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ALLISION BETWEEN THE ITV *JOHN 3:16* *
AND THE IMTT ST. ROSE DOCK IN *
ST. ROSE, LA ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2023 *

Accident No.: DCA23FM049

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Interview of: DAVID BOUDREAUX, Captain, ITV *John 3:16*
Marquette Transportation

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(10:22 a.m.)

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3 [REDACTED] Okay, so this is the interview of Captain
4 David Boudreaux. It is 19 September 2023 at 10:22. So this is an
5 interview concerning the contact between the *John 3:16* and the
6 dock at IMTT St. Rose on 12 September 2023.

7 Mr. Boudreaux, do I have your consent to record the
8 interview?

9 MR. BOUDREAUX: Yes.

10 [REDACTED] Okay, thank you. This is [REDACTED]
11 [REDACTED], with the Coast Guard.

12 MR. McINTYRE: Andrew McIntyre, M-c-I-n-t-y-r-e, Vice
13 President of Operations at Marquette.

14 MR. BOUDREAUX: David Boudreaux, B-o-u-d-r-e-a-u-x.

15 MR. McLEOD: Marty McLeod, Phelps Dunbar, for Marquette and
16 for Captain David Boudreaux.

17 MR. JOHNSTON: Derek Johnston, J-o-h-n-s-t-o-n, Marine
18 Accident Investigator, National Transportation Safety Board.

INTERVIEW OF DAVID BOUDREAUX

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20 BY [REDACTED]

21 Q. Okay. And so this is [REDACTED] again. If you
22 could just kind of walk us through your background, how long
23 you've been a mariner for, just kind of walk us through that.

24 A. Okay. I started in 2007 working for Deloach Marine and I
25 worked for them for 18 years. I was a deckhand for 5 years and I

1 got my license shortly after that. I've been driving a boat
2 since, I think, 2013 and I started working for Marquette when
3 Deloach went under. I've been working for them for about a year
4 now. And that's about it on that, I guess.

5 Q. And what do you do, what's your role with the company?

6 A. I'm a pilot for Marquette.

7 Q. And how long have you been on the *John 3:16*?

8 A. Three months.

9 Q. And what are your -- what are your -- what are your hitches?

10 A. My hitches, I work 28 and 14, 12-hour shifts.

11 Q. And just to confirm, what's your current address?

12 A. [REDACTED].

13 Q. Okay. And then your phone number?

14 A. [REDACTED].

15 Q. Okay. And so that last Tuesday, the 12th, where were you --
16 where were you at in your work rotation, where were you at in your
17 -- like on your hitch days?

18 A. My hitch or my watch?

19 Q. Your hitch.

20 A. I was 2 weeks into my hitch.

21 Q. Okay. And then if you could just walk us through, on the
22 12th, you just start when you got on watch and walk us through to
23 the incident and just try to be as descriptive and provide as much
24 detail as you can.

25 A. Okay. I got up about 11 o'clock like I do always and I ate,

1 went upstairs at midnight. We were just fleeting a barge and it
2 just got done. We tied the boat off, we shut them down, checked
3 the engines out, we do that every morning. We was waiting around
4 for orders and then I guess about 5:50, orders came in for us to
5 go to Reserve, pick up some barges. We left there. We started
6 heading out. That was, yeah, about 6 o'clock we was at Abraham
7 (ph.) anchorage and shortly after that, I hit right into the dock.

8 Q. And then what happened after that?

9 A. After I hit the dock?

10 Q. Um-hum.

11 A. Well, I started making phone calls. Made sure the boat was
12 all right, everybody was cool, we wasn't sinking, sent the
13 deckhands down there to check the boat out, make sure we wasn't
14 leaking, anything wasn't spilling. Then after that, that's when I
15 started making phone calls.

16 Q. Okay. So going back to before you got on watch, so you
17 would've got off at 12:00 the day before and you had your off
18 period, what did you do during that time?

