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Interview of: TAYLOR RAMSEY  
Bus driver

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Special Needs Facility  
Anderson, South Carolina

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I N T E R V I E W

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2 MR. KAMINSKI: Today's date is December 19, 2019. My name is  
3 Ronald Kaminski with the NTSB. Along with me is Mr. David Rayburn  
4 with the NTSB. And we're here at the Anderson Disability --  
5 Anderson County Disability and Special Needs Facility here in  
6 Anderson.

7 And we're going to be talking to the driver of the Ford bus.  
8 Her name is Taylor, T-a-y-l-o-r, Brooke, middle name, B-r-o-o-k-e,  
9 last name Ramsey, R-a-m-s-e-y. And your date of birth?

10 MS. RAMSEY: [REDACTED]

11 MR. KAMINSKI: [REDACTED] is her date of birth. So I guess we  
12 just start with -- from my end (indiscernible). Just start  
13 with -- go ahead, Dave.

14 MR. RAYBURN: Yeah.

## INTERVIEW OF TAYLOR RAMSEY

15  
16 BY MR. RAYBURN:

17 Q. I'm going to do -- we have pretty much a standardized  
18 interview process. I'll get -- towards the end of the interview,  
19 I'll ask about the accident circumstances, probably ask a lot of  
20 general information just to kind of put you at ease and to let you  
21 know the standard information that we ask everybody. Let's see.  
22 So you're age 27?

23 A. Yes, sir.

24 Q. Okay. And I want to make sure the police report has got your  
25 address, which is right -- they got [REDACTED]

1 A. Um-hmm.

2 Q. Okay. And zip code is 29621?

3 A. (No audible response.)

4 Q. Okay. And what is your phone number?

5 A. [REDACTED].

6 Q. [REDACTED]

7 [REDACTED] (No audible response.)

8 Q. And that's [REDACTED]? Is that a cell or a home phone?

9 A. Cell.

10 Q. Cell? Okay. And let's see. Are you married?

11 A. No.

12 Q. Okay. And how many years have you been working as a driver,

13 counting this job and other jobs?

14 A. Just this job. I've been here for roughly 2½, 3 years.

15 Q. Yeah. Okay. And what other types of employment have you

16 had?

17 A. Some were admin --

18 Q. Admin?

19 A. -- and retail.

20 Q. Okay. And did you have any college?

21 A. Hmm?

22 Q. Did you have any college hours?

23 A. Yeah. I did schooling for billing and coding, and then did a

24 little bit of just the normal classes when I graduated high

25 school.

1 Q. Okay. And I went over with Sandy some of the training that  
2 you did. I've got your DDC certificates and your training that  
3 you went on that -- I understood, orientation and the training is  
4 about 2 weeks?

5 A. Um-hmm.

6 Q. Okay. And then I want to go over kind of like your work/rest  
7 cycle for the couple -- 3 days leading up to the accident. So the  
8 accident was Wednesday. So --

9 A. Huh-uh, it was Tuesday.

10 MS. HARRISON: No, it was Tuesday.

11 MR. KAMINSKI: Tuesday.

12 MR. RAYBURN: Tuesday, Tuesday.

13 MR. KAMINSKI: Yeah, I've got, accident was approximately --

14 MR. RAYBURN: I'm confused.

15 MR. KAMINSKI: -- 3:20 p.m.

16 MR. RAYBURN: Yeah. The -- we flew in from all over the  
17 place and --

18 MR. KAMINSKI: And he didn't get in until 5:00 in the  
19 morning. His flight was 6 hours late, so he's drained.

20 MR. RAYBURN: So on --

21 MR. NASH: And he's fixing to get married.

22 MS. RAMSEY: Oh, my.

23 MR. KAMINSKI: Yeah.

24 BY MR. RAYBURN:

25 Q. On Tuesday, about what time did you wake up?

1 A. I'm an early riser, so I get up about 4:45 to 5:00.

2 Q. And time of sleep that night before?

3 A. Oh, I go to bed at like 8:30.

4 Q. 8:30?

5 A. Yeah, or 9:00.

6 Q. And let's go back day before that on Monday. Did you work  
7 Monday also?

8 A. Um-hmm. I drove Monday as well. So I got up same thing.

9 Q. Same thing?

10 A. Yeah.

11 Q. Okay. Monday night?

12 A. Same thing, 8:30 to 9:00.

13 Q. And Sunday, were you off that day?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. You remember what you did all day or --

