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MINE INVESTIGATION INTERVIEWS

INTERVIEW

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MR. TEASTER:

During the rescue and recovery operation, we had the head of the agency, Richard Stickler, Assistant Secretary, and Kevin Stricklin, the Administrator. So recently --- in recent years they've conducted an internal review following an incident or an accident such as we had over here at Crandall Canyon. So since the top of the agency was here, they didn't want to get anyone subordinate to them to conduct it, so the Secretary decided that she would do an independent review.

So Joe and I have worked for MSHA for over 30 years, and retired --- Joe retired about three and a half years ago, and I retired about five and a half years ago. And they called and asked us if we would come back and conduct this review. Now, Joe's got extensive background in mine rescue. He worked up from an inspector all the way up the ranks to --- as a district manager. I've done the same thing. I also have a background in mine rescue. My last two or three years of my career, I switched over to the metal/non-metal side.

But they had called and asked us if we would --- based on our experience, and --- to come back and conduct this investigation. And we agreed to do that. Obviously, we can't do it ourselves, and we need some support to get out and help us conduct this investigation and get some areas of expertise, and all these people you've met got different areas of expertise that can help us accomplish this.

And we're going to talk to a lot of people that has information regarding inspection activity at the mine prior to the accident, and also going to be looking into the activities that took place there at the mine following the accident on August the 6th. We'll prepare a report and give it to the Secretary sometime, probably April --- March, April, May, somewhere in that time period, depending on how well we progress with it. Our target date is six months, is what the Secretary set forth for us.

So we hope to meet that. But all these interviews that we're having here in Price is in an effort to gather information.

We try to keep it as informal as we can. If you don't understand a question, you want clarification, well, just let us know. Again, we want to keep it informal as we can, and try to make you as comfortable as you can, because you have information that we need to accomplish it, and we're here to try to get that information as best we can. Do you have any questions or concerns?

MR. SERAZIO:

No.

MR. TEASTER:

I have a statement I'd like to read before we start the questioning.

MR. SERAZIO:

All right.

MR. TEASTER:

The Secretary has assigned this group the task of evaluating MSHA's performance during the period preceding the August 6th, 2007 coal bounce at the Crandall Canyon Mine and the subsequent rescue effort. We will also be evaluating issues that were raised during the period regarding Bob Murray and his interaction with MSHA. This is not an investigation or review of any individual person. It is an administrative review of MSHA's actions as an agency. This evaluation will be presented to the Secretary in the near future, and it's intended that the results of the evaluation be made public.

This interview is being conducted to gather information for this assignment. We also intend to interview a number of other MSHA employees.

So that we may obtain unbiased information from all persons to be interviewed, we ask that you not discuss this interview with anyone until all the interviews have been completed.

And since you are a bargaining unit employee, you are entitled to have the right for representation by a union representative. You obviously don't have one here with you, so we assume that you're ---.

MR. SERAZIO:

That's fine.

MR. TEASTER:

You were aware of that prior to coming?

MR. SERAZIO:

No, I didn't. No, I didn't.

MR. TEASTER:

Can you speak up a little bit? We are going to record this interview, if that's okay?

MR. SERAZIO:

No, I wasn't aware that I could have had a union rep. I just thought I was here for an interview to tell you what happened, what I know, and I don't think I have anything that I need a union rep for.

MR. PAVLOVICH:

No, you don't. I mean, that is what you're here, just to tell us what you know.

MR. TEASTER:

Now that you know that you're entitled to that, do you still wish to talk to us and share your information?

MR. SERAZIO:

Sure. I have nothing to ---.

MR. TEASTER:

We appreciate that.

