

# SURVIVAL FACTORS ATTACHMENT

**NTSB Interviews** 

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# 1. Maria Villa, Assistant Chief Nursing Officer, Kendall Regional Medical Center

Investigator Barth spoke to the nursing officer during a meeting at the Kendall Regional Medical center on March 16, 2018. She described the hospital system and response to the event. Kendall Regional is the level 1 trauma center in the area. They use the Medcom system, and their triage nurse was in communication with the EMS supervisor on scene. They were initially notified of a possible 5 red patients, and the triage nurse called for a code green event. This is the hospital's mass casualty incident protocol. She described that the hospital has 2 trauma bays, one with room for 4 patients, the other with room for 2. They also have mobile trauma carts. This was well within the capabilities of the hospital, and so all patients were transported to Kendall Regional. Later, the call was updated to reduce the critical patients to 3. A meeting was held with the hospital administrators to arrange for information regarding the patients.

# 2. Captain Palacio of MDFR Rescue 29

Investigator Barth spoke to the Captain on rescue unit 29 while at the scene of the incident. He described that the Battalion Chief 8 unit and Rescue 29 were the first MDFR units to arrive on scene. He described unit 29 as a 3 man Advanced Life Support (ALS) transport unit. He described that the EMS units are dispatched by the MDFR County, in which the call is automatically forwarded to them by the MDPD 911 call center. He described the law enforcement agencies that responded. He noted that the Battalion 8 Chief was the initial Incident Commander IC. It was established as a level 1 Mass Casualty Incident (MCI). He noted that as they approached the East side of the bridge, he saw there were several law enforcement officers attending to victims at the north end. They attended to 2 construction workers who needed assistance to be taken out of the rubble. There were 3 others that were walking in scene. He noted that there were also 2 people helped out of the red vehicle that was on the west side, and male drivers from each of the partially crushed vehicles on the East side. There was also a vehicle on the west side in which a man was able to get out, but a woman driver was not able to get out. Their unit transported patients to Kendall Regional.

## 3. R. Torres and D. Fernandez of the FIU

Investigator Barth spoke to two officers from FIU that were near a university building on the south side of SW 8<sup>th</sup> St. They ran over to the bridge and believed they saw about 4 construction workers on the north side of the bridge. They helped some people off the bridge and MDFR units started arriving and they allowed them to take over. They then helped clear the scene and conduct crowd control.

# 4. Officer J. Gomez of the Sweetwater Municipal Police Department

Investigator Barth spoke to Officer Gomes at the SMPD station. He was at the station, which is a couple of blocks away. Another officer, Sgt Mesa was the first SMPD officer on scene, and called it in. He responded from that call. He ran to the scene and saw the construction workers on the north side of the bridge. He assisted with first aid of the construction workers, which consisted of helping with CPR. He then communicated with dispatch to begin discussing landing zone in case they decided to use air transport. The landing zone was not created because they decided to use ground transport units. He also helped communicate a triage location on the west side of the bridge.

# 5. , owner of Green Chicken Restaurant

at the restaurant March 17, 2018. He was at the restaurant Investigator Barth spoke to Mr. and heard a sound like an explosion. He thought it must be something with the bridge, since he knew it was under construction and could not think of what else it could be. His wife was working near a window where she could see out and informed him that the bridge had collapsed. He ran to the bridge. He knew there would be workers at the site, and as he approached faced the stopped traffic and motioned to people to come help. He ran into the chaos and realized that some people had exited their cars to come help as well. He saw the red Honda with the female driver. She could not get out the driver side, but the passenger window was open. So he and a couple others helped pull her out of the car. They took her to the median and he asked someone to hold hear head steady and not move her. He saw the construction workers on top of the bridge and went to check on them. He saw 4 of them and looked at them. One was a Hispanic male who was laying face down and suffered a head injury. He unresponsive and breathing irregularly. A female SMPD officer was there and he asked her to stay with him and hold his head at an angle that he would not choke. He then went and checked on the other badly injured construction worker. This was a African American male who had an obvious right leg deformation an a facial injury, but not other obvious injuring. He checked and the man was not breathing and he did not feel a pulse. He started CPR and estimated that he got no response for approximately 4 or 5 minutes. The worker then started to respond with occasional breaths. Another officer approached with a AED machine and a trauma kit. They cut off his shirt and applied the AED, however the check indicated not to administer a shock. Around this time medical responders were arriving and he transferred care. He then went to the south side and saw a construction worker with a puncture wound under his left eye. He cut his shirt off, balled it up, and applied it to the wound. The patient seemed stable, so he asked if the worker could hold the pressure on the wound, which he did. So then he went back to the other workers and EMS was loading one of them onto a backboard. He helped with this and they handed him down to people on the west side. He then checked the cars on the west side. He was a sedan with the font crushed in lane 2 of the eastbound traffic. He was looking for anyone that might have been missed. That was the end of his direct involvement.