16 A. Well, my daughter's father is in jail, so I took her to his  
17 visit. That's all I did Sunday.

18 BY MR. KAMINSKI:

19 Q. And you woke up early, the same time?

20 A. Probably a little bit -- no, probably about 7:00 to 8:00 that  
21 day.

22 Q. Okay. But you went to bed --

23 A. I always go to bed early, yeah.

24 Q. Okay, 8:30 to 9:00?

25 A. Yeah.



1 BY MR. RAYBURN:

2 Q. And how old is your daughter?

3 A. Five.

4 Q. Five. Okay. A couple medical questions. What's your height  
5 and weight?

6 A. Probably 160, 5'5".

7 Q. And do you have a primary care doctor?

8 A. [REDACTED].

9 Q. [REDACTED]?

10 A. Yeah. He's in Greer.

11 MR. KAMINSKI: [REDACTED]?

12 MS. RAMSEY: Um-hmm.

13 MR. KAMINSKI: And he's in Greer?

14 MS. RAMSEY: Um-hmm.

15 MR. RAYBURN: How long have you seen him?

16 MS. RAMSEY: Five, 6 years. He's my daughter's doctor as  
17 well.

18 MR. KAMINSKI: What was the first name?

19 MS. RAMSEY: [REDACTED].

20 BY MR. RAYBURN:

21 Q. Let's see. Do you have any ongoing medical conditions or --

22 A. Huh-uh.

23 Q. Good health?

24 A. Um-hmm.

25 Q. And do you take any medications?

1 A. None. I've been taking Sudafed, but I haven't taken any in a  
2 few days. Because I had a cough and stuff. But no, I don't take  
3 anything every day, any day.

4 Q. When is the last time you took some Sudafed? Do you  
5 remember?

6 A. Probably about 4 or 5 days ago. It wasn't working.

7 Q. The -- I think Sandy said that when you all are hired, you  
8 have to give a medical history?

9 A. I'm sure, yeah.

10 Q. Yeah.

11 A. [REDACTED].

12 Q. Yeah, okay. Okay. I'm going to go into just the general  
13 accident circumstances. You can tell me -- we can start wherever  
14 you want to and just kind of describe what happened on that day.

15 A. The whole day, or leading up to the work?

16 Q. You can start wherever you want to, and --

17 A. Well, at 2:30 we load up the individuals for our p.m. route,  
18 because we do a.m. and p.m.

19 Q. Yeah.

20 A. So we loaded up right out here. And we have a roll-call  
21 sheet on the bus. So once everybody boards, you yell out their  
22 names and you mark them off. A few of mine didn't come that day,  
23 so we were ahead of schedule. Normally we wouldn't be right there  
24 at 3:30. And so we had left here and went towards Honea Path.  
25 And I had just dropped off Lamar, and I was coming back to Belton

1 to drop off Kevin, was my next stop. I think it's Belton-Honea  
2 Path Highway is what they call it.

3 Q. Um-hmm.

4 A. But we had just got over the railroad tracks. And that's  
5 when -- I don't know how far we were from the railroad tracks,  
6 but -- it wasn't a mile, but we weren't on them or -- you know, we  
7 were a good --

8 Q. Yeah, just a few hundred yards past?

9 A. Yeah. And that's when I saw the SUV. I thought it was white  
10 for some reason. Everybody's saying it was black. But I don't  
11 know; I thought it was white. But I saw her coming into our lane,  
12 and felt just like I had a second to react. So I grabbed my wheel  
13 just as hard as I could and braced myself, because I knew she was  
14 going to hit us. And that was when she hit. And then it felt  
15 like she hit again closer to the side of the bus almost. And then  
16 we started spinning, and it felt like we were flipping. But I  
17 don't think we flipped, it just felt like we were flipping. And  
18 then we kind of landed on the side of the road. And I don't know  
19 if there's a ditch or just from when she had knocked off the  
20 wheels, but we were slanted in the bus.

21 Q. Yeah. Okay. Did -- when you drive, do you use like your  
22 cruise control or --

23 A. No, they don't work on the bus.

24 Q. You didn't have one? Oh, okay.

25 A. No, they have them, but they're old. They don't -- nothing

1 works on them. You're lucky if you get a good radio station.

2 Q. Do you remember about how fast you were driving?

3 A. Probably 45, 46. It starts to slow down. It's -- I think it  
4 was around like 55, then it goes down to 45, and then when you  
5 get -- because we were kind of on the outskirts of Belton City, so  
6 it'll start to go down to 35, and then it'll drop down to 25 once  
7 you get into the actual town.