19 A. Walked around the boat, I ate, took a shower, talked to my
20 wife.

21 Q. And did you sleep during that time?

22 A. Oh, yeah.

23 Q. How much sleep do you think you got that day?

24 A. I think it was about 3, 4 hours.

25 Q. And what time did you sleep from and to?

1 A. I can't remember the exact time, it was -- I can't remember
2 the exact time.

3 Q. And you normally -- so if you get off work, off watch at
4 12:00 in the afternoon, about what time do you go sleep?

5 A. Well, usually about 2 to 3 hours after I get off of watch.

6 Q. And then you'll sleep for 3 to 4 hours?

7 A. Well, sometimes I sleep more than that, yeah.

8 Q. Okay. But that day --

9 A. But that day that's what I only had.

10 Q. And why was that?

11 A. Me and my wife was having a little argument, we wasn't
12 getting along. We was spitting and spatting.

13 Q. And so you had an argument with your wife before --

14 A. We just got married, yes.

15 Q. And what about the day before, during your off time, how much
16 sleep did you get?

17 A. I got about 4 or 5 hours the night before.

18 Q. And so normally, how many hours of sleep would you say you
19 get on your off time?

20 A. Normally, about 5 hours.

21 Q. Okay. Was there anything -- so the day before, you said you
22 got 4 or 5 hours, why was that a little bit less than normal?

23 A. We was still fighting. She takes (ph.) a lot.

24 Q. She does what? Sorry.

25 A. Takes.

1 Q. Oh, okay. Okay. When you're not sleeping on your off time,
2 what are you doing?

3 A. Sometimes I walk around the boat, make sure if anything's not
4 kosher, make sure that the deckhands did their work. I do a
5 little wood carving sometimes to pass the time, recreation,
6 just --

7 Q. All right. So going back to the rest period when you were on
8 watch, so you said you got about -- okay, so midnight to 2:00, so
9 about -- that would bring us to about 6:00 that you woke up, is
10 that right, 6:00 p.m., from your nap? So if you got off watch
11 Monday afternoon, it was about 2 hours before you went to sleep,
12 you said you slept for about 4 hours, that would bring us to about
13 6:00, does that seem --

14 A. It seems about right.

15 Q. Okay. So then from the period of time when you woke up to
16 when you got on watch at midnight, what were you doing?

17 A. Well, I talked to my wife until about 11:00 and then I went
18 downstairs, ate, got ready to go to work.

19 Q. Okay. Do you see any of the crew members?

20 A. Yeah, I see -- oh, hell. I call him Chee-o (ph.), I can't
21 never remember his name. I saw the front watch guys, the guys on
22 front watch.

23 Q. And so you got on watch and then you said you didn't get
24 orders until 5:30?

25 A. We got our orders about 5:50, something like that, probably

1 around 5:50.

2 Q. And so in that period of time between when you got on watch
3 and when you got orders, the boat was tied off at the Azalea
4 Fleet?

5 A. Yeah, Azalea.

6 Q. Okay. And what were you doing during that time?

7 A. Sitting in the wheelhouse relaxing, just --

8 Q. Okay. And were you by yourself or was anybody else up there
9 with you?

10 A. I'm usually up there by myself, but one of my guys had
11 brought me some food, but they check on me every now and again.

12 Q. Okay. And when did he bring you food?

13 A. Oh, I'm going to say about 30 minutes or so before that
14 incident.

15 Q. So had you left Azalea Fleet --

16 A. Yeah.

17 Q. -- already and then he brought you food up?

18 A. Yeah.

19 Q. Okay.

20 A. Yeah.

21 Q. And what was the food?

22 A. Cinnamon rolls and milk.

23 Q. And did you eat that?

24 A. Yeah.

25 Q. Okay. So how long -- so do you know what mile marker Azalea

1 Fleet is?

2 A. One thirteen.

3 Q. Okay. And you were headed to Reserve, which is mile
4 marker --

5 A. One forty-two, one forty-three.

6 Q. One forty-two. Okay. And so when did you leave Azalea
7 Fleet, the same time you got orders?

8 A. Yeah, shortly after I got orders at about 5:50.

9 Q. Okay. And when you left at 5:50, how long is that --
10 normally, that transit between 113 and 142?

11 A. Well, it all depends on what you have on tow. It could vary.

12 Q. And you were light boat at this time, correct?

13 A. Yeah, we were light boat.

14 Q. Okay. Do you know what mile marker IMTT St. Rose is?

15 A. Oh, 118.7.

16 Q. Okay. And how long would you estimate it took you to go from
17 Reserve -- or sorry, Azalea to IMTT St. Rose?

18 A. How long?

19 Q. Yeah.

20 A. About an hour, maybe.

21 Q. And what speed was your vessel going?

22 A. I was doing about 7 knots.

23 Q. Okay. So as you're approaching, can you kind of talk me
24 through -- so you're heading up river, where is IMTT St. Rose
25 located?