# 6. Captain Art Alsonso, MDFR

Investigator Barth spoke on telephone with Art Alonso by phone on March 18, 2018. He noted that he was assigned medical group supervisor and Edan Jacobs was assigned as rehab supervisor (to manage the fire responders on scene). He said they arrived within a few minutes of each other. He was in EMS 43, and Jacobs in EMS 51, these are F350 supervisor vehicles. The IC was Bat. 8, and he made the assignments. When he arrived, three red patients had already been transported. There were a few more greens in process. He approached the west side and conducted most his operations on the west side. The activity with the construction workers took place on the north-west side. They did not set up a formal triage area because there was just a few red patients and sufficient resources to transport them immediately. He will provide complete documentation of the response, but described what he remembered as the following. The first red was the construction worker in cardiac arrest, he was transported in Unit 58, alone. The second was a red construction worker, he thought was transported in unit 29. The third red and a yellow, both construction workers, were transported in unit 47 (thinks). And then 3 greens were transported together in a unit. He believes unit 23 later transported a woman who had a baby or child with her, and was not sure how she was involved. We discussed the vehicles, and he believed that there was a charcoal colored Kia on the west side that had a male and female, both green. It was crushed on the hood, just forward of the windshield. He though that the east side had a vehicle crushed at the trunk, with a woman driver. Then there was the Toyota with the fatal female driver and a surviving male.

# 7. Bridgette Palaez, Disaster Nurse and Emergency Manager of the FIU FAST Team, FIU Emergency Management Center

Investigator Barth spoke to the nurse at the scene on March 19, 2018. She noted that she and her supervisor, Rubin, were nearby and heard the bridge collapse. They jumped in a Ford F350 supervisor vehicle and drove up to the scene. She went to the southeast end while her supervisor went to the north. She saw a black male lying on the ground with a head injury, and he appeared to have fallen off the bridge. She thought this because he was wearing a visibility vest and was about 20 feet from the structure, lying in a manner in which he might have landed. He was not wearing a harness. She checked on him, removed his wallet and put it on his chest and about this time some paramedics arrived. She transferred care to them. She then saw the male student that was in the Toyota SUV on the southeast side of the bridge trying to get out. She helped him out and he appeared OK. She saw a woman in the driver seat who looked badly injured or possibly deceased, but she was clearly pinned in the vehicle and the structure was not sage. She moved away and to assess the scene and went under the wreckage to the Southwest side. She saw a nurse dressed in pink that works for the FIU ambulatory care clinic get out of her car, which was a dark colored Nissan. She was upset and first was worried about her child, but then realized she had just dropped the child off and that she was the only one in the car. By this time EMS and law enforcement responders had arrived, so she returned to the EOC and started setting up assistance for the response. She noted that the head of the EOC is Amy Aiken and that she was the IC for the FIU EOC activities. She described various services the EOC provided, such as a tents and equipment, and had a doctor and a nurse from the clinic on standby to assist if needed.

# 8. Trooper Kyle Viveiros, ID 1229, Florida Highway Patrol

Investigator Barth spoke to Trooper Viveiros at the scene on March 19, 2018. He was the first FHP unit onscene. He noted that he self dispatched to the scene because he was nearby and heard the herd the bridge collapse. The dispatch logs identified his arrival time as 2:03 pm. By the time he arrived there were already law enforcement officers, EMS, and fire there. He saw that the victims were being attended to, so he supported control of the scene.

# 9. Amy Aiken, Director of Emergency Management of the FUI EOC

She was at the EOC when she became aware of the collapse. She ran down hearing sirens approaching. She went outside and saw lot of people responding. She saw some of her staff and told them they all needed to return to the EOC and start setting up to support the response. The EOC sent out an alert to the leadership group at 2:22 pm to assemble and arrange for assisting the response. She noted that they had just had a table top training exercise the day before the collapse. It was about the aftermath of an active shooter scenario and how their role is not to belong at the scene but instead to provide assistance. The EOC is an independent organization. She described that they use the Blackboard Connect emergency notification system, which each student, faculty, and staff must provide an emergency contact. It is limited to a 140 character limit. They did not send out a notification for this event because the purpose to provide an actionable message, essentially to stay in place or move. It is not to provide news of events. She also described that they established the Family Reunification Center, which later was named the Family assistance center. She described that the medical facility near the scene has doctors offices, but no system for conducting trauma operations. She noted that medical staff made themselves had they been needed to assist.

Investigator Barth met with Ms. Aiken on March 20, 2018 at the FIU EOC. She described the management structure of the EOC, where they established the family assistance center. She described the incident action plans created during the event, and will send them via email. She also described the statement the EOC made during the event, and will also provide those.

# 10. Ruben Almaguer, Assistant Vice President, Disaster Management and Emergency Operations

Investigator Barth spoke to the VP at his office on March 20, 2018. He said that he heard about incident within a few minutes from various staff members. He immediately opened the EOC and delegated the Director of the Department of Emergency Management to be the Incident Commander for their actions. He and a staff member drove a command vehicle to the scene. His staff member went to the south and he went over to the north to assess the situation. There were already law enforcement officers on scene and fire/rescue had just arrived. He said that the Sweetwater police were controlling the scene. He saw there were rescue efforts on the north side, and people started going over to the south side. He worked to control people from going into the unsafe areas, and to let the responders do their work. There were a number of doctors and nurses from the ambulatory care clinic who came out to offer assistance. He asked them to set up an area for help that was further away from the bridge, and asked a police officer to stay with the

group. He did not believe that there was a need to treat anybody on scene. He acted as a point of contact for coordinating the response across various agencies. He previously served as a fire chief and knows the people and system here. He noted that he believed the fire IC was Bat. Chief Raeid Jadallah and that Bat Chief Jason Richards was also involved in the early stages of the response. He was asked about Chief Perez (who had separately been identified as IC), and did not know his involvement. He noted that Chief Jadallah might have been in charge of technical rescue. He also noted that the Fire Chief for MD County is David Downing.

### 11. Lt. Serralta MDPD

Investigator Barth spoke to Lt. Serralta at his office at the MDPD station HQ at 9101 NW 25<sup>th</sup> St. He noted that he will appear on the log as D2000. He served as the initial IC, and remained on the east side. He approached from the east side and saw that there were already a number of responders on scene. He set up a command post on the east side. He saw a group of doctors and nurses from the FIU medical center nearby and assigned a Sweetwater officer to stay with them, and keep them from going into the debris, as there were already MDFR responders on scene. Fire arrived on the west side and had set up an IC post on the east. So he sent the Mobile Operation Command vehicle over to that side, and he remained on the east side. Lt. Bello became the West side IC. He gathered primary witnesses on the east side, and set up a media staging area.

At his office he was viewing the body cameras of the responding officers to identify the first MDPD officers on scene. He said that Sgt Perea (D2200) was the first on scene, and was on the east side. He said that officer J. Benitez (D27??) was the officer who conducted CPR on the construction worker. Officer A. Alvarez (D2205) was on the west side. His body camera was the only one that appeared to have a good view of the initial response. Investigator Barth viewed the video, and is provided views of the construction workers on the north side being treated. He provided a report with the key witnesses identified. Witness 1 was a woman who saw the bridge collapse, she was in a vehicle traveling east. Witness 2 was the woman in the red Honda that was partially crushed. Witness 3 was the owner of the chicken restaurant.

# 12. Battalion Chief Carlos Perez, MDFR

Investigator Barth spoke to Chief Perez at MDFR Division Office located at 8825 NW 18<sup>th</sup> Terrace, Miami, FL. He described the process by which the MDFR receives a call notification from MDPD. The MDFR dispatch center creates an alarm call based on the information, and dispatches the appropriate units. He noted that Captain Baker was the first to arrive, and he was right behind him. Because he arrived so closely to Cpt Baker, he became the IC, and assigned the Captain as triage officer. He also used Captain Palacio, who also arrived shortly after them, to conduct triage. Cpt. Baker did a scene assessment and estimated about 5 critical patients. There were police officers conducting CPR on a construction worker, and the rescue paramedics took over treatment when they arrived. The scene assessment revealed that they had 2 critical patients and several others that were not as bad. Knowing that they had plenty of resources imminently arriving, they decided to scoop up and transport the 2 most critical patients. They followed regular MCI protocols using triage tags for the other patients on scene. He listed the other assignments he made. Jason Richard was the technical rescue group supervisor, Anthony Garcia

was the Hazmat supervisor, Chief Jadallah was the planning section supervisor, and Chief Meik was the safety op's supervisor. They first used rescue dogs to identify location of trapped victims, but found no other live victims trapped in the rubble. After about 2 or 2.5 hours, they expected not to find any remaining survivors. They brought in cadaver dogs (a different group than the trapped victim dogs). Later on, maybe around 8pm they transferred the scene operational command to the MDPD IC. The MDFR IC remained in the unified command.

# 13. Sgt. Mesa, City of Sweetwater PD

Sgt. Mesa from the City of Sweetwater Police Department was interviewed at the Sweetwater PD located at 500 SW 109<sup>th</sup> Ave., Miami, FL 33174 on March 17, 2018. The interview was recorded and transcribed. The transcription is provided in the following pages.

# UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

# NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

Investigation of:

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PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE COLLAPSE

MIAMI, FLORIDA \* Accident No.: HWY18MH009

MARCH 15, 2018

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Interview of: SGT. ADRIAN MESA

City of Sweetwater Police Department

Miami, Florida

Saturday,

March 17, 2018

### APPEARANCES:

KENNETH BRAGG, Human Performance Investigator National Transportation Safety Board

THOMAS BARTH, Ph.D., Accident Investigator National Transportation Safety Board

CPL. DAVID N. RISO, Traffic Homicide Investigator Florida Highway Patrol

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1	<u>INTERVIEW</u>
2	(2:28 p.m.)
3	MR. BRAGG: Today is Saturday, March 17, 2018. It's
4	approximately 2:28 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time. My name is
5	Kenneth Bragg. I'm an investigator from the Office of Highway
6	Safety for the National Transportation Safety Board.
7	Sir, will you please state your name and your organization,
8	please?
9	SGT. MESA: Sergeant A. Mesa with the City of Sweetwater
10	Police Department.
11	MR. BRAGG: And what's your badge number?
12	SGT MESA: 0262.
13	MR. BRAGG: Okay. And I'm going to go around the room for
14	the other participants to ask them to state their name and their
15	organization as well.
16	DR. BARTH: Investigator Barth with the NTSB.
17	CPL. RISO: I'm Corporal David N. Riso with the Florida
18	Highway Patrol and traffic homicide investigator.
19	INTERVIEW OF A. MESA
20	BY MR. BRAGG:
21	Q. Okay. Sergeant Mesa, go ahead and start by telling us what
22	you saw on Thursday, March 15th.
23	A. Thursday, March 15th, I was on my way in to work. I had
24	actually just gotten a car wash on 122nd Avenue and 8th Street.
25	So I was coming in to roll call. I was traveling eastbound on 8th

- 1 Street. And at about 117th Avenue, I noticed in the distance a
- 2 large cloud of smoke. Once it dissipated a little, I realized --
- 3 or what I saw was the northern portion of the -- or excuse me --
- 4 southern portion of the pedestrian bridge at an angle leaning to
- 5 | the ground. So immediately registered that the pedestrian bridge
- 6 | had fallen. I got on the radio and let the dispatcher know what
- 7 was going on so that all the officers in the area could come to
- 8 the scene.
- 9 Q. Okay. And at the time of the incident you were driving a
- 10 car?
- 11 A. Yeah. I was driving my 2012 Chevy Tahoe police car.
- 12 Q. What lane were you in?
- 13 A. I was in the, if I'm not mistaken, the centermost lane,
- 14 traveling eastbound.
- 15 Q. Traveling eastbound. And how would you describe traffic
- 16 conditions at that time?
- 17 A. Medium. It was -- wasn't empty. There was a good amount of
- 18 cars, but not as -- it wasn't the usual traffic for 1:45-ish in
- 19 the afternoon.
- 20 Q. Okay. And what was the speed that you were driving
- 21 approximately?
- 22 A. Approximately 40, I would have to say.
- 23 Q. About 40. And is it safe to assume that other traffic was
- 24 traveling somewhere near there?
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. Okay. And how many vehicles approximately were in front of
- 2 you at that time?
- 3 A. Between me and the bridge, and the pedestrian bridge?
- 4 Q. Yes.
- 5 A. Well, I was -- quite a few, because I was two intersections
- 6 more -- two or three intersections away. The bridge is on 109th
- 7 Avenue. I was, when I noticed it I was at about 117th Avenue. So
- 8 I would say probably 30 cars maybe.
- 9 Q. Okay.
- 10 A. If I had to guess.
- 11 Q. And earlier you described seeing a cloud of dust or smoke.
- 12 Did you see the skyline before the smoke or you just looked up and
- 13 saw it?
- 14 A. I was driving, so my focus was on the cars immediately around
- 15 | me. But something caught my view, and it was the cloud of smoke.
- 16 And then I realized that the pedestrian bridge had gone down.
- 17 Q. Okay. So you didn't actually see the bridge collapse? You
- 18 just immediately --
- 19 A. No, I can't describe it actually collapsing.
- 20 Q. Okay. And you notified --
- 21 A. Dispatch. I got on my main radio frequency immediately and
- 22 advised that I believe the pedestrian bridge had gone down. And
- 23 then once I got closer, I got back on -- it's down. I see -- I
- 24 advised what I saw, which was about four construction workers up
- 25 on top of the rubble who were dazed and appeared injured, and

- 1 multiple cars crushed underneath.
- 2 Q. And your police communications center, is there another
- 3 agency that shares the radio with them?
- 4 A. Our frequency is shared with the Sweetwater Police and the
- 5 City of Doral Police Department, as well.
- 6 Q. Okay.
- 7 A. And our dispatchers are Miami-Dade Police Department
- 8 dispatchers.
- 9 Q. Okay. So you're on the main central communications through
- 10 Miami-Dade.
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. But you guys just have your dedicated channel; is that
- 13 correct?
- 14 A. Yes. We have our channel, which is Doral police and
- 15 Sweetwater.
- 16 Q. Okay. So when you notify the police department, that's, in
- 17 essence, notifying the fire department?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. Because they, they're all dispatched from the same --
- 20 A. Yeah.
- 21 Q. Okay.
- MR. BRAGG: I don't have any questions.
- Do you have any?
- 24 BY DR. BARTH:
- 25 Q. So let's just continue with your -- you just described your

- 1 actions after you -- like little more detail about when you
- 2 approached the scene, parked the car, and what happened from
- 3 there?
- 4 A. As soon as I saw it from 117th Avenue, I got on the radio to
- 5 start advising of what at first I thought I had seen. I was able
- 6 to drive up closer with my lights on. I think I got within maybe
- 7 300 feet. I couldn't get much closer because all the cars had
- 8 stopped after obviously the bridge went down.
- 9 I got out of my car, and I ran up to the scene to the bridge.
- 10 While I was running up, I was advising of what I was seeing, the
- 11 injured construction workers, crushed vehicles.
- 12 And the first thing -- another thing I remember was, after
- 13 seeing the construction workers, I went over towards the south
- 14 end, and there was that Toyota which was half crushed by the piece
- 15 that was still leaning on one of the columns towards the south
- 16 end. And there was a gentleman inside who was trying to get out,
- 17 the passenger of that vehicle, I believe. And some civilians that
- 18 | had gotten out of cars, picked up a piece of wood nearby, and we
- 19 were trying to pry open the door of the Toyota, the SUV. I don't
- 20 think the 2 by 4 did much, but he was able to open the door from
- 21 inside and get out, the passenger of that car.
- 22 Q. So when you first approached the north side and you saw the
- 23 | four construction workers, was there anybody else -- were there
- 24 other bystanders that had been already rendering aid or what was
- 25 the --

- 1 A. No. I immediately saw them and went to see what else was
- 2 going on. Before I started helping any one person, I helped them
- 3 at that end. And then by the time I made my way back, other
- 4 | officers had arrived and were climbing up to start rendering aid
- 5 to the construction workers.
- 6 Q. Okay. And so --
- 7 A. From the other side, because --
- 8 Q. Right. From the --
- 9 A. The east side.
- 10 Q. The east side.
- 11 A. Of the bridge.
- 12 Q. And so when you said you helped -- so on the north, with the
- 13 four construction workers on the north side, you helped them off
- 14 | the structure or you just looked at them to assess their situation
- 15 and then moved to the south side?
- 16 A. Yeah. I just -- like I said, I was advising on the radio the
- 17 | totality of what I could see so that everybody that was coming
- 18 | could have an idea what was going on at the scene. And then,
- 19 yeah, I made my way to the south end where that was going on with
- 20 the gentleman trying to get out of the car. By the time I made my
- 21 | way back to the north end, other officers were already arriving
- 22 and climbing up, and then we assisted with doing a -- with
- 23 rendering first aid there. And fire rescue got there; they
- 24 | brought up backboards. We got them on backboards, helped carry
- 25 them down to put them on stretchers and get them into rescue

- 1 trucks.
- 2 Q. Okay. And do you carry any medical equipment or any --
- 3 A. I have a first aid kit and AED, automatic external
- 4 defibrillator, in my police car.
- 5 Q. Okay. And did -- at this point you were -- you didn't have
- 6 those with you at the --
- 7 A. No. I got out of my car and ran up to the bridge. Other
- 8 officers that did arrive afterwards, they did. They got down with
- 9 their first aid kits and AEDs.
- 10 Q. Okay. And then so did you render any other first aid on
- 11 scene?
- 12 A. No. Other officers were doing that. I just assisted with
- 13 carrying them down from the bridge to the gurneys to get them into
- 14 the fire rescue trucks.
- 15  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Okay. And then after doing that, then what happened?
- 16 A. Once all the people that were accessible had been removed
- 17 from on top of the rubble or from cars that were partially
- 18 crushed, at least on my side, everything was at that point at a
- 19 standstill because obviously we couldn't get to any of the other
- 20 cars. So it was more about getting all the cars that had stopped
- 21 | in traffic because of the incident, turning them around, getting
- 22 them out, clearing way for Miami-Dade County's buses and all that
- 23 stuff that they were bringing in.
- Q. Okay. So then your role switched to more of a scene --
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. -- scene control?
- 2 A. Yeah.
- 3 Q. Perimeter control. Do you remember --
- 4 A. And I wanted to -- I was trying to get ahold of all my shift
- 5 to make sure everybody was okay, because everybody was on the way
- 6 to work at that time because we start at 2 p.m.
- 7 Q. Okay. And do you remember hearing a call for like a --
- 8 somebody identifying themselves as an incident commander or what
- 9 kinds of structural command organization do you recall?
- 10 A. On my side, at least, I don't recall -- other than on the
- 11 radio, I could remember hearing -- I believe it was Delta 2000, a
- 12 Miami-Dade County lieutenant, I believe, maybe. And I think my
- 13 assistant chief, I remember hearing him on the radio, but he was
- 14 on the east side of the structure.
- 15 Q. Okay.
- 16 A. Because all of them were coming from the station here on
- 17 | 109th Avenue. So they traveled down 109, so they were all on the
- 18 east side, and I was on the west side with a couple of detectives
- 19 that also were coming into work, and then with whoever else had
- 20 climbed up from obviously both sides to get up onto the structure.
- 21 DR. BARTH: Okay. I think that's all I have.
- 22 BY CPL. RISO:
- 23 Q. I just want to -- I just have a few questions. Clarify a few
- 24 | things. When you were approaching the scene, you were -- you just
- 25 said you were on the west side. So you were coming from, let's

- 1 say, like the turnpike area --
- 2 A. Yeah.
- 3 Q. -- traveling east?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. Okay. I just wanted -- okay. When you were approaching the
- 6 bridge you were -- you said you were paying attention to the cars.
- 7 Did you see anything, any activity on the bridge anywhere?
- 8 A. The only activity on top of the rubble, on top of the bridge
- 9 was the, like I say, I think it was four construction workers on
- 10 the north end. I think one of them maybe was standing up at the
- 11 | time when I was approaching, and the other -- there was two I know
- 12 that were laying down and one sitting up.
- 13 Q. And then you said you -- when you realized what happened, you
- 14 radioed the call in.
- 15 A. Yeah.
- 16 Q. I'm just trying to see, ascertain about what time this
- 17 probably most likely happened. Do you remember what time you had
- 18 called it in?
- 19 A. I asked afterwards the dispatchers what time they showed me
- 20 on the signal, on the call, and they said it was at 1:48.
- 21 0. 1:48?
- 22 A. Yeah.
- 23 Q. 1:48. Okay. Obviously you used the Miami-Dade dispatch.
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 CPL. RISO: Outside of that, no, I have no more questions.

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    conclude the interview.
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IN THE MATTER OF: PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE COLLAPSE

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Interview of Sgt. Adrian Mesa

ACCIDENT NO.: HWY18MH009

PLACE: Miami, Florida

DATE: March 17, 2018

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