8 Q. So you were coming out of a 55 zone --

9 A. Yeah.

10 Q. -- going into a 45? Okay.

11 A. About the stretch where I was, is where we all start to slow  
12 down going into town.

13 Q. On the -- after the accident occurred, how did you -- did you  
14 notify the police on your phone or --

15 A. I lost my phone. Once we stopped spinning, we were slanted.  
16 And so it was about five seconds, and I just threw off my seatbelt  
17 and I turned it off. And the steering wheel was smoking, and I  
18 didn't know it smoked some airbag (indiscernible), and my first  
19 reaction was, the bus is going to catch on fire. And there was a  
20 lot of people that were out there, and I was just screaming for  
21 someone to help us. I kept screaming, I have adults with  
22 disabilities, I got to get them off.

23 I crawled out of the driver's seat. I had to scoot like  
24 backwards, because I couldn't just lift my leg up like I normally  
25 would to go out. I had to crawl out. And I pulled myself up with

1 the steps on the bus, and that's when I started -- did the latch  
2 on the door. And I was kicking it as hard as I could, and I  
3 couldn't get it opened.

4 BY MR. KAMINSKI:

5 Q. Was that an entry door?

6 A. Yeah, because the driver's side, you couldn't open it at all.

7 A. Because you're on an incline?

8 Q. Yeah. And once I couldn't get the door open, I looked back  
9 and Chris and Tyler were alert and talking. And I just touched  
10 them kind of on the neck and told them it was okay. And then I  
11 looked around. That's when I saw Kevin and Karen. And I just  
12 told them I was going to get everybody off. So I went back to the  
13 door, and I was kicking it just like hard. I was punching  
14 everything. I was trying just to get anything open. And that's  
15 when two gentlemen ran up. And I finally got the door to kick  
16 open, and they opened the back door where you get the wheelchairs  
17 out.

18 I told Chris and Tyler to jump off and run. They jumped off.  
19 And then I got Karen. I carried Karen off and handed her off to  
20 just a bystander out there. I went back on the bus, and Kathy was  
21 screaming. Her arm, I could tell, was completely broke. And  
22 Kevin was -- you could tell Kevin was still buckled in, but the  
23 whole side of the bus was just gone. And Kevin was just doubled  
24 over like that. Then

25 I went to the wheelchairs, and the guys were saying, we need

1 a knife, we need a knife. And I said, no, there's buckles.  
2 They're hooked in on two sets of hooks, and then they have a lap  
3 belt that goes over. So I started undoing their buckles. And I  
4 grabbed Jimmy. And I held -- kind of like held him up. And then  
5 a gentleman got him, got his shoulders, and I grabbed his feet,  
6 and we lowered him off the back. And then I did the same for  
7 Jennifer. I kind of picked her up, and then I just carried her  
8 over to the back and they lowered her down, and I lowered her feet  
9 down because she can't walk at all. And then I went back to  
10 Kathy, and she was just screaming. And I was just kissing her,  
11 telling her that I'm not leaving her. And the -- she kept saying,  
12 Kevin's dead. And I said, no, he's okay.

13 And then about that time, I think a few volunteer  
14 firefighters got there first.

15 MR. RAYBURN: So two kids, they had wheelchairs?

16 MS. RAMSEY: Um-hmm. And then --

17 MR. KAMINSKI: They were adults, they weren't two kids.

18 MS. RAMSEY: No, they were all adults.

19 MR. KAMINSKI: They're all adults, yeah.

20 MS. RAMSEY: There's no kids. They're all adults, yeah. And  
21 when they got there, I kept screaming that I needed a guy or  
22 someone to come -- because the windows were kind of blown out.  
23 But if I unbuckled her seatbelt, she was going to fall.

24 BY MR. KAMINSKI:

25 Q. Because that door -- because the side door wasn't

1 (indiscernible)?

2 A. Because there was nothing there to hold her. And her arm, I  
3 mean this -- it was this arm that was completely black and blue.  
4 So I just kept wiping the blood away. And I kept --

5 Q. And it was Kathy?

6 A. Kathy, yeah. And I kept telling her it was okay.

7 And then they all -- first responders got there. I think it  
8 was a lot of the firefighters first that were there before EMS got  
9 there. And once they got there, they kind of like ushered me off.  
10 And I got off, and I was screaming that -- I guess in the process,  
11 one of the bystanders said, you kept screaming that you have a  
12 five-year-old you had to get a hold of. And so I gave them my  
13 number, and they found my phone somewhere. And then I started  
14 making calls.

