



**HUMAN PERFORMANCE FACTORS GROUP CHAIRMAN'S
FACTUAL REPORT**

Human Performance Attachment – NTSB Interview with Spouse of Tesla Driver

Delray Beach, Florida

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**Notes from NTSB Interview with Kim Banner
Surviving Spouse of Jeremy Banner
March 28, 2019**

Attendees to the Interview:

Kim Banner (spouse)
Robert Bradshaw (attorney)
Rafael Marshall (NTSB investigator)

1. Activities in the days leading up to the crash:

- February 23-25, 2019: spent time with visiting daughter. Daughter left for Georgia the evening of February 25.
- February 25: worked from home. Kim's mom was in the hospital with pneumonia. Jeremy pick her up in the evening from the hospital to recuperate at their house. They also prepared for Jeremy's father, who was arriving that weekend for a visit.
- February 26, 2019:
 - Got out of bed around 8 a.m. (when carpet installer called)
 - Drove to second house in Loxahatchee Groves (20 minutes north of Delray) to meet carpet installers. Worked there the rest of the day.
 - Was back home around 5:30 p.m.
 - Drove to the hospital to pick up his mother-in-law and took her to their house.
 - Went to bed around 9:30-10pm.
- February 27, 2019:
 - Usually got up around 5:20 a.m.
 - Was at work before 6:30 a.m. (Jeremy needed to get to work before 6:30 a.m. to get a covered parking space, and Jeremy had replied to Kim's text later in the day confirming that he got a covered space)
 - Usually left work between 3:30-4 p.m.
 - Drove to City Mattress in Wellington to buy a king-sized mattress, and scheduled delivery for Thursday.
 - Had dinner and played his guitar after dinner.
 - Went to bed around 9:30-10 p.m.
- February 28, 2019
 - Probably awoke around 5:20 a.m.
 - Probably at work before 6:30 a.m.
 - Left work around 3-3:30 p.m.
 - Went to his mother-in-law's home to help the installers put a cabinet in the garage.
 - Was home around 4 p.m. to let the cleaner inside the house and to receive the new mattress.
 - By 5:30 p.m., everything was done in the house. He began making dinner.

- Played guitar after dinner.
- Went to bed earlier, around 9 p.m., and started watching a movie. Jeremy did not finish the movie and was sound asleep around 9:30 p.m.
- March 1, 2019
 - Awoke at 5:20 a.m. Kim got up with him. She described him as being in a good mood.
 - He took a coffee to go and left the house around 5:50 a.m.

2. Stress, Sleep, and Medications:

- Jeremy would use a navigation app to determine the traffic situation before leaving for work. His usual route to work was SR-441 to Clint Moore Road. He used both Google Maps on his phone and the Tesla navigation program to navigate to his destination.
- Jeremy was not stressed about having so many people in the house at one time. Family was very important to him and was thrilled with the prospect of having his father at the house. He loved company and having family around. He loved his mother-in-law and enjoyed having her there as well.
- Jeremy was in good health. Good vision and hearing. He wore contacts and glasses. He would take Tylenol, ibuprofen, and antacid on occasion. He did not take sleep aids.
- Jeremy was a deep sleeper. He would sleep through the night without waking.
- He enjoyed exercising. He would run 2-3 miles and used the elliptical. Also used exercise machines at the office.
- Jeremy was right-handed.

3. Tesla:

- He purchased the Tesla because it combined two of his passions – cars and computers. He had researched the car for several years.
- He bought the car when he did to take advantage of tax incentives.
- Purchased vehicle through a dealership. He arranged from a test drive through the Web, and test drove the vehicle at the Tesla dealership located at the Gardens Mall [in West Palm Beach].
- He had a dream version of the car in mind, and they found it at the Riviera Beach dealership. He picked it up at the Riviera Beach dealership.
- In addition to the Tesla, he had a 2006 Honda Ridgeline. He would use this for trips to Loxahatchee, which was on a dirt road off the main road. He did not get rid of an additional car when he got the Tesla.
- Did he like the Tesla? He liked it. He did not have any complaints about it. He did not say anything negative about it.
- He only had to take it to the dealership once to deal with a screeching sound from the brakes. The two other times he had an issue, he was able to have them addressed over the phone. On one occasion, the charger would not disengage from the port of the car. Him did not remember the other reason he called Tesla.

- Autopilot: she was with him when he used Autopilot. She said that Jeremy was always engaged and alert while driving the vehicle on Autopilot.
- Tesla has not reached out to Kim concerning the crash.
- The traffic on SR-441 was better than I-95, which was what he used to take to work when living in the old house. Traffic on SR-441 around 5:30-6:30 p.m. was not bad.
- Commute to work was probably 20-25 minutes.