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Interview of: BRIAN CAMPBELL, Wiper
Trident Seafoods

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I N T E R V I E W

(1:07 p.m.)

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3 CWO [REDACTED] This is Chief Warrant Officer [REDACTED] with the
4 U.S. Coast Guard conducting an interview at Trident Seafood's
5 facility in Tacoma, Washington. The date is Tuesday, April 11th
6 and the time is 1:07 Pacific Standard Time. In the room is
7 myself, [REDACTED], [REDACTED]

8 LT [REDACTED]: Lt. [REDACTED], last name is [REDACTED]
9 [REDACTED], Investigator, U.S. Coast Guard.

10 MS. NELSON: ATF Special Agent Keeli Nelson, N-e-l-s-o-n.

11 MR. PETRULAK: Special Agent Nathan Petrulak, P-e-t-r-u-l-a-
12 k, with ATF.

13 MR. HELLER: Special Agent Greg Heller, H-e-l-l-e-r.

14 MR. CAMPBELL: Brian Campbell, C-a-m-p-b-e-l-l.

15 MR. ALTENBRUN: And Larry Altenbrun, I'm the attorney for
16 also representing Trident Seafoods. My last name is spelled A-l-
17 t-e-n-b-r-u-n.

18 CWO [REDACTED] All right. I think we have our gentlemen on the
19 phone.

20 CAPT. FLAHERTY: Hi, I'm David Flaherty. Last name is
21 spelled F-l-a-h-e-r-t-y. I'm with the National Transportation
22 Safety Board.

23 CWO [REDACTED] All right. Brian, thanks for coming in today.

24 INTERVIEW OF BRIAN CAMPBELL

25 BY CWO [REDACTED]

1 Q. If you would, just start out -- what your position on board
2 and then how long you've been on board?

3 A. A wiper and I've been on board, as of today, two weeks.

4 Q. Two weeks.

5 A. Today would have been two weeks.

6 Q. And how long have you been with Trident?

7 A. Two weeks.

8 Q. Two weeks, okay. Do you have a merchant mariner credential?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Okay. And how long have you had that credential?

11 A. Just prior to getting on board. It's fairly new.

12 Q. Fairly new, okay. Okay. If you would, just walk us through
13 from Friday. You were on board Friday on the vessel?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Okay. If you would, walk us through from the time -- well,
16 what you did on Friday, your job, and then just until when you
17 left the vessel?

18 A. So Friday I wasn't feeling well, so I went back to my bed,
19 slept till about noon. And I got up and they did ask me to work
20 on that toilet. So I fixed the seal on the toilet and put on a
21 new push button flusher.

22 Q. Okay.

23 A. And then I think I went out for some dinner right around
24 6:00. Got back to the boat around 7:00-ish and went to bed.

25 Q. Okay. And -- excuse me -- where were you sleeping at?

1 A. I was sleeping on the 02 level, starboard side, first room
2 in.

3 Q. Okay. Can you just on this, these set of diagrams here, I
4 think the next page if you can --

5 A. Well, I think this would have been probably the porthole.

6 Q. Okay.

7 LT [REDACTED]: And the third page?

8 MR. CAMPBELL: The third page?

9 LT [REDACTED]: We have larger ones if you want to use the big
10 ones.

11 MR. CAMPBELL: Probably right here.

12 LT [REDACTED]: Okay.

13 BY CWO [REDACTED]:

14 A. Okay. Can you just highlight it where you were staying at?

15 CAPT. FLAHERTY: Do you have the room number that coincides
16 with the plans?

17 CWO [REDACTED]: Thank you. We got a bigger set there that we can
18 read. Do you want to open that up?

19 LT [REDACTED]: Is that 020 -- or 02TAC20. Correct?

20 CWO [REDACTED] Let's get the bigger plans then we can -- so Brian
21 highlighted in orange the stateroom that he was in that night.

22 LT [REDACTED]: Third page?

23 CWO [REDACTED]: Third page, yes.

24 MR. CAMPBELL: 02-20.

25 CWO [REDACTED]: Okay. So the stateroom number is 02-20.

1 BY CWO [REDACTED]:

2 Q. Okay. So when you went to bed that night, was there anybody
3 else on board the vessel?

4 A. I don't believe so. Darryl Posti's (ph.) in there. I didn't
5 see anybody.

6 Q. Okay. And going through that -- to that stateroom, do you go
7 through the galley or any other common spaces?

8 A. You can come up from the main deck, which should be right
9 here, then come down and come up and then go here.

10 Q. Okay. So is that how you went?

11 A. No, I probably -- because I came from dinner, so I just came
12 up the walkway heading in right here.

13 Q. Okay. So the -- up the gangway onto the --

14 LT [REDACTED]: O2 deck.

15 BY CWO [REDACTED]:

16 Q. -- O2 deck.

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. All right. And then there's a door right there that you can
19 access?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Okay. All right. Is there any smoking areas on board that
22 you know of?

23 A. I don't -- I mean, I don't smoke so I don't know.

24 Q. Okay. All right. And how about in that area, is there any
25 -- do you guys have washer/dryers that you utilize?

- 1 A. They're up here.
- 2 Q. Okay.
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. So forward of your stateroom where you were sleeping?
- 5 A. Correct.
- 6 Q. All right. And those were operational for you --
- 7 A. Right.
- 8 Q. -- guys to utilize?
- 9 A. Correct.
- 10 Q. Okay. Do you -- so on the two weeks that you've been there,
- 11 have you been -- I know that you're on a drydock -- or not a
- 12 drydock but dockside availability, and that's when things are tore
- 13 and stuff. But were you educated on the fire control plan or
- 14 where fire extinguishers are?
- 15 A. No.
- 16 Q. Okay. Okay. So then you went to bed. When did you know
- 17 that there was a fire? When did you get woken up?
- 18 A. I woke up to the chief yelling and I'm not sure where he was
- 19 yelling from, but -- so I came out of my room, saw smoke. He
- 20 yelled grab what you can and get off the boat. I went back in my
- 21 room, grabbed my phone, wallet and keys that were all in the bunk
- 22 that's against this wall. I was staying in the bunk right here.
- 23 They're easy, accessible. So I grabbed those three things and
- 24 came back out.
- 25 Q. Okay. And when you left -- when you came out of your

1 stateroom and that, did you see smoke, flames?

2 A. I didn't see flames, I saw smoke.

3 Q. Okay. And can you describe the smoke? Was it -- did you see
4 it forward, was it completely -- you couldn't see anything?

5 A. I could see -- it was -- there was smoke everywhere, but you
6 could still see.

7 Q. Okay. Do you recall if it was black or white?

8 A. No.

9 Q. Okay.

10 A. It had a bad smell.

11 Q. It had a bad smell? Can you describe the smell? Acidic,
12 sweet?

13 A. (Indiscernible) smelling the whole time.

14 Q. Okay. All right. And do you recall what time that was that
15 you were woken up off the vessel?

16 A. I believe I was woken up probably around 3:15.

17 Q. And that's A.M.?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Okay.

20 A. Roughly in that timeframe.

21 Q. Okay. Did -- do you know if the chief or anybody else on
22 board the vessel attempt any firefighting?

23 A. I do know that when I came out, once I had my wallet, keys
24 and phone, I came out to the O2 level, and Keegan (ph.) and I went
25 this way --

1 Q. So you went --

2 A. -- around here, down a ladder. We're trying to straighten
3 out some firehoses for the firefighters that are coming up. And
4 they asked for more hose, we're trying to get some more hose to
5 put on the line. And by the time we got all that done, there was
6 a whole load of firefighters, so.

7 Q. Okay. So you came out of the -- out of that --

8 A. This door.

9 Q. -- the doorway just after the stateroom.

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. And you came down the O2 deck and came on -- and then went
12 down --

13 A. To the ladder somewhere in here --

14 Q. Okay.

15 A. -- down to the main deck. And so we're back here and the
16 smoke was confined -- pretty mostly up here. So we're able to not
17 get blasted by how much smoke -- so we're trying to get lines for
18 them. But by the time we're able to -- lengthen their hose, they
19 had more help coming.

20 Q. Okay. So just for the recording, you came out of your
21 stateroom, came back aft down the port side of the O2 deck, down
22 the ladder into the trawl deck?

23 A. No, it's the main deck.

24 Q. Okay. On to the main deck?

25 A. Yes, sir.

1 Q. And started faking out hoses --

2 A. They're already faked out. We're trying to straighten them
3 out, and we're trying -- Keegan was trying to grab the hose length
4 to add to it.

5 Q. Okay.

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And you said firefighters were coming on board. Who were the
8 firefighters?

9 A. I remember seeing two firefighters that were standing up on
10 the O2 deck as we were down here. I believe they eventually made
11 their way down the main deck possibly. But, yes, there was two
12 when we started and then when we gave up there was a whole --

13 Q. Okay. Was that Tacoma Fire Department or was it --

14 A. Oh, I don't know.

15 Q. You don't know? Okay. All right. I'll stop there.

16 CWO [REDACTED]: If anybody else has any questions, I'll go with --

17 BY LT [REDACTED]:

18 Q. Yes, this is Lt. [REDACTED] with the Coast Guard. I
19 just have a quick follow-up. Did you hear alarms as the chief
20 woke you up, were there fire alarms going off?

21 A. I did not hear any.

22 LT [REDACTED] And that was all I have.

23 CWO [REDACTED]: Okay.

24 BY MR. HELLER:

25 Q. This is Special Agent Heller with ATF. Just to explain a

1 little bit, our role in this is we have -- we're fire
2 investigators, and so we're here in the capacity to assist the
3 Coast Guard in trying to determine out how this thing started. So
4 I appreciate you chatting with us and all that. I had a couple of
5 questions about the timeline and then a little bit about what you
6 saw. So you went to dinner at about 6:00?

7 A. I went to Denny's, yes --

8 Q. Denny's --

9 A. -- 6:00-ish.

10 Q. -- around 6:00. And came back around 7:00?

11 A. 7:00.

12 Q. Okay.

13 A. I was probably in bed about 7:30 --

14 Q. Okay.

15 A. -- 8:00.

16 Q. When you came back, can you draw on here, like, you got to
17 your room? Like we can use maybe the blue.

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. And to the best of your knowledge. It's --

20 A. Oh, yes. I came up the gangway --

21 Q. Um-hum.

22 A. -- right here.

23 Q. Um-hum.

24 A. About here, came to my room here.

25 Q. Okay. And when you got to your room, do you have any idea

- 1 what time you actually went to sleep?
- 2 A. No.
- 3 Q. Okay.
- 4 A. Like I said I wasn't feeling good.
- 5 Q. Okay.
- 6 A. I mean, I can probably go back through my text messages. I
- 7 was texting my girlfriend, but I mean --
- 8 Q. I guess, it doesn't have to be exact, but did you stay up a
- 9 long time or did you --
- 10 A. No.
- 11 Q. -- sleep --
- 12 (Crosstalk)
- 13 A. No --
- 14 Q. When you walked in along this blue line --
- 15 A. Um-hum.
- 16 Q. -- did you see anything out of the ordinary, anything that --
- 17 A. No.
- 18 Q. -- stuck out to you as unusual for that night?
- 19 A. No.
- 20 Q. Okay. When you approached the boat that you live on, did you
- 21 see anything unusual --
- 22 A. No.
- 23 Q. -- during that approach? Okay. Did you encounter anyone
- 24 else on the boat or on the dock or anything?
- 25 A. No.

1 Q. Okay. And then you said that the first thing that woke --
2 and correct me if I'm wrong -- the first thing that woke you is
3 the chief yelling?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And you said you thought that was around 3:15?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. What is -- why do you think that? Did you look at your phone
8 or --

9 A. I must have looked at my phone or my watch. I mean --

10 Q. Did you wear --

11 (Crosstalk)

12 A. -- half-asleep --

13 Q. Got you, okay.

14 A. Maybe it was when I looked at -- or maybe it was when we
15 eventually got to the dock.

16 Q. Sure, totally understand. I was --

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. -- I didn't know if you had a --

19 (Crosstalk)

20 Q. -- clock in your room or it was on your watch or something.

21 Okay. All right. And so then when he's yelling, is he outside of
22 your room?

23 A. I don't see him.

24 Q. Okay. So you came outside of your stateroom, and you said
25 you saw smoke.

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. You said you could still see through it, and you weren't
3 totally sure what color. Was it in every direction that you
4 looked or was there any particular --
- 5 A. Well, it was in my hallway. I didn't go bow.
- 6 Q. Okay.
- 7 A. So I came out, he was yelling from somewhere.
- 8 Q. Um-hum.
- 9 A. He told me to get what I can, I went back in and then I went
10 starboard --
- 11 Q. Okay.
- 12 A. -- or I mean stern.
- 13 Q. And so you -- and did you see smoke in each of those
14 directions?
- 15 A. Yes, it was coming down the hallway and then out the doors.
- 16 Q. Okay. And then when you say coming down the hallways or
17 coming --
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. -- bow to stern. Okay.
- 20 A. And then when you out on the deck, you could definitely tell
21 it was here --
- 22 Q. Okay.
- 23 A. -- coming out.
- 24 Q. And then just so -- because we're going to talk to a lot of
25 people --

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. -- so I can keep it straight. Can you draw sort of about the
3 route that -- the best that you can remember of you coming out of
4 your room?
- 5 A. It would have been --
- 6 Q. If it overlaps, that's fine.
- 7 A. It would have been the same way --
- 8 Q. Okay.
- 9 A. -- down around here, I'm guessing either right here --
- 10 Q. Um-hum.
- 11 A. -- or right here by the ladder.
- 12 Q. Sure.
- 13 A. And --
- 14 (Crosstalk)
- 15 Q. Okay.
- 16 A. -- the main deck, and this is where we're getting some hoses.
17 And when I came back up, I went the same way, up the ladder around
18 this and down.
- 19 Q. When you were out here on the deck or at any point after you
20 left your room, did you see any actual flames?
- 21 A. No.
- 22 Q. Okay. So was there any point, while you were on the vessel,
23 you saw flame?
- 24 A. No flames while I was --
- 25 Q. Okay.

- 1 A. -- on the vessel.
- 2 Q. All right. And you said it was a bad smell when you stepped
3 -- was that initially when you stepped out of your room --
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. -- or was it when you woke -- okay.
- 6 A. No, I mean -- no, I didn't wake -- I mean, I didn't smell
7 anything while I was sleeping.
- 8 Q. Sure.
- 9 A. I didn't wake up to that.
- 10 Q. Okay. And did you -- and you said the bad smell is sort of
11 what we're smelling now?
- 12 A. Yes, just like -- I don't know.
- 13 Q. Sure, okay.
- 14 A. I mean, I've been involved through fire -- I mean, yes.
- 15 Q. Okay. Did you feel the heat at all when you were in the
16 hallway there?
- 17 A. No.
- 18 Q. Okay. And I think he asked -- there weren't any alarms or
19 strobes or anything going off at that point?
- 20 A. Not that I noticed.
- 21 Q. Did you later hear any of those?
- 22 A. I can't recall. I mean, there's a lot of alarms go off --
- 23 Q. I get it --
- 24 (Crosstalk)
- 25 Q. Any of these questions I'm asking is just going to try and

1 get as much information --

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. -- as possible. If you don't know --

4 (Crosstalk)

5 Q. -- I get it. I probably wouldn't either if I'd been there.

6 Okay. How long would you say you stuck around the back before the
7 firefighters relieved you?

8 A. Maybe five minutes.

9 Q. Okay, all right. And then you disembarked. And did you ever
10 get back on?

11 A. No.

12 Q. Okay. And did -- other than -- did you ever end up actually
13 seeing the chief on the --

14 A. I don't recall.

15 Q. Okay. And did you run into anyone else other than the
16 firefighters?

17 A. Just Keegan.

18 Q. Okay. And I don't know who Keegan is. Is he --

19 A. He's the first engineer.

20 Q. First engineer, okay. And you ran into him.

21 A. I'm not sure if I ran into him or he just yelled for my help.

22 Q. Got you, okay. All right.

23 MR. HELLER: All right. And then just -- anything else
24 specific, Keeli, on that -- like his entry or exit?

25 MS. NELSON: No, I was just going to ask if there were any,

1 like, electrical issues, you know, your lightbulbs flickering or
2 any breakers trip or anything like that.

3 BY MR. HELLER:

4 Q. Anything strange that night?

5 A. Not that I know of.

6 Q. Okay.

7 A. I mean, I turned all the lights off.

8 Q. And then when you come in for the night to come back to your
9 -- to the vessel, you come through the security gate?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Okay. And there's a security guard there?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Okay. Is that the way that you always come in and out?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Okay.

