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1	INTERVIEW	
2	MR. EHLERS: All right. Recording has started.	
3	LT MARKS: We have Sherman here.	
4	INTERVIEW OF SHERMAN CALICE	
5	BY LT MARKS:	
б	Q. And what is your last name?	
7	A. Calice.	
8	Q. Can you spell that for me?	
9	A. C-a-l-i-c-e.	
10	Q. And you are a crane operator?	
11	A. Correct.	
12	Q. And you were mentioning before we started the record	ding,
13	3 which crane were you operating on the day of the incident?	
14	A. Crane 5.	
15	Q. Crane 5. And where was that crane located in relat	ion to the
16	vessel?	
17	A. In B-10.	
18	Q. B-10. And you were saying that was by the front of	the
19	vessel, the bow?	
20	A. Correct.	
21	Q. Okay. How long have you been a crane operator?	
22	A. Roughly 17, 18 years.	
23	Q. And prior to that, were you working in the maritime	e industry?
24	A. Correct.	
25	Q. And what were you doing prior to crane operations?	
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1	A. Labor work.
2	Q. And how long have you been a crane operator for Ports
3	America?
4	A. I would say about 17 years.
5	Q. And what are the duties of the crane operator?
б	A. Lift the load and bring it to where the destination is
7	safely.
8	Q. And what training did you receive to be a crane operator?
9	A. I went to (indiscernible) and went out there for 2 weeks, and
10	they trained me out there. So that was pretty much schooling that
11	way.
12	Q. And then, when you come back, is there additional training
13	that you receive before you're a crane operator, or an
14	apprenticeship?
15	A. Yeah, there's some training. You get to sit with the
16	operators and you get some hands-on training.
17	Q. And how long does that last for?
18	A. Maybe 2, 3 weeks maybe.
19	Q. And then you're a qualified crane operator?
20	A. Yeah. They'll give you little bits and pieces. They start
21	you out small, and then you work your way up.
22	Q. Okay. So the type of operation that was conducted on Sunday,
23	was that a routine cargo operation or a more complex cargo
24	operation?
25	A. No, that's routine.
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1	Q. Routine. What about, in addition to the training that you
2	received specific to crane operations, is there other training
3	that you received for safety or the company-specific protocols?
4	A. No. Only training that's done is when you go to the academy.
5	Q. Okay. Just so I'm clear, are you employed by Ports America
6	or the union?
7	A. The union, yes.
8	Q. The union. The union's your employer, and so then you're
9	hired for a specific cargo operation?
10	A. Correct.
11	Q. And so does Ports America manage any type of safety
12	procedures or expectations that it then relays to the union?
13	A. Yes.
14	Q. What types of safety procedures?
15	A. I'm trying to think in detail. I mean, just to be safe and
16	be cautious and aware of your surroundings is sort of the basic
17	protocol I guess.
18	Q. And what about and what's the name of the union?
19	A. The ILA, International Longshoremen
20	Q. Okay. The ILA. And so what types of safety trainings or
21	procedures does the ILA have?
22	A. We have safety classes. We are expected to go I think once a
23	year to learn about hazardous cargo and just being safe, wear your
24	proper PPE and stuff like that.
25	Q. And so you're expected to attend those safety trainings once
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1 a year?