1 A. Right before -- going up, it's right after the -- what is
2 that? Oh, hell. I'm going backwards now. It's right before
3 St. Rose Fleet.

4 Q. Is it on your port side?

5 A. It goes on my starboard side.

6 Q. Starboard side, okay. When you're transiting that area, are
7 there any turns or how would you describe --

8 A. Yeah.

9 Q. -- how you would navigate that area right there?

10 A. How I navigate?

11 Q. Yeah.

12 A. I use the RosePoint and my radar.

13 Q. And so that day, as you're transiting that area, what's the
14 last thing that you kind of remember?

15 A. The last thing I remember was running, passing by the
16 *Appaloosa*, he had like one barge, that was probably 6:35, 6:36,
17 somewhere around there.

18 Q. And then what do you remember next?

19 A. Hearing the dead man alarm, opening my eyes and there was the
20 dock. Boom. A split second later I was in the dock.

21 Q. And so the dead man alarm, can you kind of talk to me about
22 that? What do you know about the dead man alarm or when does it
23 go off?

24 A. All that I know is, is if you don't move for 2 minutes, it
25 goes off.

1 Q. And at this point, when you're passing IMTT St. Rose, are you
2 sitting in the chair or are you standing?

3 A. I was sitting.

4 Q. Sitting. Okay. And then immediately following the allision,
5 did -- did anybody -- did anybody come up to the wheelhouse?

6 A. When?

7 Q. Did anybody come up to the wheelhouse immediately following
8 the allision?

9 A. Oh, yes. Yes, everybody was coming up the stairs.

10 Q. Okay.

11 A. As soon as I hit, I turned around and there they are, they
12 was already up the stairs.

13 Q. And who was this?

14 A. Evans, Howard, Bernard. I think those was the first three I
15 saw.

16 Q. And what did they say to you?

17 A. Oh, I can't remember. They was just checking to see if I was
18 all right, but I can't remember what all they said.

19 Q. And did you say anything to them?

20 A. I just made sure they was all right. I gave them orders to
21 go check the boat out, see if it was taking on water, anything
22 like that.

23 Q. Okay.

24 A. And that's it.

25 Q. And then you also said you started making phone calls?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Who did you call?

3 A. I called Marquette.

4 Q. And who did you call with Marquette?

5 A. I can't even remember his name. I just started, I can't
6 remember all their names. Steve Richoux, I want to say. Does
7 that sound about right?

8 Q. Do you know what his position is?

9 A. No, I don't.

10 Q. Okay. Do you have like his specific number, is there a duty
11 line or like an on-call line or what number did you call?

12 A. There is a duty line, but I just called the number that I
13 called, that was in the phonebook.

14 Q. Okay.

15 A. Got it on the phone.

16 Q. Okay. Kind of going back to your rest that you had gotten
17 the day before, so you said you got 3 or 4 hours. When you woke
18 up to go to watch, did you feel tired?

19 A. Not really.

20 Q. Did you feel fatigued?

21 A. No.

22 Q. Do you normally drink coffee?

23 A. No.

24 Q. No. Do you take any sort of medication?

25 (No audible response.)

1 BY [REDACTED]

2 Q. Do you have any medical issues?

3 A. No, ma'am.

4 Q. Okay. Why do you think you fell asleep?

5 A. I don't know. Stress maybe, I don't know. I don't know. I
6 had good rest, I mean, I was -- I don't know.

7 Q. Stress from --

8 A. About my wife.

9 Q. Your deckhands, do they ever -- I know you said that one of
10 the deckhands had brought you some food. How often do they come
11 up to the wheelhouse?

