



U.S. COAST GUARD WITNESS STATEMENT FORM

Witness Name: [Redacted]  
Street Address: [Redacted]  
City/State/Zip: [Redacted]

Date: 02 OCT 19 [Redacted]  
Phone Number: [Redacted]  
MMC#: [Redacted]

I, the undersigned, make the following statement voluntarily, without threat, duress or promise of reward:

- What was your position during the response? i.e. COXSWAIN, LOOKOUT.
- Describe the scene as you approached GOLDEN RAY.
- Did you see any fire or smoke? If so where was it coming from and can you describe its appearance, smell, etc.
- Did you hear any alarms from the GOLDEN RAY?
- Were there any other sounds from the GOLDEN RAY?
- Was there any other vessel traffic in the area?
- What was the observed weather on scene including sea state, wind, etc.?
- As you conducted SAR Ops, what were your interactions with the GOLDEN RAY crew?
- Did you have any discussion with the GOLDEN RAY crew? Please summarize.
- Did you take any photo or video during the response?
- Is there any other amplifying information that can aid in the investigation?

OATH/SIGNATURE: I have read my statement consisting of 02 page(s) and hereby swear or affirm the information provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

SIGNATURE OF STATEMENT [Redacted]

SIGNATURE OF INTERVIEWER

Subscribed and sworn to me, a person authorized by law to administer oaths, this 2 (day) of OCT (month), 2019 (year).

SIGNATURE OF OATH [Redacted]

1. I was a team member during the Golden Ray response.
2. The scene as I approached the Golden Ray was dark because it was night. I could barely see the cargo ship. As the time kept passing, I saw the golden Ray more clearly and it was slowly capsizing to the port side.
3. Yes, I did see fire and smoke. It was coming from the top. I first saw the smoke coming out and the color was white and after a while, I started to see fire, but not too much.
4. I did not hear any alarms from the Golden Ray ship.
5. I did hear other sounds coming from the Golden Ray. It sounded like crushing and banging sounds coming from the inside.
6. Yes, there were other vessels in the area like DNR vessels and tug boats.
7. The observed weather on scene was calm, a clear night and day. There was not too much wind.
8. My interactions with the Golden Ray crew was minimum. I was on the CG29139 crew, and we helped transport the survivors from the CG45741, to our boat (CG29139), and then to the station where we had people from EMS. While we were moving them, I was asking them about injuries they had and if there was any blood exposure so I could take precautions.
9. I did not take any photos or videos during the Golden Ray response moment.
10. All statements above are true and accurate. There is no other information I would like to provide.