2 A. Yes.

2	A. Yes.
3	Q. Okay. What about trainings in relation to emergencies or
4	heavy weather or the incident that occurred on Sunday?
5	A. That would be between both the school and the ILA Local 3000.
6	Q. And so, specific to the operations of the crane, you've
7	received training in managing those types of emergency situations?
8	A. Correct.
9	Q. Can you describe what some of those steps that you would take
10	if the situation occurs like it did on Sunday?
11	A. Let's see. Basically, if you can, to stop what all
12	operations and, you know, just to make sure it's safe before you
13	start working pretty much.
14	Q. Okay. And how familiar are you with procedures of Ports
15	America, and do they communicate with you their expectations to
16	the union?
17	A. I don't know.
18	Q. All right. In general, can you speak to just how well Ports
19	America communicates to the union? Do you feel like there's a
20	good relationship there?
21	A. Yeah. Absolutely, it's a good relationship.
22	Q. What if you specifically had a safety concern? How would you
23	bring that up?
24	A. I would bring my concerns to the foreman, and he might relay
25	it to the superintendent, and so on and so forth.
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1 Okay. And so, on that day, you were at Crane 5, which is Q. 2 towards the bow? 3 Correct. Α. 4 And if you could just begin with the events as you remember Q. 5 them. 6 At the beginning, I could see some rain coming because it got Α. 7 pretty cloudy, and I proceeded still with operations. And next 8 thing, in a matter of seconds, the weather just turned all violent 9 pretty much, and then it was all downhill from there. 10 Can you describe any steps that you took or what you saw from 0. 11 up in the crane? 12 (Indiscernible) was to get out of the crane as fast as I can, Α. 13 but the weather had turned violent so fast that there was pretty 14 much -- I won't say too late, but it was just like either I try or 15 die trying pretty much. 16 Um-hum. And my understanding Crane 5 was -- part of its Ο. 17 spreader arm was attached to containers that then entered the 18 water. 19 That's correct. Α. 20 0. And then I also understand that you left the crane via the 21 stairwell. 22 Α. Correct. 23 And did you sustain any injury on your way down? Ο. 24 No. Α. 25 Ο. And, when you saw the weather coming in, was there any alarm FREE STATE REPORTING, INC. Court Reporting Transcription D.C. Area 301-261-1902 Balt. & Annap. 410-974-0947

