

REPORT OF INTERVIEW

Report No.

Person Interviewed: Jamie Elder, Locomotive Engineer Alabama Export Railroad

Date of Interview: November 18,2020

Location of Interview: ALE Yard Office- Mobile, AL

Interviewed By: Byrl McCoy - FRA OP Inspector at Mobile, AL.

Others Present: Track Specialist, Track Inspector-2, MP&E Inspector Terry Shiver, and AL State Track Inspector

On Wednesday November 18, 2020 FRA OP Inspector Byrl McCoy conducted an interview with the Alabama Export Railroad Locomotive Engineer Jamie Elder concerning the incident he was involved on Tuesday November 17, 2020.

Mr. Elder stated he hired on with the Alabama Export Railroad about 11 months ago, and prior to that he worked for CSX Railroad in Mobile, AL as a conductor and a remote-control operator for approximately 8 years. He became a locomotive engineer in April 2020 after receiving approximately 2 months of training.

The employee was assigned as the conductor on the day shift switching job and was training to be the trainmaster for Alabama Export Railroad. At the time of the incident he was working as the locomotive engineer on the train when the incident occurred.

At 0700hrs Mr. Elder stated that the crew went on duty and marked up with the NCRC Dispatcher in Ft. Worth, TX at approximately 0715hrs and began their daily duties switching cars and making the interchange with the Alabama State Docks Railroad.

At 1330hrs the employee was notified that the CN train arrived at Bell Jct. and was ready to be delivered to the yard by ALE crew. At approximately 1350hrs, Mr. Elder arrived at Bell Jct. and released the handbrakes on the train and at 1410hrs departed Bell Jct.

The employee stated he had no knowledge of the work being conducted within the Yard Limits between milepost 2 and milepost 6.7 and that there were no derails established or advanced warnings signs prior to the incident occurring.

After the incident, the employee stated he dismounted the locomotive and attempted to render aid to the employees on the ground.