BY MR. TEASTER:

Q. Brad, if you will, state your full name.

A. Bradley James Serazio.

Q. And what is your current job title?

A. I'm an inspector --- mine inspector trainee right now.

Q. About how long have you been in that position?

A. Since June the 6th of this year.

Q. So you're relatively new to MSHA?

A. Yes, I am.

Q. What's your experience and background prior to coming with MSHA?

A. I started out working in the mines down in the Trinidad area back in the late '70s and early '80s, and it was the Allen, the Maxwell back in those days. And then I went over to Keiser when I got laid off at the Allen and the Maxwell. I got laid off at Keiser, and then I went into the Startfu (phonetic) Mine. I worked a strip mine in Deliah (phonetic), and after laying --- getting every job, I was just like closing down the mine. So I figured I better find something different, and that's when I got on with the Post Office in Phoenix, Arizona. I was there for 22 years, and Ex. (b)(6) and Ex. (b)(7)(C) Ex. (b)(6) and Ex. (b)(7)(C) hat I was doing as a carrier, and I started looking for another job. And that's when I found this. I had the background. The military, I had 29 years with the military, and most of it was with heavy equipment operator, heavy equipment manager. I retired with 29 years of service here in 2006.

Q. Very good. We appreciate your service. Who is your current supervisor, Brad?

A. That would be --- was Larry Ramey, and he has now taken another position, and right now it's Mark Brewer, who is acting for 60 days.

Q. What have you done as far as training and traveling with inspectors since you've been with the agency?

A. Since I've been with the agency, I've been to several of the mines. I've been with pillaring, where they're pulling pillars in Bowie Mine. I've been to the seals and back entries of the mines. I've went into where there are longwalls. I've done that, dust sampling. I'm certified with the dust sampling. I've been out to West Virginia for a month of training so far. I'm going back in January for another month. Three weeks into this, my boss, Larry Ramey, at the time, called me up and said he wanted me up here at Crandall, and that's when I went up to Crandall, and I was there for three weeks, a little over three weeks.

Q. What do you think of the training in Beckley?

A. It was a lot to grasp right away, but very good training. I thought it was very good training. There's a lot to learn and a lot's thrown at you at one time, but you know, you have to absorb it. And then with allowing me to go back and put what I've learned into use has been very helpful.

Q. And when you --- when did you report to the mine, Crandall Canyon Mine?

A. Crandall Canyon? Larry called me on a Sunday, and it was the week after the accident. The accident started that Monday, I think. That Monday morning, early. And the following Monday, I reported to the mine at six o'clock in the morning.

Q. And you reported to Larry?

A. Yes, I did. I reported to Larry that Sunday night at the Holiday Inn, the Holiday

Inn here. And I rode up with him to the mine that morning.

Q. And what assignments were you given?

A. I was told I was going to go to work in a trailer, and when I walked in, they handed me a sheet of paper and said read this, and do everything that's on that sheet. And I was put as a scribe, or a secretary, or taking notes.

Q. What kind of information was on that sheet?

A. Telling me what I was supposed to put down, in what order and how it was supposed to be written. Like I said, it was a lot of stuff that was new to me, you know, and I really didn't have much to go by, you know. The guy that was leading said, just do it the same way I do it. And I looked at it, and it looked like it was repetitive stuff, boom, boom, boom.

Q. So you were recording stuff. Who is reporting this stuff to you to record?

A. People were calling out with air readings in the outby, the inby, right at the working area. I was getting Conspect reports on fan air readings, stuff like this that was going on. Anything else --- phone calls that came in, I had to document what was going on with that phone call.

Q. And did you --- with the limited amount of exposure you had to what you were required to do, did you encounter any problems in doing what you were required to do?

A. Yes, I did. It was pretty chaotic the first couple days. Like I said, there was a lot of repetitive stuff, and it wasn't really --- I didn't have --- nobody told me exactly how or what, and I made a few errors at the time, and made errors trying to correct those errors. If you'll see the book, I did black out some stuff, because I just started to put down the same things that were going to be called out, I put in the book, so all I had to do was put the numbers in. Well, I was informed it had to be the exact time. It

had to go in time sequence.

Q. Who was overseeing this --- your work?

A. Bill Taylor.

Q. Bill Taylor?

A. Yeah. He was the one that was overseeing it. After the first two days I come up with my own form to where I had everything in order and in a blank, and all I had to do is put numbers in, so I didn't have to write out everything the whole time. All I did was air reading, boom, outby, inby --- you know, all the same things that were going on, I made a cheat sheet. And everybody started using that same cheat sheet, and it made it a lot easier for everybody.