12 A. They usually try and come up every hour, about once every
13 hour. If they're not working.

14 Q. And what is the purpose of them coming up every hour?

15 A. Check in to see if I need anything, if I need them to do
16 anything.

17 Q. How do you communicate with them?

18 A. We have a handheld radio.

19 Q. Okay. Did any of them put into the -- you know, your
20 approach to the dock, did they reach out at all on the radio?

21 A. No.

22 Q. Okay.

23 A. They might have.

24 Q. You didn't hear it?

25 A. I didn't hear.

1 Q. Okay. Do the deckhands ever serve as lookouts for you?

2 A. When I need it.

3 Q. Okay.

4 A. When the weather prevents, I need two eyes more.

5 Q. Okay. And when do you need them?

6 A. (Indiscernible) or I'm going through a bridge or I'm pushing
7 a crane barge where I can't see, it's limited visibility.

8 Q. Did you need a deckhand during that transit to come and look
9 and serve as a lookout?

10 A. I was a light boat. I was the lookout, I had my radar and
11 RosePoint.

12 Q. Okay. And when you -- so you said you had made a phone call
13 to Marquette, that was the first person that you had called?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Okay. And what did you tell them?

16 A. That I had just hit a dock.

17 Q. Okay. Did you tell them why?

18 A. I can't remember now, at that time, if I did or not.

19 Q. Did they ask?

20 A. Oh, yes.

21 Q. So Marquette asked why you hit the dock and you don't
22 remember telling them anything, is that what you're saying?

23 A. When I called them, I didn't tell them. When they asked, I
24 told them.

25 Q. Okay. And what did you tell them?

1 A. That I fell asleep.

2 Q. Okay. Was that during the initial phone call with them?

3 A. Yeah.

4 Q. Did you call anybody else?

5 A. No.

6 MR. JOHNSTON: You good?

7 [REDACTED] Yeah, I'm good for now.

8 MR. JOHNSTON: Okay, all right.

9 BY MR. JOHNSTON:

10 Q. Captain, thanks for being with us here. I just got a few
11 questions to kind of fill in the blanks here. I want to back up
12 and just ask you some general questions about the *John 3:16*. How
13 many engines does the vessel have?

14 A. Two.

15 Q. Two. Do you know how much horsepower?

16 A. Two thousand.

17 Q. Two thousand, a thousand on each?

18 A. Right.

19 Q. On each engine? How many propellers?

20 A. Two.

21 Q. Two. And they're fixed pitch?

22 A. Don't know.

23 Q. Okay. How many rudders?

24 A. Two.

25 Q. Two. Do you have flanking rudders?

1 A. Yeah, flanking and stern rudders.

2 Q. Stern rudders, okay. And how many operating stations are on
3 the boat? Like, how many positions can you control steering and
4 propulsion?

5 A. Say that again.

6 Q. How many different spots on the boat can you control steering
7 and propulsion?

8 A. One.

9 Q. One. And were there any issues with steering or propulsion
10 leading up to the contact?

11 A. No, sir.

12 Q. Was there any issue with the steering and propulsion after
13 the contact?

14 A. No, sir.

15 Q. Okay. Were there any known kind of ongoing maintenance
16 issues that you had with the vessel?

17 A. No.

18 Q. No. And how would you say the vessel handles?

19 A. Beautiful.

20 Q. Good. Have you ever had a problem with it?

21 A. No.

22 Q. No. You said you had your radar set, your radar was on?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. How many radars do you have?

25 A. One.

1 Q. What was it set to, do you remember?

2 A. Three-quarters.

3 Q. Okay. And you said you use RosePoint for your ECS?

4 (No audible response.)

5 BY MR. JOHNSTON:

6 Q. Okay. Do you recall the draft of the boat at the time?

7 A. Nine-six or ten foot.

8 Q. Okay, thank you. Now, I know you said you weren't pushing
9 anything, but were there any forward visibility obstructions,
10 anything that was blocking your view?

11 A. No, sir.

12 Q. No. What was the weather like that day?

13 A. Clear.

14 Q. Clear. Were there any weather-related visibility issues?

15 A. No, sir.

16 Q. How was the river, was it --

17 A. Calm.

18 Q. Was it low water?

19 A. Yeah, low water. Wasn't hardly any current.

20 Q. Okay. Was there any traffic? How much traffic was on the
21 river that morning?

22 A. Minimum traffic.

23 Q. Yeah.

24 A. Not a lot.

25 Q. Did you have to make any arrangements as you departed the

1 Azalea Fleet?

2 A. Not me. I talked to a couple -- I let them know when I was
3 light boat, I was leaving light boat. I made arrangement with one
4 other boat.

5 Q. Do you recall when you made that?

6 A. That was *Ron Dean* (ph.) or *Ron Dan* (ph.), I think it was, at
7 around 6:18.

8 Q. Were they --

9 A. They had two barges.

10 Q. Okay.

11 A. They was rested up, I was overtaking them, I made
12 arrangements to overtake them on the two whistle.

13 Q. No issues with that?

14 (No audible response.)

15 BY MR. JOHNSTON:

16 Q. No. And you were enhanced D-REB (ph.)? You were driving the
17 boat by hand?

18 A. Right.

19 Q. Okay. And there were six crew on board, correct?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And was that typical for a crew complement on the *John 3:16*?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Who's on watch with you at the time?

24 A. Howard and Evans.

25 Q. Two deckhands?

1 A. Two deckhands.

2 Q. Okay. And what are their responsibilities when you're
3 transiting from fleeting areas?

4 A. When we're transiting, they don't have anything to do, they
5 clean up, get ready for the next watch and stuff like that,
6 maintain the boat.

7 Q. Okay.

8 A. Do whatever needs to be done.

9 Q. And you guys were -- you all were engaged in just moving
10 around barges for the fleets?

11 A. Yes, sir.

12 Q. Was that normal, that's what you all typically do?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Yeah, okay. So when you took the watch at midnight,
15 correct --

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. -- was there anything discussed with the off-going captain?

18 A. We discussed what was going on at the time, for what we was
19 going to do next, what our orders were to do next.

20 Q. Okay. Was there anything significant noted or was it
21 pretty --

22 A. Pretty simple.

23 Q. Business as usual?

24 A. Finished tying off the barge up ahead --

25 Q. Okay.

1 A. -- and stand by waiting for orders.

2 Q. Did he note anything that was kind of amiss with the vessel,
3 any systems on board that were giving him problems?

4 A. It was good.

5 Q. Okay. So when you're on the bridge, are there any
6 administrative tasks that you have to do that are not necessarily
7 related to navigation?

8 A. What do you mean?

9 Q. Paperwork or anything.

10 A. We do our regular log. My log.

11 Q. Okay, just the log?

12 A. Safety meetings and safety drills, stuff like that.

13 Q. And just prior to the contact with the pier, what were you --
14 what were you doing?

15 A. Prior to the drill?

16 Q. Yeah.

17 A. Just driving the boat.

18 Q. Just driving the boat. Do you ever use your cell phone on
19 the bridge?

20 A. No, hardly ever.

21 Q. Do you have it with you on the bridge?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Is there any instance where you would be using your cell
24 phone on the bridge for --

25 A. No.

1 Q. Okay.

2 A. My wife, she knows not to call when I'm at work.

3 Q. Okay.

4 A. When I'm working, so --

5 Q. So about the dead man alarm, you said it will alarm every 2
6 minutes; if it doesn't, it detects --

7 A. No movement.

8 Q. If there's motion and then --

9 A. If there's motion.

10 Q. -- controls movement.

11 A. Yeah. Yeah.

12 Q. Is that something, is the 2 minutes, is that something that
13 you can change?

14 A. I have no idea.

15 Q. Have you ever changed it?

16 A. No.

17 Q. It's always been 2 minutes?

18 A. Yeah, I don't know.

19 Q. Okay. Let's see, sorry. Do you remember the alerter system
20 sounding from your transit from the Azalea up the river to the
21 Reserve?

22 A. I didn't. I don't know, I don't think it did.

23 Q. So when it sounded after contact with the pier, is that
24 probably the first time --

25 A. That's when I heard it.

1 Q. Okay. Would you say that when it sounded, that woke you up?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Okay. And so you were assigned to the midnight to noon
4 watch?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. You work the same watch hours the whole time you're on board?