16 LT [REDACTED]: Can I clarify one thing?

17 MR. HELLER: Sure.

18 BY LT [REDACTED]

19 Q. You departed your room, you came up on the deck, which is the
20 O2 deck, and then you went down this ladder to one deck down.
21 Right?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. And you've called that the main deck that you agree that's
24 the O1 deck --

25 A. The O1 deck, yes --

1 Q. -- it's this deck here, at least according to the drawings,
2 that's the 01 deck.

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Okay.

5 LT [REDACTED] Okay, thanks.

6 BY MR. PETRULAK:

7 Q. I'm just going to put a -- can you put a circle here where
8 you were saying you were doing the firefighter hose. Is it right
9 here?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Okay. Well, actually, you can just draw on it, just put a
12 blue circle there, because it is a little different terminology.
13 Okay.

14 A. And they're not -- I mean, they were hoses that we had out
15 for --

16 Q. Sure.

17 A. -- work.

18 Q. Got you.

19 A. So --

20 Q. They're not purpose-built for firefighting.

21 A. Not that I know of.

22 Q. And then I guess just anything that we did not ask you that
23 you think -- you said you were a volunteer firefighter, you had
24 some experience. Anything that we didn't ask that you --

25 (Crosstalk)

1 A. Yes, so.

2 Q. Anything we didn't ask that you think will be helpful for us
3 to understand how this might have started?

4 BY MS. NELSON:

5 Q. I got one more question, if you don't mind.

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Any laundry or cooking that had been done prior in the day?

8 A. I don't believe there's any cooking being done. I had
9 laundry in the laundry room.

10 Q. Wash, dry, cycle?

11 A. It would have been -- I probably threw it in the dryer when I
12 got home, so.

13 Q. I imagine like dirty work clothes, maybe have oils on them or
14 anything?

15 A. I think I had a pair of coveralls and my general daily
16 clothes. I try to keep them separated.

17 Q. Sure.

18 BY MR. HELLER:

19 Q. When you say when you came home, you mean from -- after
20 dinner?

21 A. Yes, I washed them before I went to dinner, and I probably
22 threw them in the dryer after.

23 Q. Which laundry facility did you use?

24 A. Yes, it was --

25 MR. HELLER: Circle that one in the orange if you can.

1 BY LT [REDACTED]

2 Q. Is that on the drawing 02TAC14?

3 A. It looks like it.

4 MR. HELLER: Yes, it is, Quadro room 02TAC14.

5 BY MR. HELLER:

6 Q. Okay. And you said you started at around -- when you
7 returned?

8 A. I started drying when I returned.

9 Q. Okay. All right. And did you ever go get them out or --

10 A. No.

11 Q. No? Okay.

12 BY MS. NELSON:

13 Q. And then you said you were doing some work on a toilet. Do
14 you know which one that would have been?

15 A. I believe it would have been 02-9.

16 CWO [REDACTED] I think there are drawings here that uses --

17 BY MS. NELSON:

18 A. I believe it was in this room.

19 CWO [REDACTED] So that's stateroom --

20 MR. CAMPBELL: 02-9.

21 CWO [REDACTED]: Okay.

22 BY MR. HELLER:

23 Q. And that toilet is a -- is it just a regular flush toilet or
24 is it a -- the -- like the vacuum system where it's got the five
25 diodes to cycle through or is it just a lever flush?

1 A. No, it's a suction.

2 Q. Okay, all right.

3 LT [REDACTED] Do you ever -- go ahead, David.

4 BY CAPT. FLAHERTY:

5 Q. Excuse me. Just a couple of things. If I remember
6 correctly, sir, and I appreciate you taking the time to talk with
7 us. You were sick earlier in the day until about noon and then
8 after that you worked on the toilet, and then went out to dinner
9 and then came back, and of course then the fire occurred. During
10 that day, can you see if there was a lot of hot work being
11 conducted throughout the vessel?

12 A. I didn't see because most of the day I spent in my room until
13 about --

14 Q. Okay.

15 A. -- 1:00, and then woke up and --

16 Q. And on the previous day on Thursday, were you out working?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. On those days, did you see where any of the hot work was
19 being conducted?

20 A. Not physically, no.

21 Q. All right. All right. So the fire -- were you ever on the
22 L3 deck?

23 A. Prior to the fire?

24 Q. Yes.

25 A. Yes, I've been on the L3 deck.

1 Q. Were you there a day or two before the fire occurred -- or
2 let's go further back -- anytime during the week prior to the fire
3 occurring, were you on the L3 deck?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. By chance do you recall -- and I'm just looking at the plans
6 and I haven't been to the vessel yet; I'm just trying to
7 understand the layout. On the O3 deck, it says that there's a
8 hatch, and it looks like on the O2 deck there's a trunk. And then
9 on the area called dry storage on the O1 deck, it says loading
10 hatch above. Have you ever been in the dry storage space on the
11 O1 deck?

12 A. No, not that I recall.

13 Q. Are you -- when you're on the O3 deck, by chance did you ever
14 notice if that hatch was open or closed during the previous week
15 prior to the fire?

16 A. I can't recall.

17 Q. All right. With the work that was being conducted on the
18 vessel, and just to fill a little more of your background, have
19 you previously sailed on fishing boats?

20 A. Not as part of the boat crew. I've been on a dive vessel
21 before, part of a dive team, but not part of the --

22 Q. Are you -- do you have any background in doing cutting or
23 welding?

24 A. Just through dive school --

25 Q. All right.

1 A. -- never professionally.

2 Q. Okay. Have you ever been on a vessel that's going to a dock
3 side work area?

4 A. No.

5 Q. Port side?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. All right. Did you have, as you're walking around and with
8 your background as a volunteer firefighter and such, did you have
9 any concerns with the way the vessel was laid out, with maybe work
10 equipment?

11 A. No.

12 Q. Okay. All right. No, that's all I have, thank you.

13 BY LT [REDACTED]

14 Q. I have one -- a couple kind of follow up. Do you -- so in
15 the two weeks that you were there, did you eat in the galley?
16 Were people using the galley regularly or the mess deck galley
17 area?

18 A. The mess area. I saw people -- I mean, I ate in there. I
19 mean, if we brought food back to the boat, we eat in the mess. I
20 never saw anybody cook anything in the galley. There is a
21 microwave right here that I've used -- I guess, yes -- but other
22 than that, no.

23 Q. Okay, so --

24 A. There's also a refrigerator.

25 Q. Okay. So the crew would use the microwave and the

1 refrigerator in the galley?

2 A. In the --

3 Q. In the mess.

4 A. -- the mess.

5 Q. Okay. So you never saw anybody using any appliances in the
6 galley --

7 A. No.

8 Q. -- while you were there?

9 A. Correct.

10 Q. And you never saw anybody going into dry storage or using the
11 freezer up forward in the galley?

12 A. I never saw anybody -- okay, so, yes, I have been in this
13 area.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: By this area you mean dry storage?

15 BY LT [REDACTED]

16 A. Dry -- I believe that's where, like, all the beans and dry
17 food stuff is. I have been in here. The freezer was not
18 functional, I don't believe. And this is a refrigerator that I
19 never used, the big chiller. I never used that.

20 Q. Can you explain to us what the dry storage looked like, the
21 condition of the space?

22 A. It had a lot of stuff you would need. I mean, like,
23 (indiscernible), like beans and rice and --

24 Q. Was the food on shelves, was it floor to ceiling?

25 A. Shelves, it was on shelves.

1 Q. Okay. And was there a lot of food in there or were the
2 shelves fairly full, fairly empty?

3 A. They were probably fairly empty.

4 Q. Okay. And is there -- from the -- your experience or your
5 time in there -- is there any sort of equipment in that room, any
6 sort of electrical equipment or anything in the dry storage room?

7 A. I don't --

8 Q. If you know, if you know.

9 A. Yes, I don't recall.

10 Q. Okay.

11 BY CAPT. FLAHERTY:

12 Q. If I could add on that. Was there any cardboard boxes in
13 there?

14 A. Other than the cardboard boxing around the food, I don't
15 recall.

16 Q. Okay. And were the shelves -- were they made of wood, or did
17 they have wood sections to it or were they all metal or some other
18 material?

19 A. If I were to speculate, it was wood -- painted wood.

20 Q. Okay, thank you.

21 CWO [REDACTED] Anybody else have any follow-on questions?

22 BY CAPT. FLAHERTY:

23 Q. Yes, I do have -- I'm sorry. After the fire, you got off the
24 vessel. What did you do after you got off the vessel?

25 A. I stood around.

1 Q. Did you talk to anybody who was on board the boat at the same
2 time you were when the fire started?

3 A. Yes, I probably talked to the chief and Keegan.

4 Q. Did they say anything, like, hey, I saw the fire, it was over
5 there?

6 A. No, we were all sleeping --

7 Q. Okay.

8 A. -- as far as I know.

9 Q. All right. All right, thank you.

10 BY CWO [REDACTED]

11 Q. I got just one last question. Do you -- did you at any time
12 after you got off the vessel, see any flames?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And what time was that about? I mean, if you don't know, you
15 don't know.

16 A. I don't know what time. I can tell you the flame that I saw
17 was -- I'm not sure if this is a pipe, what this is.

18 Q. So we're looking at the O3 deck up forward, and we're looking
19 at the square --

20 A. I'm not sure --

21 Q. -- square box right there at the very forward --

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. -- to the port of a down ladder.

24 A. I would have been on the dock. I mean, the first flames that
25 I saw were out of the pipe.

1 Q. Out of the -- okay, so like pipe as in, like, a gooseneck
2 vent?

3 A. Yes, and I believe it came to the -- I believe it curved
4 down.

5 Q. Okay. All right. And you were standing on the pier --

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. -- looking -- this is just for the recording -- you were
8 looking -- you were in front by the bow, looking towards the --
9 basically the bridge --

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. -- and the 03 deck is where you're saying that that vent --
12 right up there at the line of this diagram and this box at
13 centerline. Correct?

14 A. (No audible response).

15 Q. Okay.

16 BY MR. HELLER:

17 Q. The flame that you saw -- I mean, it sounds like a silly
18 question -- but what did it look like? Did you see any colors in
19 it?

20 A. It looked like a torch flame, a big one.

21 Q. Orange, red, blue, yellow? What kind of colors?

22 A. I can't recall.

23 Q. That's all right. And the scale of it, I mean --

24 A. The flames?

25 Q. Yes.

1 A. I mean --

2 Q. A couple of feet?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Is that what you were looking --

5 A. Foot and a half or so.

6 BY CWO [REDACTED]:

7 Q. Was it like a flickering candle or was it --

8 (Crosstalk)

9 Q. Did it look like it was under pressure? Like you said, a
10 torch?

11 A. It looked like a torch.

12 Q. Okay.

13 BY MR. HELLER:

14 Q. And was there smoke also coming from that area or just the
15 flame if you can remember.

16 A. Yes, I mean, I can't remember. Everything was smoky, so.

17 Q. Okay. And any estimate as to how long that was after you got
18 off the vessel?

19 A. I would estimate it at maybe half hour.

20 Q. Okay. Did you take any pictures of that or video of that or
21 anything?

22 A. I did.

23 Q. Is that something you're willing to share with us?

24 MR. ALTENBRUN: Sure.

25 BY MR. HELLER:

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Okay. When we get done, I'm going to give you a --

3 A. Sure.

4 Q. -- card or we can sort out the best way to either email or
5 text message that. That'll be very helpful if you could --
6 photographs or --

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I'll get the photos --

8 (Crosstalk)

9 MR. HELLER: Yes, if you want to do it -- sure, sounds great.

10 BY MR. HELLER:

11 Q. Okay. And then I just think the last thing just so we --
12 because of the recording and everything -- this is the smaller
13 diagram. It's the same here.

14 A. Um-hum.

15 Q. Can you -- I guess we can use this blue -- kind of circle the
16 area you're talking about that you saw the --

17 A. The (indiscernible) that looks like a B -- it would be just a
18 little --

19 Q. So in that area, okay.

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. All right. So this is a pretty small mark --

22 A. Yes, do I circle?

23 Q. Yes, if you wouldn't mind to circle -- and then I don't know
24 if it's anything that's visible at all -- okay.

25 BY MR. PETRULAK:

1 Q. The flames that you saw, I mean, are we talking hours or days
2 after you departed the boat?

3 A. No --

4 (Crosstalk)

5 A. -- we're talking about half hour, 45 minutes.

6 Q. And you -- this is the bridge deck, right?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. So that's where you saw it coming out of, bridge deck,
9 not --

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. -- in the bow. Okay. All right.

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Okay.

14 CWO [REDACTED] Okay. Any other questions?

15 CAPT. FLAHERTY: No, I'm fine, thank you.

16 CWO [REDACTED]: Okay. All right. With that, we'll conclude this
17 interview. The time is 1:39.

18 (Whereupon, at 1:39 p.m., the interview was concluded.)
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