15 And I kept running to Tyler and Chris and made sure they were  
16 okay. And then I went back on the bus and found the book that we  
17 keep that has our -- we do a van check-off where we check off just  
18 everything on the van, the mileage, the number, everything. So  
19 I -- in that book, there's also a log that says who was on that  
20 bus on that day. And I grabbed that list and just ripped it out  
21 of the binder, and I started running around counting heads to make  
22 sure I could account for everybody that was on the bus. And then  
23 the troopers got there, and they started asking me questions.

24 BY MR. RAYBURN:

25 Q. The -- at the time of the accident, were you on the cell

1 phone at all or --

2 A. No.

3 Q. No?

4 A. No.

5 Q. Okay. And I didn't even ask you about more -- let me -- your  
6 work day. You know, I asked you like when you got up and when you  
7 went to sleep. But like what time do you normally go to work?

8 A. Well, it's different. On route days, we start at 7:00 in the  
9 morning, and my particular route leaves off at Belton CTH. Some  
10 routes leave from right here, but we don't. So I left my house  
11 probably about 6:25, 6:30, drove to Belton. And we go inside of  
12 that CTH and clock in. And three of my girls that were on the  
13 bus, that's where they live, they live in that CTH. So they're  
14 the first ones on the bus, and then we do our route. And then we  
15 usually get back here -- just different times. It depends on if  
16 you have a full route. That day, I didn't have a full route.  
17 Some days are different. Kevin only comes Tuesdays and Thursdays.  
18 So not every individual comes every day.

19 Q. Yeah. So what time do you get off in the afternoon?

20 A. We always -- I would have probably landed at Belton CTH a  
21 little bit earlier. But roughly about 4:20, 4:30 is when we clock  
22 out. Belton route is one of the longer routes out of some of the  
23 routes.

24 Q. So you're typically working from 6:30 or 7:00 to about, what?

25 A. On route days, it's about 7:00 to 4:30.



1 Q. 7:00 to 4:30.

2 A. But on the other days, if we don't do route, we come here at  
3 8:00 and we get off an hour earlier. So I'd say I drove route 2  
4 days that week.

5 Q. Yeah.

6 A. The other 2 days, I get off at 3:30.

7 Q. Yeah.

8 A. That way, it's never over 40 hours.

9 MR. KAMINSKI: But Monday and Tuesday, you were working a  
10 route?

11 MS. RAMSEY: Yeah.

12 MR. KAMINSKI: Okay.

13 MS. RAMSEY: So those we call our longer days, because  
14 they're 7:00 to 4:30.

15 MR. RAYBURN: So you basically clock in and out? There's a  
16 time record of when you clock in and out?

17 MS. RAMSEY: Um-hmm.

18 MR. RAYBURN: Okay. Yeah, I need you to check on that --

19 MS. HARRISON: Okay, I can provide --

20 MR. RAYBURN: -- time record for --

21 MS. HARRISON: I can provide that for you.

22 MR. RAYBURN: -- like the week before or whatever.

23 MS. HARRISON: Okay.

24 MR. RAYBURN: And then I need you to check on her drug test  
25 that you all -- you all did a drug test, I think?

1 MS. HARRISON: Unfortunately, we did not.

2 MR. RAYBURN: You didn't?

3 MS. HARRISON: Did not, no. Our policy is that we may do it.  
4 But she was -- she came in -- they -- she tried to get them to do  
5 it at the hospital. We don't have anything set up for them to do  
6 it at the hospital. And when she came in yesterday, of course,  
7 everyone was -- we had an appointment for her and everyone was  
8 talking to her, and so it delayed her a little bit.

