he routinely did?
- 22 A. No.
- 23 | O. And --
- 24 | A. He just drove around the yard.
- 25 | Q. Did your husband have any, anything to drink, any alcohol or

- 1 | anything else before that?
- $2 \parallel A$. Not that I'm aware of.
- $3 \parallel Q$. Okay. And so before the crash, did he seem completely normal
- 4 | to you?
- 5 A. Yeah.
- $6 \parallel Q$. Okay.
- 7 A. He was his normal happy self.
- 8 Q. Okay.
- 9 A. We had a good day.
- 10 | Q. And whose truck was that?
- 11 A. Belonged to my husband.
- 12 Q. How long did he have the truck?
- 13 A. He's had it for many years. He just recently fixed it up.
- 14 | Q. He just recently fixed it up. When did he, when did he fix
- 15 | it up?
- 16 || A. A few weeks ago. We didn't have a vehicle.
- 17 | Q. Okay. Had -- what time -- what type of work did he do to the
- 18 | truck in order to fix -- to get it on the road?
- 19 A. I'm not sure. He was the best mechanic I ever knew, but I
- 20 have no idea what the work he did to it.
- 21 | Q. Okay. So he worked on the cars himself?
- 22 | A. Yes.
- 23 | Q. Okay. Did he ever mention having a flat tire on the truck
- 24 | before in recent times?
- 25 A. No.

- 1 | Q. And you -- so do you remember seeing the truck before the
- 2 | crash? I mean, you would recognize it if you saws it, right?
- 3 | A. Yes.
- $4 \parallel Q$. Was there a spare tire on the truck?
- 5 \parallel A. Not that I recall.
- 6 Q. No. Okay. Did all the wheels on the truck match? I mean
- 7 | in appearance did they all look the same?
- 8 A. Yeah.
- 9 Q. Okay. How did you first learn of the, of the crash?
- 10 A. Two officers showed up in my driveway.
- 11 | Q. Okay. And you spoke with the officers that night?
- 12 | A. Yes, sir.
- 13 | Q. Okay. Anything else you can think about that might be useful
- 14 | information?
- 15 || A. Just that it was a tragic accident.
- 16 $\|Q$. What was his medical history like? Did he go to a doctor?
- 17 \blacksquare A. No. We didn't go to the doctor regularly.
- 18 Q. Do you guys have health insurance?
- 19 A. The kids do, but not him and me.
- 20 \parallel Q. Okay. When was the last time that he went to the hospital
- 21 | that you're aware of?
- 22 A. I'm not sure.
- 23 | Q. When he did go to the doctor what did he go?
- 24 A. The last time he went he saw Dr. Latelia (ph.).
- 25 | Q. Dr. Latelia. Is that here in Seminole?

- 1 | A. Yeah.
- $2 \parallel Q$. If he got prescriptions filled, what pharmacy would he use?
- 3 A. Probably Wal-Mart.
- $4 \parallel Q$. Wal-Mart. Was he taking any medication regularly?
- $5 \parallel A$. No, not that I recall.
- 6 Q. How about his work schedule? What type of schedule did he
- 7 | work?
- 8 A. He owned his own business.
- 9 Q. Okay.
- 10 A. So he just dispatched his driver, and did mechanic work.
- 11 | Q. Okay. And did he work on trucks here at the, at the yard
- 12 here?
- 13 | A. Yes.
- 14 | Q. Does he -- what is his typical day like? Does he start in
- 15 | the morning? Does he start at night? What's his typical day
- 16 | like?
- 17 || A. Usually first thing in the morning about -- the drivers
- 18 | usually had to -- usually left around, I'd say six o'clock. So
- 19 he's usually about five working on the trucks.
- 20 \parallel Q. Okay. And what time does he usually finish in the afternoon
- 21 || or evening?

day?

- 22 | A. If he didn't have someone bring him a semi or a truck to work
- 23 on, he was usually done maybe around six when the driver got back.
- 24 | Q. And on the day of the crash, what time did he get up that
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- 1 | A. He had a late night. So he slept 'till about afternoon.
- 2 Q. Afternoon. And you said late night. What time -- about what
- 3 | time did he go to bed?
- 4 A. I had been in bed by the time he got home because he had gone
- 5 to pick up a forklift from Midland the night before. So --
- 6 Q. Do you know what time he got home?
- 7 || A. I was asleep.
- 8 | Q. Asleep. Okay. What time did you go to sleep?
- 9 A. I'd say about 10, 11, something like that.
- 10 | Q. Is that the time you guys normally go to bed or is there --
- 11 | A. Yeah, usually around 10.
- 12 Q. Okay. And how about Monday?
- 13 | A. I can barely think back to Tuesday at this point.
- 14 | O. I understand. I understand. Well, I'm going to give you a
- 15 | card. So if there's anything that you can think of that might be
- 16 useful for me, just you can reach out to me by phone or e-mail.
- 17 | Would that be okay?
- 18 | A. Yeah.
- 19 MR. BRAGG: Okay. I'm going to conclude the interview.
- 20 | Thank you for your participation.
- 21 (Whereupon, the interview was concluded.)

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