7 A. No. When the captain comes back on, I go to my regular
8 watch.

9 Q. What's your regular watch?

10 A. From noon to midnight.

11 Q. When were you last on the noon to midnight watch?

12 A. When I got off the boat from my 2 weeks off.

13 Q. Okay. How long had you been on the midnight to noon watch?

14 A. I got on the boat on the 30th.

15 Q. So you've been on that midnight to noon watch --

16 A. For 2 weeks.

17 Q. -- for about 2 weeks, the whole time you've been on board?

18 A. Yeah.

19 Q. Okay. So during that hitch, you had only been on the
20 midnight to noon.

21 A. Right, right.

22 Q. Okay, I understand.

23 A. Right.

24 Q. Thank you. In the days kind of leading up, when you were off
25 watch, was there any -- was there any sort of unexpected work that

1 came up that you had to help out with on board?

2 A. No.

3 Q. And so you said when you got -- when you took watch at
4 midnight, were you guys at anchor or tied up somewhere or was the
5 vessel --

6 A. No, I took the boat from the -- where we tie up the empties
7 to where we tie up the loads.

8 Q. Okay.

9 A. Then we tied off and then we shut the engines down.

10 Q. Okay, so you guys, you took watch at midnight and then you
11 finished up moving whatever barges you were moving?

12 A. No, the barge was already -- they just finished tying it up.

13 Q. I understand.

14 A. The deckhands were out there tying it up.

15 Q. Okay. And then you all shut down and waited there until you
16 got the call for the job?

17 A. Right.

18 Q. Does that call come through on the radio or your cell phone?

19 A. It doesn't, it come through an e-mail.

20 Q. Oh, okay. Understood, thank you. So there were a few hours
21 there you were just kind of waiting on standby. What were you
22 doing on the -- on the bridge, was there anything going on?

23 A. Like I said, I do a little wood carving.

24 Q. Yeah.

25 A. I was just sitting there relaxing, listening to the radio.

1 Q. Did you fall asleep during that time?

2 A. I don't think so.

3 Q. No. Do you have any medical conditions that affect your
4 sleep quality, anything that --

5 A. No.

6 Q. -- keeps you from sleeping? No. And you don't take any
7 medications or --

8 A. No.

9 Q. -- Nyquil or anything?

10 A. No.

11 Q. Okay. How do you track your own work/rest hours, is it just
12 -- do you track them yourself or is there a system that you use or
13 a form?

14 A. No, just our log where we sign on where we get off watch, on
15 the computer.

16 Q. Okay.

17 A. Try to get it that way.

18 Q. Does Marquette, do they have a work/rest or a fatigue policy?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Do you know what it says?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Okay. Can you describe it?

23 A. I can't, I don't have it memorized, but --

24 Q. Okay.

25 A. -- I know you're supposed to get your rest, your maximum of

1 rest, you got to rest and make sure you get your rest --

2 Q. Okay.

3 A. -- which is 8 to 10 hours. You're not supposed to work more
4 than 12 hours.

5 Q. And when you're off rotation, when you're off your hitch, in
6 your downtime, how much sleep do you normally get at your house?

7 A. At my house?

8 Q. Yeah, when you're off work.

9 A. Ooh. Maybe 4 or 5 hours.

10 MR. JOHNSTON: Okay. I think that's all the -- that's all
11 the questions I have, thank you.

12 BY [REDACTED]

13 Q. Okay, this is [REDACTED], I have some additional
14 questions. Talking about company policy for work/rest, does the
15 company give you any guidance on what to do if you don't get
16 adequate sleep or sleep below what's required from them? Do they
17 give any guidance or tell you what to do?

18 A. No, they leave it to my discretion, I mean.

19 Q. Okay. Have you ever contacted company -- while you've been
20 working for Marquette, have you ever contacted them and said you
21 haven't been getting enough sleep?

22 A. No, I haven't.

23 Q. Okay. And then during that period of time where you were
24 waiting at Azalea to get your orders, did the deckhands come up at
25 any point during that time?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. They did?
- 3 A. Yeah.
- 4 Q. Okay.
- 5 A. I think Howard came up to clean up a little bit.
- 6 Q. Okay. Just one time or multiple times?
- 7 A. Just once. They was busy doing their little cleanup, yeah.
- 8 Q. And then as far as cell phone use, do you know, does
- 9 Marquette have a policy on cell phone use? Are you aware of any
- 10 company policy related to cell phones?
- 11 A. I know we're not supposed to use them while we're on tow and
- 12 stuff.
- 13 Q. You're not supposed to use them on tow?
- 14 A. While working on tow.
- 15 Q. Okay.
- 16 A. Or on watch.
- 17 Q. Is on tow, is that different than on watch?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. Can you explain?
- 20 A. When you're on a tow, you're on a tow.
- 21 Q. Meaning you actually have a barge that you're towing?
- 22 A. Yeah. Right, right.
- 23 Q. Okay.
- 24 A. That's a tow.
- 25 Q. Okay. And then do you -- as far as any communication with

1 the Coast Guard, what are your responsibilities as a captain when
2 an incident happens like this? Are you responsible for notifying
3 the Coast Guard?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Okay. Did you notify the Coast Guard in this case?

6 A. I did not, no.

7 Q. Okay. Why not?

8 A. I was just all shook up, I didn't -- I wasn't thinking
9 straight, I guess.

10 Q. Do you know, is the expectation of your company that you
11 would notify the Coast Guard in an event like this?

12 A. Say that again.

13 Q. Is it the expectation of your company, does Marquette expect
14 you to make the notification to the Coast Guard? Do you know?

15 A. No, I don't know.

16 Q. When you were in the wheelhouse and there was the impact with
17 the dock, did things in the wheelhouse shift around at all?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Okay. What did? Can you kind of describe it to me?

20 A. The filing cabinet behind me, it was moved forward. They had
21 some -- a shelf back there and some of the stuff fell off the
22 shelf and --

23 Q. Yeah.

24 A. -- knocked stuff off over the deck.

25 Q. Did you spill anything on yourself?

1 A. Yeah, some milk.

2 Q. Did you tell your company, did you pass to your company that
3 that all happened?

4 A. I can't remember.

5 [REDACTED] Okay. Did you have anything else?

6 BY MR. JOHNSTON:

7 Q. You talked about the cell phone policy, you said the policy
8 applied when in tow, on tow.

9 A. Yeah.

10 Q. What about when not on tow, what's the cell phone policy
11 then?

12 A. We use our discretion, if they're doing their work, you know,
13 we allow it.

14 Q. Right.

15 A. The captains do. I mean, if they're not doing their work,
16 then we have to take it away from them, you know.

17 Q. Right. And is it for -- so if you have your cell phone on,
18 with you on watch when you're not on tow, is the cell phone use
19 for work purposes or is it you can just have it up there if you
20 want?

21 A. I don't talk on my phone.

22 Q. Okay.

23 A. I hardly ever talk on my phone --

24 Q. Yeah.

25 A. -- and it hardly ever rings.

1 Q. No, I just was trying to figure out, I was trying --

2 A. Yeah.

3 Q. -- to understand the difference. Yeah, okay.

4 A. I use the boat phone for the company.

5 MR. JOHNSTON: Right, okay.

6 BY [REDACTED]

7 Q. Kind of going back to, you know, when you were talking about
8 talking with your wife the day before and you said you were kind
9 of experiencing some stress with her.

10 A. I'm always stressed out with my wife.

11 Q. How long have you all been married for?

12 A. Almost a year.

13 Q. Almost a year?

14 A. Yeah.

15 Q. Okay. Because you had mentioned that you were feeling stress
16 related to that and how long had you been feeling stress for?

17 A. That night when I was talking to her she --

18 Q. Just that night?

19 A. Yeah.

20 Q. Okay.

21 A. She was --

22 Q. And when you talk to her, do you talk on the phone or do you
23 text?

24 A. A lot of texting, I don't talk on my phone much.

25 [REDACTED] Let me just make sure I didn't have any

1 other --

2 (Pause.)

3 [REDACTED] I think that's pretty good. So it is 11:01,
4 we'll conclude the interview.

5 (Whereupon, at 11:01 a.m., the interview concluded.)

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