9 MR. RAYBURN: Yeah.

10 MS. HARRISON: So she did not. But our policy says, we may  
11 drug test.

12 MR. RAYBURN: Sure.

13 MS. HARRISON: But -- and our practice is, if it was deemed  
14 her fault, she would've been, absolutely.

15 MR. RAYBURN: Yeah. I thought that's what she had said  
16 earlier, if we were at fault.

17 MS. HARRISON: Right.

18 MR. RAYBURN: Yeah.

19 MS. HARRISON: Correct.

20 MR. RAYBURN: I think that kind of mirrors the DOT drug  
21 rules. But --

22 MS. HARRISON: Right, exactly.

23 MR. RAYBURN: Yeah, okay.

24 Did -- were you injured physically, I mean from the accident  
25 at all?

1 MS. RAMSEY: No, I'm just bruised real bad from the seatbelt.

2 BY MR. KAMINSKI:

3 Q. Your shoulder? And it came down to the waist?

4 A. Yeah. You can see like the bruise from the belt, and then my  
5 boobs.

6 Q. Is it -- so it comes across all the way --

7 A. Yeah.

8 Q. -- across your breasts and everything? How far down on your  
9 side here?

10 A. Just like right here to here.

11 Q. Okay.

12 A. And my breast has got a bad bruise on it.

13 MR. RAYBURN: That's some of the things we do, is -- I'll  
14 bring that up momentarily. Yeah, we made a bunch of  
15 recommendations to the medium-sized bus manufacturers to put full  
16 lap shoulder belts on the -- all the seating positions in the  
17 back, because sometimes, smaller children can't tolerate wearing  
18 all that belt by itself. So that's why -- that's probably one of  
19 the main reasons we initiated this investigation, because it  
20 involved a medium bus with just lap belts.

21 MS. RAMSEY: Okay.

22 MR. KAMINSKI: And we have done several other crashes with  
23 these medium-sized buses with the lab belts, and these lab belts  
24 are causing some injuries to people.

25 MR. NASH: They were telling me about one in Texas where

1 everyone on the bus --

2 MR. KAMINSKI: It was high-speed. There was two vehicles  
3 going 60 miles an hour. Same -- almost the same bus, except there  
4 was no wheelchair. And it was just an off speed, and they were  
5 offset. And they hit, and 13 of 14 people died.

6 MR. RAYBURN: Yeah.

7 MR. KAMINSKI: And they were all belted, lap belted. It was  
8 just such a high speed.

9 MS. HARRISON: Right.

10 MR. KAMINSKI: And they were elderly. They were 60s, 70s,  
11 80s.

12 MS. HARRISON: Right. Wow.

13 MR. RAYBURN: For the tech recording, could I get you to say  
14 your name and position?

15 MS. HARRISON: Oh, absolutely. My name is Hope Harrison.  
16 I'm the HR director.

17 MR. KAMINSKI: Thank you.

18 MR. RAYBURN: And --

19 MR. NASH: My name is Marshall Nash. I'm the grounds and  
20 fleet manager.

21 MR. RAYBURN: Marshall, can you think of anything that --

22 BY MR. KAMINSKI:

23 Q. Well, I was going to ask, when you -- so I know in the  
24 training, they teach you how to secure the wheelchairs --

25 A. Um-hmm.

1 Q. -- you did that. And then following that, do you also make  
2 sure that everybody is wearing their lap belts properly?

3 A. Um-hmm. And I will say --

4 Q. And do you buckle them yourself, or they --

5 A. It depends on the individuals. Like at the day program, I'm  
6 in the Doves Group, so a lot of my individuals you have to buckle  
7 yourselves. But a lot of -- majority of mine on my bus are very  
8 high-functioning. They know, that's the first things they do is  
9 put their belts on.

10 Q. Okay.

11 A. Yeah. And your wheel -- you buckle your chairs last, just  
12 because it takes longer to get them all on and buckled.

13 Q. The wheelchairs last?

14 A. Right. So when you walk through, you always just kind of  
15 scan both ways. They're very good about putting seatbelts on. We  
16 go over safety over there. We have like different classes, I  
17 guess you could say. So safety is one of them, and they know a  
18 lot about safety.

19 Q. Okay. Now, did you sit down with -- we did talk to one of  
20 the troopers earlier. He was with us today. But did you sit down  
21 and put together a seating chart where everyone was seated?

22 A. Um-hmm.

23 Q. Okay. And can -- if -- while we're talking, I may try to  
24 draw one out, but if you could, you know, put in their names of  
25 where they would have seated.

1 MR. RAYBURN: I think that --

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We've had some of the individuals have  
3 a little bit of trouble with the particular lap belt attachment  
4 points, the part where it would tighten it on their waists. Do  
5 you know if anybody have had any issues with that or might have  
6 just left it loose because it was difficult?

7 MS. RAMSEY: No. Like I said, certain individuals, yeah,  
8 you'd wonder when you double-check. But the ones on my bus that  
9 day, they're very smart. The seats are side by side, not --

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Not opposite-like?

