



U.S. COAST GUARD WITNESS STATEMENT FORM

(Please Print Clearly)

Witness Name:	Kennedy Huang	Employer Name:	Gulf States Marine Technical
Street Address:	[REDACTED]	Employer Address:	[REDACTED]
City/State/Zip:	[REDACTED]	City/State/Zip:	[REDACTED]
Phone No:	[REDACTED]	Phone No:	[REDACTED]
Position:	Welder / Fitter / Cutter	License/Doc. #	[REDACTED]

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

I have worked as a welder / fitter for more than 40 years. I have worked all over. I have worked with Dixie Marine for many years.

On May 3, 2022, Arthur told me and Doc to cut out the switch gear cabinet in the Natchez generator room. I was the cutter. Doc was fire watch. Before I cut Doc moved the board wrapped in metal to protect the old generator. Robbie or Arthur made us move some filters out of the way. Other boxes were in the generator room but behind us and away from where I would cut or sparks would go.

I started cutting around 8:30 AM. I cut small pieces so that it is easy to carry to dock. Doc was on watch with a bucket of water, extinguisher and hose/ Lunch break was at 12:00 PM. I kept cutting from 12:30 until 3:45 PM. At 3:45 we begin cool down watch and cleaned up the work area. Doc swept the floor. We shut off the torch and gas, pull hoses, and unplugged the blower and lamp. At 4:30 we left the boat.

Later that night Arthur called and said Natchez was on fire.

I have read my statement as documented above (and, if applicable, on continuation pages), and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true and correct.

SIGN [REDACTED]

5-31-22
DATE