Q. What hours were you working?

A. I worked from 6:00 to 4:00 --- or 7:00 to 4:00. I'd arrive at 6:00 and go over what was going on and relieve that person, and he would leave, and I'd go from 7:00 to 4:00, and do the same thing from 3:00 to 4:00.

Q. Do you remember specifically what information they were calling to you from underground to record?

A. Uh-huh (yes). Yeah, they'd call out --- say, the person at the mine --- or at the miner where they were working, the working session, they were calling out how many props that they put up on each side of the wall, how far they advanced, how the top was, what was going on down there. And then right after that, I'd get an air reading from outby, and then another reading in the back entries. We had three people stationed at all of the different positions. They were putting props going out of the mine setting, and they would give me a report there. I'd get phone calls to say --- Conspect would call down, say we have X amount of men in the mine at this time. I'd go up and get a sheet every hour on the hour, and it would show me where they were

at, and then I'd count and document how many people were in the mine and totaled it up to what they had.

Q. Were they calling --- did you get any calls from underground indicating that they had experienced a bump?

A. Yes, I did. On the day that they had the other accident that killed the three, the gentleman that was behind the mine called out and said there was a bump, we had a bump and it covered the top of the miner. He said but they're --- they're able to move the miner back out, and he said they're going to ---.

Q. This was the day of the second accident?

A. Yes, the day of the second accident. That night the gentlemen were killed, but that ---.

MR. PAVLOVICH:

That was earlier in the day.

A. This is like ten o'clock in the morning.

BY MR. TEASTER:

Q. Right.

A. And I think his name was Art, Artie --- the guy that was underground at the tail. Well, I wrote it down and everything, and then Bill Taylor says, I want you to call back and give me the exact --- what happened? How much --- you know. And so when I called back up --- Art went back up to the face to the miner, and I got ahold of Pete Saint was ---.

Q. Peter Saint.

A. Was taking the outby readings in the entry. He went up to miner and talked to Art, and Art come back and called up and said, yeah, we had X amount on top of the miner, but it --- we're cleaning it off, and we're ready to go forward.

Q. Do you know what was done with that information once you recorded it on the surface?

A. I put it in the book and told Bill that there was a bump, that it threw material on top --- on top of the miner, and I thought he had turned it and gave it --- or sent one of the other people that were there.

Q. Were you sitting in a room where the people that was in charge of the rescue, or were you isolated to some extent?

A. No. I was right there in the trailer, right at the table where --- I feel that I should have been someplace where I could have been isolated, because there was so much going on. I'd get a phone call, I'd have a question, you know, and trying to record, and they're having a meeting right there, it was --- that was one of the difficult things about that job.

Q. Who do you --- who was in charge of the MSHA operation while you were there?

A. Kevin and Richard were both there. So I would say Richard was in charge.

Q. And why would you say that, simply because of his position, or by his actions?

A. No, by his actions. I mean, when he was there, I mean, things were --- and he asked you a question, you answered it, and he wanted a --- you know, like I said, there was one --- all he wanted to know was how far they had been, and that was basically what he'd ask me whenever he come by.

Q. Did you overhear any discussion at all on this specific bump between anybody there in the trailer?

A. Not in the trailer. The only person that I had contact with after was Peter Saint. That evening I rode back down with him, and he was saying that --- you know, he said it bumped --- or it was the next day that I talked to him and it was after the

accident and those gentlemen were killed that he said, you know, I went up there and I was --- I wanted to talk --- Artie talked me out of shutting it down, is what he said.

Q. So who talked him out of it?

A. Art --- I can't think of the ---.

Q. Another MSHA guy?

A. Yeah. He was the mine rescue guy that was at the tail of the miner at --- where they call the hot seat.

MR. PAVLOVICH:

Art Core?

A. No. He was right here in --- out of --- Price. He was the one that did the inspection, and I can't think of his name.

BY MR. TEASTER:

Q. Okay.

A. But he talked Peter out of shutting it down.

Q. Peter wanted to shut the mine --- shut the operation down?

A. When he went up there --- when he went up there and he saw what had happened, he says, you know --- I want to say his name was Art, but I don't know if that's right, talked Peter out of saying, hey, let's just shut this down, because it's getting too dangerous.