11 MS. RAMSEY: Huh-uh.

12 MR. RAYBURN: (Indiscernible)?

13 MS. RAMSEY: No --

14 MS. HARRISON: Their seats are side by side.

15 MS. RAMSEY: -- their seats are side by side.

16 BY MR. KAMINSKI:

17 Q. Yeah. There's two seats here, and across, there's -- this is  
18 the stairs -- two seats, two seats?

19 A. Huh-uh. So here's me.

20 Q. Right.

21 A. I'll let you do a new one. I'll just put, driver.

22 Q. Right.

23 A. Okay. And then right next to me, you're going to have your  
24 stairs --

25 Q. Okay.

1 A. -- and then the seat. So two per seat. So there's a seat  
2 right behind me, and then right next to it, there's more seats.

3 Q. Right, okay.

4 A. So they're like -- and I believe there's three or four --

5 Q. Three rows.

6 A. -- set -- three rows.

7 Q. Right.

8 A. Okay. And then of course, you have your two --

9 Q. The tie-downs.

10 A. -- chairs in the back.

11 Q. And is that where those were -- that's where they were seated  
12 on each side of the door in the back?

13 A. Um-hmm, the wheelchairs, yeah. That's where they have to be  
14 when they're buckled in right there, yeah.

15 Q. Okay. And then we have Kevin. He was by the window?

16 A. Yeah. Kevin was right behind me.

17 Q. Was he -- anyone next to Kevin?

18 A. Huh-uh.

19 Q. And how about behind Kevin? Do you know who was seated?

20 A. Kathy.

21 Q. Was she in a window seat or aisle seat?

22 A. Most likely a window seat.

23 Q. Oh, yeah, she's the one with the broken left arm, yes.

24 MR. RAYBURN: Let's go ahead and go off the -- off. Any more  
25 questions?

1 MR. KAMINSKI: We can keep it on there.

2 MR. RAYBURN: Well, if you want to, go ahead.

3 MR. KAMINSKI: Yeah.

4 BY MR. KAMINSKI:

5 Q. And then there's nobody next to Kathy?

6 A. Not that I know of --

7 Q. Okay.

8 A. -- that I remember.

9 Q. And then how about behind -- was there anyone behind Kathy in  
10 either of those seats?

11 A. Let's start from up here of what I can remember correctly.

12 Pretty sure Chris and Tyler were sitting together right here.

13 Q. Okay. Chris was in the aisle?

14 A. No, he was probably the window seat. Tyler was in the aisle.

15 Q. Okay. And how about behind them?

16 A. Karen.

17 Q. Window or aisle?

18 A. Window.

19 MR. RAYBURN: There's all the kids' names.

20 MR. KAMINSKI: They're not kids; they're adults.

21 MS. RAMSEY: Yeah.

22 MR. RAYBURN: What?

23 MR. KAMINSKI: They're not kids; they're adults.

24 MR. RAYBURN: Oh.

25 MR. KAMINSKI: Okay.



1 BY MR. KAMINSKI:

2 Q. And anyone behind Karen, or in the third row? We have one,  
3 two, three --

4 A. Jimmy.

5 Q. -- four, five. We have two other people, seven. So that  
6 would be the other two.

7 A. Jimmy, Jennifer.

8 MS. HARRISON: We need to see that.

9 MS. RAMSEY: Let me see --

10 MS. HARRISON: Chris and Tyler, that's it.

11 MS. RAMSEY: Yeah, I don't think there was anybody --

12 MR. KAMINSKI: In the third row on each side. Okay.

13 BY MR. KAMINSKI:

14 Q. And then who --

15 A. No, because Lamar usually sits back here, but I had just  
16 dropped Lamar off.

17 Q. Right.

18 A. Yeah, I'm pretty sure Karen was right here. She might have  
19 been in the third one, but I'm almost certain. She usually sits  
20 in the same seat. A lot of them like to sit in the same seat.

21 Q. Sure.

22 A. Very routine.

23 Q. Right. Okay. And then who is seated on the driver's side?

24 A. Jennifer.

25 Q. Jennifer?

1 A. And Jimmy was on the left side.

2 MR. KAMINSKI: Okay. Yeah. Anything else?

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much for sitting in --

4 MR. RAYBURN: Yeah.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I'm sorry, I was a few minutes late.

6 But we appreciate it greatly. I know this has been very, very  
7 difficult for you and for everybody involved. It really helps us  
8 make these types of vehicles safer for everybody. And so we can  
9 appreciate how much this has taken its toll on everybody, but it  
10 helps us tremendously. So thank you.

11 MR. KAMINSKI: Thank you very much.

12 (Whereupon, the interview was concluded.)

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