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1	sound	, a high wind alarm, or did you have any indication that the
2	weath	ner was going to turn like that?
3	А.	I don't know.
4	Q.	Do you recall hearing an alarm?
5	A.	I don't know, because everything happened so fast, it was
6	like	somebody kind of switched it on, you know. Went from bad to
7	worse	e in a matter of seconds.
8	Q.	Right. What time did you start cargo operations that
9	morni	lng?
10	A.	Well, that evening was at 1 o'clock.
11	Q.	That evening. So when did you start working?
12	A.	I came on at as the second shift operator, so I came on at
13	1 o'c	clock.
14	Q.	In the morning?
15	A.	In the evening. 1 p.m.
16	Q.	Oh, I understand. So then really you were only operating the
17	crane	e for about an hour before the incident occurred?
18	A.	That's correct.
19	Q.	When you were doing your so you relieved the other crane
20	opera	ator?
21	A.	That's correct.
22	Q.	But what does that look like when you relieve someone from
23	watch	n? Do you have a pass-down or talk about the operation that
24	is ha	appening?
25	A.	Only if there's some concern of maybe getting to point of the
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1	vessel that you need to pay attention to the (indiscernible) and
2	make sure you're working (indiscernible) won't be no damage to the
3	vessel. Something like that.
4	Q. Was there any concerns that the crane operator expressed to
5	you?
6	A. No.
7	Q. What about anything with the weather?
8	A. No.
9	Q. Okay. I understand that, at the beginning of all these cargo
10	operations, there's a safety brief where they might talk about
11	some of the hazards that you've described and maybe even the
12	weather. Did you attend the safety brief that day?
13	A. No. If they would've had it, it would've been in the
14	morning, so I didn't come on until the evening.
15	Q. So then you're saying it's customary then so you won't
16	attend the safety brief, but then it's on the crane operator that
17	you're relieving to exchange?
18	A. Correct.
19	Q. In the hour that you were offloading the cargo, did you
20	notice anything abnormal with the vessel itself?
21	A. No.
22	Q. What about the cargo operation?
23	A. No.
24	Q. It was routine?
25	A. Correct.
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1	Q.	How long is that type of operation supposed to take place
2	for?	
3	А.	It depends on the amount of mobiles (ph.) we have. Anywhere
4	from	2- to 300 mobiles might be an 8-hour cargo time, and more
5	mobi	les, 4- or 500, you know, the day gets longer.
6	Q.	How long were you prepared to be up in the cabin for?
7	А.	At least 5, 6 hours at the most.
8	Q.	And did you have a good night's sleep the night before?
9	Α.	That's correct.
10	Q.	How much do you normally sleep for?
11	Α.	8, 9, 10 hours maybe.
12	Q.	And so, when you came into work, you felt all right?
13	A.	Yes.
14	Q.	Okay. If there was a safety hazard that you observed,
15	whet!	her it's with the cargo or the vessel or weather, how would
16	you g	go about reporting that?
17	A.	I would share my concern to the foreman and he may pass it
18	down	to the superintendent.
19	Q.	And how do you relate that information?
20	A.	By radio.
21	Q.	And did you have any issues with communication
22	A.	No.
23	Q.	that day?
24	A.	No.
25	Q.	How often do you all normally check in with each other while
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1	cargo operations are typically
2	A. Pretty much all during the day.
3	Q. It's just like a constant flow of information?
4	A. Yeah. Pretty much all day.
5	Q. And if you saw an emerging, unsafe situation, whether it's on
6	the pier or the vessel, would you have the authority to stop?
7	A. Correct.
8	Q. Okay. And if so did you know that heavy weather was
9	expected that afternoon?
10	A. No.
11	Q. If you had known, would you have done anything differently or
12	maybe made some recommendations to the foreman?
13	A. I may have, yes.
14	Q. And what might that have been?
15	A. Well, it depends on how heavy the wind was going to be, that
16	we had concern about still trying to load the vessel, you know, if
17	I thought that it was going to be unstable.
18	Q. And what types of weather conditions would require the cargo
19	operation to shut down?
20	A. One for sure is high winds because that can easily make the
21	crane start sliding on the track. That's the easy one right
22	there.
23	Q. What miles per hour is considered a dangerous or high wind
24	condition?
25	A. I want to say between 40 anything past 40 miles an hour.
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1	Q. So is it normal operations for cargo operations to continue
2	until it gets to that condition?
3	A. That's correct.
4	Q. I know that the you did not hear the alarm, the high wind
5	alarm, sound. But given the rain state, do you think that cargo
б	operations should've been called off?
7	A. No, not because of the rain because we really don't stop in
8	the rain.
9	Q. And so did the rain hit this area before the high winds?
10	A. Yeah, we had a small shower that came, passed through before
11	the high winds and the heavy, heavy rain came.
12	Q. How about the heavy rain? Would the heavy rain alone have
13	required cargo operations to stop?
14	A. Yeah, depends on like I said, the weather got so
15	(indiscernible) that I was prepared to stop immediately after
16	that.
17	Q. And when you stop cargo operations, do you come out of the
18	crane? Do you come out of the cab?
19	A. That's correct.
20	Q. And that's standard procedure?
21	A. Yeah. To be safe, you want to come out.
22	Q. Do you remember how long that period of bad weather lasted?
23	A. I would say it was no more than 10, 12 minutes, something
24	like that. But going through it, it felt like way longer than
25	that. Going through the accident, you know, felt like way longer.
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1	Q. From your vantage point up on the crane, did you see how the
2	vessel was responding to the weather, whether the lines were
3	parted or severed?
4	A. At the time (indiscernible) I couldn't tell because I could
5	only see a few feet in front of me at the time.
6	Q. And is that when you made a determination to exit the cab?
7	A. No, that's when the exit and everything else was happening
8	at that time.
9	Q. And did you make any communications with anyone while the
10	accident was going on and you were in
11	A. No, not while it was going on. But after, if I felt it was
12	safe (indiscernible).
13	Q. Okay. Do you know, are there any video cameras inside the
14	crane cab that would be showing out to the operation?
15	A. No, there's no kind of camera inside the cab car.
16	Q. What about, does the crane have equipment to detect the onset
17	of heavy weather?
18	A. Yes.
19	Q. What does it have?
20	A. There's a wind speed monitor and also an alarm.
21	Q. Okay. And you don't recall seeing any type of alarm for the
22	heavy weather that was coming?
23	A. No. At that time, I don't. It happened so fast.
24	Q. Right. If the Ports America, if they knew that heavy
25	weather was coming, how would that be notified to the crew
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1	working?
2	A. They would probably intercept the foreman and then he
3	would I don't know what they were trying to do, but usually we
4	(indiscernible) in regard to the weather.
5	Q. Has that happened before while you've been working here?
6	A. Yeah.
7	Q. It happened so how does that what does that
8	communication normally look like?
9	A. Just that there may be some bad weather or heavy winds
10	coming; if you guys feel unsafe, you know, being in the crane or
11	whatever, you can stop and come down for a minute. Let it blow,
12	move through, and back to working.
13	Q. And, during those instances, have you felt comfortable to
14	make the call that you want to stop operating?
15	A. Yeah, yeah.
16	Q. Okay. You feel like you have the responsibility and ability
17	to make the call that cargo operations need to stop and that you
18	don't feel the pressure to continue?
19	A. That's correct.
20	Q. Okay. Have you ever operated a crane when something similar
21	to this event that happened on Sunday occurred?
22	A. No.
23	Q. Anything somewhat similar? A cargo operation with the vessel
24	coming off the pier?
25	A. Yeah, we've had that incident before.
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1	Q. And what steps did you take during a similar type of event?
2	A. I stopped operations and (indiscernible) come down out of the
3	crane would be best.
4	Q. How about, during the incident, did you have contact with the
5	crane operator from Number 6?
6	A. No, no.
7	Q. Do you normally have radio communication?
8	A. Yeah, we can talk to each other. We do that to help each
9	other. We're able to talk to each other.
10	Q. Okay. So each crane operator is on a different frequency?
11	A. Yes.
12	Q. Is there one frequency for each crew? Is that how that
13	works?
14	A. Correct.
15	Q. Okay. How often would you say you communicate with the other
16	crane operator during an operation?
17	A. Fairly seldom because everybody has their own deckman,
18	foreman, all that stuff. If there's anything going around, we all
19	pretty much know about it.
20	Q. How about if you felt unsafe, wanted to call off operations,
21	would operations still continue on Crane 6? Or would everything
22	shut down?
23	A. I would say it would be safer everything would stand down.
24	I would imagine, yeah, it would shut down too.
25	Q. What about and I don't really have a strong background in
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1	crane operations, but are there any safety mechanisms within the
2	cable or the spreader, or maybe there's a quick release or
3	something to help prevent damage? Is there anything like that
4	within this system?
5	A. No, not to my knowledge.
6	Q. Okay. Can you describe to me what the safe position is for a
7	crane, so if there is an emergency and you were able to stop
8	operations?
9	A. The safe position would be what we call a park position, so
10	you're able to get out, walk to the cab, walk and catch the
11	elevator that goes up and down.
12	Q. The park
13	A. (Indiscernible).
14	Q. And you were not injured, and you've returned back to work?
15	A. I, myself, am taking some time off.
16	Q. You are taking some time?
17	A. Um-hum.
18	LT MARKS: Sure.
19	Okay. Drew, I'll turn it to you.
20	MR. EHLERS: Okay.
21	Thank you, sir. I've been listening in to your answers, and
22	I really appreciate your candidness. So my questions are probably
23	going to jump around a little bit, so I apologize for that.
24	BY MR. EHLERS:
25	Q. The first question I have is what was the weather like when
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1 you first started working at 1300?

2 A. Bright and sunny.

## 3 Q. Yeah. Was there any clouds in the sky or partly cloudy or 4 mostly sunny?

5 A. It was mostly sunny.

Q. All right. And then I think you said you saw some rain
before the weather hit you. How long between when you saw the
rain to when the real heavy weather hit your crane?

- 9 A. Maybe 20 minutes, a half an hour maybe.
- 10 Q. Okay. So you saw the rain off in the distance; is that 11 correct?
- 12 A. That's correct.

Q. All right. And did it look like just a normal summer thunder shower type thing, or was it -- was there anything unusual about the rain you saw in the distance?

16 A. Just a normal summer storm shower.

17 Okay. You mentioned that in like a wind stoppage that you Ο. 18 put the crane in the park position; I think that's what you said. 19 Can you explain what that means to me? I'm not familiar with 20 gantry cranes, so what does park mean? Does it mean you shut the 21 power off? Does it mean you block anything? 22 No. The park position would mean -- this would be the Α.

- 23 position that the crane is in where you can get inside the cab.24 That would be the only way for you to just walk through the cab,
- 25 walk to get in the cab safely.

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1	Q. Oh, I see. So that's
2	A. And to get out also.
3	Q. I see. So that's the position where the gantry is to allow
4	you to get in and out?
5	A. That's correct.
6	Q. I see. I got it now. Is there any does the crane always
7	have power, or do you have to turn power on when you get in the
8	cab or turn it off when you get out?
9	A. Yeah. You have to turn it on, yeah, when you enter the cab
10	to start working and turn it off when you leave.
11	Q. I see. So, when you leave at the end of the day or in case
12	of a work stoppage because of an unsafe thing, you turn the you
13	put it in the park position and then you turn the power off; is
14	that correct?
15	A. That's correct.
16	Q. All right. Is there anything else you do before leaving the
17	cab?
18	A. No. No, not really.
19	Q. All right. So you mentioned the wind indicator, or the wind
20	speed monitor, and the alarm. Can you actually see, through the
21	wind speed monitor, what the speed of the wind is, or is it just
22	an audible alarm?
23	A. It's actually a gauge that's it's a wind speed gauge, and
24	there's an alarm also.
25	Q. I see. Is it a digital gauge or is it like a dial?
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1	A. Digital.
2	Q. Okay. Did you happen to see what the gauge said right before
3	you left the cab?
4	A. No, sir.
5	Q. Okay. You just knew it was blowing a lot?
6	A. That's correct.
7	Q. And, when you left the cab, I understand that there's two
8	ways to get down, either by lift or by a stair or ladder. How'd
9	you get down?
10	A. There's a ladder on the back side of the cab, which you have
11	to climb up to go on top, and then climb over another railing to
12	get onto the walkway.
13	Q. I see. So you used the walkway to get down eventually?
14	A. That's correct.
15	Q. And, when you were escaping there, was the crane moving
16	around in the wind?
17	A. No.
18	Q. No. It was steady?
19	A. That's correct.
20	Q. So really only the ship moved; the cranes didn't move at all?
21	A. Yes. The crane did move with the high winds, yes. My crane
22	did move.
23	Q. It did move? Oh, okay. All right. Did you have a load on
24	at the time that the winds hit?
25	A. That's correct.
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1	Q. Yeah. And where was your load? Was your load over the ship
2	or over the pier, over the wharf?
3	A. Over the ship.
4	Q. Over the ship. Okay. Were you on-loading it or off-loading
5	it?
6	A. On-loading.
7	Q. On-loading. Okay. So you had lifted the container off the
8	pier and were moving it out to the ship when the weather hit?
9	A. Correct.
10	Q. And do you remember, was the container down inside the hold,
11	or were you loading it onto a above-deck on top of another
12	container above-deck?
13	A. It was to go down in the hold, but I hadn't made it down that
14	far yet.
15	Q. Okay. So where was the container? Was it in the bay but
16	not just hadn't been lowered, or was it above the bay?
17	A. I want to say right above the bay.
18	Q. Okay. So you had it right above the bay and the weather hit,
19	and at that point, you felt unsafe and you left the cab; is that
20	correct? Or did you see the ship breakaway first?
21	A. No. At that point, when the weather hit, I was trying to go
22	back to the park position, and that was when the wind the crane
23	just I started sliding down the track.
24	Q. I see. So did the ship breakaway after you had were you
25	able to get it in the park position?
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1 A. No, sir.

2 Q. Okay. And did the ship breakaway before you escaped the cab?3 A. Yes.

4 So you're trying to get -- and I'm just going to repeat what Q. 5 I think you told me, just want to make sure I got it right. You 6 were loading the container onto the ship. It wasn't quite down 7 into the hold, but it was in the bay. The winds hit. You tried 8 to get it into the park position, and then the -- was it the ship 9 started to break free, so you escaped the cab at that point? 10 No, sir. The weather got violent, and my crane started to Α. 11 slide down the track.

12 Q. That's right. Okay. So at that point, when your crane 13 started sliding, you knew things were bad, and you got out of 14 there; is that correct?

15 A. Um-hum.

16 Q. And which way did it start sliding, towards the bow of the 17 ship or towards the stern? Do you remember?

18 A. Towards the stern.

19 Q. Towards the stern. And did that cause the container to hit20 either the bay or the containers next to it?

21 A. Correct.

Q. Okay. All right. I understand it sounds pretty harrowing. You mentioned that you've been operating a crane before when a ship has broken free. What was different about this one that caused such damage? Was it the fact that the crane started

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1	moving, or what do you think? What was different about this one
2	that resulted in more damage than when you've seen this in the
3	past?
4	A. The fact that the crane started moving from the high wind,
5	yeah.
6	Q. I see. Okay. So really it started with the crane moving,
7	and then the ship breaking free just made it worse; is that a fair
8	statement?
9	A. Correct.
10	MR. EHLERS: Okay. All right. I think that's all I have.
11	That's been very helpful in understanding what happened, so thank
12	you very much.
13	MR. CALICE: Thank you.
14	LT MARKS: Great.
15	MR. SOULE: Hey, Sherman, a couple things I just wanted to
16	make sure we're clear on.
17	BY MR. SOULE:
18	Q. Did the crane ever lose power?
19	A. I want to say after the spreader and container and all that
20	stuff fell off, then yeah. I want to say by that time, yeah,
21	power was gone.
22	Q. And then the other thing is, when the alarm goes off, if the
23	alarm goes off and you were to continue to try and operate the
24	crane, is there an automatic shutoff?
25	A. Yeah. It would stop. It would stop me from going out to the
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24 1 ship. 2 Q. Okay. 3 So you wouldn't be out that far yet. Α. 4 MR. EHLERS: I see. Hey, that -- your question -- sorry to 5 interrupt you, Scott. Your question --6 Nope, go ahead. MR. SOULE: 7 Your question gives me another question. MR. EHLERS: You 8 said the spreader and the container fell off. Did that happen 9 when the crane started sliding, or did that happen after you had 10 left the cab? 11 That was before I left the cab, in between the MR. CALICE: 12 ship breaking and the (indiscernible). 13 MR. EHLERS: I see, I see. All right. Thank you. 14 Sorry to interrupt you. Go ahead, Scott. 15 MR. SOULE: No, that's okay. I just want to make sure I'm 16 clear on this as well. 17 BY MR. SOULE: 18 So the wind is blowing; the crane starts moving a little bit. 0. 19 You can't keep coming out because the container on your spreader 20 bar is getting hung up --21 Correct. Α. 22 And is that the point when the ship started pulling away 0. 23 because its lines parted? 24 I want to say yeah, correct. Α. Correct. 25 0. And I know we're sitting here dissecting this and talking FREE STATE REPORTING, INC. Court Reporting Transcription D.C. Area 301-261-1902 Balt. & Annap. 410-974-0947

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1	about it clinically, and for you, it was all going bang, bang,
2	bang. But to the extent you can stay with us on this, how much
3	total time do you think it was when you realized that, man, that
4	wind has really picked up; this has become dangerous to the point
5	where you make a decision that I got to get out of here?
6	A. It was a matter of seconds.
7	Q. Yeah. And then when you looked I want to make sure I
8	understand. So the egress out of the cockpit or out of the
9	cab, because you're a crane, you have to physically come out of
10	the back of the crane cabin?
11	A. Yeah.
12	Q. You had to climb up to the top of it?
13	A. Correct.
14	Q. Climb over onto the catwalk on top of the boom? I'm calling
15	it a boom, maybe not the
16	A. (Indiscernible).
17	Q. Okay. And then you walk all the way aft or all the way to
18	the rear where the elevator is, but that's also where the stairs
19	are?
20	A. Stairs would be located on the other side from the elevator.
21	Q. Okay. But both on the back of the crane?
22	A. Correct.
23	Q. And you chose to use the stairs?
24	A. Yeah.
25	Q. How much total time do you think it took you to get out of
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1	the cabin before you got back down on the ground on the dock?
2	A. Maybe about 5, 6 minutes total.
3	MR. SOULE: Okay. All right. That's all I have.
4	LT MARKS: Okay. All right. Well, thank you very much,
5	Sherman.
6	MR. CALICE: No problem.
7	LT MARKS: I appreciate your time.
8	MR. EHLERS: Thank you, sir.
9	LT MARKS: You can stop the recording.
10	MR. EHLERS: All right. The recording is stopped.
11	(Whereupon, the interview was concluded.)
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