MR. PAVLOVICH:

This is after ---

A. This was after the fact.

MR. PAVLOVICH:

--- it covered up the miner?

A. Yeah.

MR. PAVLOVICH:

They called you in that morning, the 16th?

A. No. This was the one that killed Gibby --- Gibson.

MR. TEASTER:

No, he's saying this is the one that occurred earlier that morning, the one that was called out to you.

A. Yes, at ten o'clock that morning.

MR. PAVLOVICH:

What Peter was telling you is when we had that one that morning, ---

A. Yes.

MR. PAVLOVICH:

--- that it covered up the miner, and he was wanting to shut the operation down.

A. Right.

MR. PAVLOVICH:

And he told this Art that, but Art talked him out of it?

A. Uh-huh (yes).

MR. PAVLOVICH:

Okay. I just wanted to clarify which bump it was.

A. Yeah. It was the second one that was like 1.5 or 1.8.

MR. PAVLOVICH:

Okay. It was that morning?

A. That morning.

BY MR. TEASTER:

Q. Did you overhear Bill Taylor or anybody ever discuss that with anyone else?

A. No. No.

Q. Not in the trailer?

A. Not in the trailer. I know that --- most of the time they were sitting out underneath the trailer, just sitting there communicating with the reps, the news people, the media people, and ---.

Q. The media people were in the ---?

A. Our media people from MSHA.

Q. Okay.

A. They were discussing what was going to happen, what they were going to do the next --- what they were going to --- you know, that day, what they were going to do. And they usually were outside sitting underneath there by themselves so they had some privacy.

MR. PAVLOVICH:

Under that camp there?

A. Yes.

MR. PAVLOVICH:

You were in the Blue Goose; right? What they called the Blue Goose?

A. Yes. I was in the Blue Goose.

MR. PAVLOVICH:

Okay.

A. And then if something happened and they needed something, I'd go out and get one of the other --- if there was a phone call, or if they had a meeting they'd come inside.

MR. PAVLOVICH:

That's the bump log, is that what you're looking at?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

No, I was looking MEO log.

MR. TEASTER:

It's here in the back.

OFF RECORD DISCUSSION

MR. PAVLOVICH:

Donnie Durrant. It was Donnie Durrant, okay. So it wasn't Art, it's Donnie Durrant.

A. It was the one that was in the hot seat the whole time I was there.

MR. PAVLOVICH:

And he's the one that called you to begin with?

A. Right. And said that we had a bump that covered the miner, but we're moving the miner out. We're able to move the miner.

BY MR. TEASTER:

Q. What we did here was we just went through the log that was being kept, and we recorded everywhere where there was a bump recorded, and then we corresponded that to seismic readings if we could. And so I just want to bring it to your attention. Do you think you started there maybe on the 13th or so? Do you remember?

A. The accident happened when?

Q. The 16th.

MR. PAVLOVICH:

The 16th.

A. The 16th. Seven days from that would have been ---.

MR. PAVLOVICH:

The 6th is when it happened, the first accident.

A. Okay. And that seven days, that would have been the 13th, Monday morning.

MR. PAVLOVICH:

Okay. So this is the logs that we have for August the 16th, which was the day of the second accident, and shows there was a --- it looks like a bump three minutes after 12:00, again at 8:30, 8:31, 8:45, 8:59, 10:02, 10:04, 10:05. Do you remember which one this is where ---?

A. I thought it was the one at ten o'clock. There was one at ten o'clock that was also reported by Peter Saint and Adamson, yeah. See, both of those guys --- Adamson was the one that was in the back entries. Peter was in the --- right behind in the Number One entry, or the main entry outby. And I think this is the one that buried the miner.

MR. PAVLOVICH:

10:05?

A. So right at that time --- there was a ten o'clock time that it bounced.

MR. TEASTER:

Yeah, I think difference in times is different, maybe in the watches of different people recording in their notes.

MR. PAVLOVICH:

But this one came out of the log; right, so that would have been his record?

MR. TEASTER:

Right.

A. And I think Donnie Durrant is the one that called it out and said he had covered the top of the miner. They had enough debris that covers the top of the miner, but they were able to move the miner back out.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

That seismic event ---.

A. 1.5 or 1.8, or something like that.

BY MR. TEASTER:

Q. When Peter called back out and said they could back the miner out and everything was going to be all right, you passed that on to Bill Taylor?

A. Uh-huh (yes).

Q. Did he give you any response or any feedback, or ---?

A. Well, that's when he asked me to call --- when I first told him that there was a bump and that it had debris on the miner, but they were able to move the miner, he says, I want specifics. Call back in there and find out exactly how much.

Q. Okay.

A. And you know, he --- when I called back he said it was just the top of the miner, so far back it was covered with debris.

Q. And you gave that information to Bill?

A. To Bill.

Q. And did he respond in any fashion?

A. He passed it on. I guess it was either to --- I don't know who was in the trailer at the time, but I --- he might have walked out and told him out there ---.

Q. Did you overhear him passing it on?

A. No, I didn't.

Q. You just assumed that he did?

A. Yeah. I would assume he went out and went to the trailer, or outside underneath the tent there to talk to the people that were out there, Kevin or Richard.

Q. Okay. And you said earlier that Richard seemed to be only interested in how much advance they had made. What made you --- or what caused you to draw that conclusion?

A. Because there was one certain statement that had to be recorded the same way at all times, and it was about that miner, and it was how far they were advancing. And the question that he would ask you when he'd come in is, what or how far have they advanced. And basically, that's --- they're 500 feet from the last time I told you, or 100 feet, or 30 feet.

Q. Did Allyn Davis --- was Allyn Davis ever in the trailer while you were there?

A. Yes, he was.

Q. Did he ever ask you how many bumps was occurring, or did he inquire as to what's going on as far as bumps?

A. Yes. He would ask me --- I mean, what was going on. You know, basically they're going forward, how far they went, how many rock props were up, type of questions like that. Bumps, no, because there was --- I mean, there was a lot of little, little things that were going on, nothing but --- that ten o'clock one was probably the biggest one that happened while I was there.

Q. What about Kevin Stricklin?

A. Kevin asking me stuff?

Q. Yes.

A. Kevin would come in and sit down, and he'd get the book and look at it. And he wanted to know certain things. Again, I mean, basically they'd come back in and say they want to know how far they were advanced, blah, blah, blah, how things were

going, if there were any changes at the time. You know, that sort of thing.

Q. There didn't seem to be much focus on bumps. It was on advance and installation of props?

A. Like I said, they had little bumps constantly. I mean, they were calling out saying, yeah, we had a little bump. It just kind of shook the --- you know, boom, boom, boom type thing.

Q. So you was getting a lot of calls on little bumps, ---

A. Uh-huh (yes).

Q. --- and no significant ---?

A. Nothing at all except for that one at ten o'clock. And at that ten o'clock one, I think that's where Bill Taylor went and told them. And they were concerned because that --- I think that same afternoon is when they went in underground with the roof specialist, Joe --- he had a long name.

Q. Zelanko?

A. Zelanko. And his partner. They all went in. Al Davis and Richard and Kevin, they all went into the mine.

Q. After the ten o'clock?

A. Yeah. They were in there that day to look to see what they could do to --- if they were doing enough to shore up everything, to make it safe for everybody while they were advancing.

MR. PAVLOVICH:

Now, this was on the 16th?

A. I think that's what it was. I'd have to --- I know there was one day right there. I thought it was that day that they went in, because that evening ---.

BY ATTORNEY TEASTER:

Q. See if any of these sound familiar to you. On the 15th at 2:26, you wouldn't have been there, though; would you?

A. Yeah, I was there. I was there until four o'clock.

Q. This is ---.

A. Oh, no. No, no. 2:00 in the morning, no.

Q. That would have been ---. Okay. There was apparently some --- at 9:35 it was bumps coming more regularly over 15 minutes from 117 to 118, roof control, Zelanko suiting up to go check.

A. Uh-huh (yes).

Q. Is this what you're referring to?

A. Yes. Yes. And they all went in there.

Q. And then it says 9:55 MSHA going underground to travel outby from 120 in One and Two entries to review current roof conditions between 118 and 119 and Number Three, new material on mine floor. Zelanko was on his way.

A. Uh-huh (yes).

Q. So this is the Zelanko visit you're talking about?

A. Yeah. Yes.

MR. PAVLOVICH:

And that's the 15th?

MR. TEASTER:

The 15th is what the date on this is.

A. The 15th. Okay. But there was a day that they all went underground, and I marked that there was Richard, Kevin, Al, Joe ---.

MR. TEASTER:

Did we see that in there?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

It may be in the other log, some of the other information.

MR. TEASTER:

How many logs do we have?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

Well, we had significant events, and then we cleaned it up just for the bounces. So it may have been in that other ---.

A. Because they all went in to look at the roof conditions, because they were getting concerned about the bumps.

BY MR. TEASTER:

Q. Okay. Do you think that was the day of ---

A. I thought that ---.

Q. --- Gary was killed, or ---

A. Yes.

Q. --- the day before?

A. I thought it was that day.

Q. Okay.

A. Because I thought they went in there and talked about it, because when I saw Joe that night, he was leaving to go --- because he just --- I was at the hotel, and Larry, my boss, was washing his clothes, and he called up, and he said there's something that happened at the mine, I got to go back. He said, would you take my clothes and put them in the dryer. And I did. And I was walking back to my room and Joe was walking out, and he was in tears. You know, and I asked him, what's wrong, Joe? And he says, well, they had that bump, he says, you know, I went in there and I thought we had everything under control and thought we were doing the best we could

to make it safe for everybody. And he was leaving to go up to the mine.

Q. Okay.

A. But I thought it was that day that they all went in there, because they were looking for extra SCSRs and extra holders for the SCSRs, you know, and they took mine because it was in the truck, and they took my holder, so that people would have enough to go.

Q. Okay. Did they have a meeting before they went underground in the command center?

A. I think they had the meeting out underneath that tent. They did a lot of their discussing what they were going to do out there, because there was too much going on. The phones ringing up for the drill holes, phones ringing from Arlington, and just stuff being called out. You know, so I think they were doing a lot of their stuff right out there underneath that so they'd have some quiet.

Q. Do you remember who all would have gone in? Would you have logged the names?

A. Yes. I'm sure I did.

Q. Okay.

A. I'm sure I put all --- like I said, Al Davis went in, Richard, Kevin, Joe, and I thought his little buddy ---.

Q. Gauna?

A. Had a long Polish name, too.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

That was Cybulski.

MR. TEASTER:

Cybulski, okay.

BY MR. TEASTER:

Q. Is that it?

A. Yeah.

Q. Anybody else that you remember?

A. No. I thought that was about it. There was like six or seven people that went under.

Q. Okay. How long did you work in that position before you felt comfortable with the responsibilities that you had been assigned?

A. Three days. The first two days were just --- I didn't feel comfortable at all, because I didn't know what I was doing.

Q. Did you let anybody know --- did you let Bill Taylor or Larry Ramey, somebody know that you ---?

A. Well, I mean, Bill --- Bill got our --- I mean, the tension was so tight that, I mean, he --- he said one more time and I'm going to send you home. Well, nobody explained anything, and that was it. I mean, if I'd have known beforehand that that was what I was going to be doing and how things were done, like --- you know, they didn't tell me this is the official book, and you have to keep it official. You write everything on paper, and then you transcribe it in there. You know, and just little things like that. I started writing down, well, this is going to be called in, and just left it blank, and he said, you can't do that. It has to be how it's done, and --- you know, if they call out now and you don't have the space for that to put in, you can't --- you have to have it in order. You know, and that's stuff I didn't know.

Q. Trying to get a timeline, so it's ---?

A. Right. You have to have everything at the time. So like I said, after the second day I printed out my own cheat sheet, so all I had to do was put in numbers.

When they called out, all I had to do was fill in that number for that --- call in for that inby/outby in the back entry.

Q. They had to call out regularly. How often did they have to call out?

A. Every --- right before the hour. The underground people would call out right at like five or ten minutes 'til.

Q. On every hour?

A. On every hour. I would record that. I would have the people from the hole calling down right at the hour to tell me the exact depth.

Q. What if they had a bump?

A. Then they'd call out ---.

Q. They'd call out ---

A. Yeah.

Q. --- as soon as that happened?

A. As soon as that happened they would call out. Or if they were out in the back entries, once they got to the phone to call out, they would let you know that at such and such time we had a bump, small --- it just kind of shook a little bit, but he said --- you know, that type of information.

Q. If the company would make a call outside, would that come through? Could you ---?

A. Yeah, you could hear somebody saying, come in Conspect, but I'd have to sit there and hold the phone to listen to it.

Q. Yeah, but you couldn't hear that?

A. No, no. All I heard was, you know, come in Conspect, or --- you know, so-and-so, we're going to this portion of the mine, you know, and that would be --- that was all you heard, but they would be miking it. You know, holding it to --- you know, to

get their attention and that, and then once they'd start talking, unless I was listening to the phone ---.

MR. PAVLOVICH:

So this was a mine phone you were using?

A. Yes.

BY MR. TEASTER:

Q. They would page you on the mine phone?

A. Yeah, and I could page them.

Q. Okay. And if you wanted to talk, you had to key the ---?

A. Yeah. Whenever I --- come in Conspect, could you give me the readings for the fans, or how many people you had underground, and then I'd go up and get the hard copy and make sure that they were all equal.

Q. Okay.

A. And then we had to make a phone call to Arlington, I think it was every two hours on the hour.

Q. You had to do that?

A. I started when Jack came in. When Jack came in after ---.

Q. Kuzar?

A. Kuzar came in, it would have been the third week, the start of ---. When they let everybody off to go to the funeral, and all the Utah people to have a break, Jack come in and --- he come in, he started making the phone calls, and he looked at my book, he says, geez, you got it under control. He says if something happens, you get ahold of me. Here's where I'll be, out there dealing with Murray and all the stuff that was going on outside. So I started making the phone calls for him.

Q. How long were you there?

A. I was there three weeks plus a couple days.

Q. Was you there until they basically completed the operation?

A. No. No, no. When I left they were starting to pull the equipment from 107 out.

Q. But they had ceased drilling?

A. No. They were still drilling. They were doing like the seventh hole, I think.

Q. Okay.

A. I was there when they did the sixth hole and they started on that seventh hole, and that's when that ---.

Q. Was they pulling equipment when they was drilling the seventh hole?

A. Yes, I think they were. They were pulling equipment when they were drilling that sixth hole. And it was only equipment from 107 outby, because that's --- Joe and his little buddy put those monitors around a certain portion of that 107, and they were monitoring that for three days or four days or something like that to make sure there was no movement, and they had no movement, so they said, okay, you an go into 107 outby.

Q. Did you meet Mr. Murray when you were there?

A. I didn't meet him personally and get up to shake his hand, but he was in several of the meetings that were going on.

Q. Inside MSHA?

A. Inside the trailer, yeah. They were discussing one day in particular with the safety guy, that they came up with a different plan to do something, and they were sitting there discussing it, and they were going over it and saying this is what we want --- how we want it done, and ---.

Q. Was this prior to the accident on the 16th, or do you remember?

A. I think it's after the 16th, but I mean, I really couldn't say right now for sure.

Q. How would you characterize Mr. Murray's demeanor in those meetings?

A. I'll tell you this. Everything that he said was I. I did this, and I'm going to do this, and I, I, I. You know, it was [redacted] And I thought he was kind of [redacted] to me. You know, just his attitude. He was going to do whatever he wanted and when he wanted it. And like I said, everything was I.

Q. His conversation, there wasn't much there?

A. Right. I mean, it was nothing about the men or anything like that. It was just I. I'm going to get those men out. I'm going to do this. I'm bringing in specialists from back east that are trained in this, and they know how to do this. And I'm looking through the report, and this one kid had a year in the mine. I was like, what is he a specialist of? One year.

Q. Did you overhear anything while in that --- and I'm talking now prior to the 16th, about miners being concerned about their safety and didn't want to go in the mine?

A. The mine foreman, