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U.S. COAST GUARD INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Subject: ITV ROBERT CENAC allision with Rigolets Swing Bridge

Interview of: Carlos Chauvin

Date/Time: 13Jan21 1200

Phone: In person

MMLD: 2194915

Interviewed by: LT [REDACTED]

Others Present:

Interviewer Summary:

Captain CHAUVIN had just arrived to the vessel for a 14 day on, 7 day off schedule on 08Jan21. He has served as a Captain for 20 years and is very familiar with the area. He was serving as back watch when the incident occurred. The vessel was leaving Hermon Bay, MS and going to Port Beinville in Bay St. Louis, MS. They were pushing one empty 195' by 35' hopper barge. Captain CHAUVIN had just conducted his reliefs to take the watch. At approximately 2300 there was a train going across the Rigolets swing bridge, so he had to hold until the train passed. At approximately 2345 the bridge was open ready for the Captain to go through. He set up against the current, coming into the bridge span at an angle. As they got closer he and the deckhand noticed that the bridge looked like it was 3/4s of the way open. He immediately started backing down and the current was inbound and set him into the bridge when he was broadside. The barge went under the bridge causing a 6 inch gash on the top port deck corner. Captain CHAUVIN verified he was not on the phone during the time of the incident, nor was he under the influence of any drugs, prescription or otherwise.

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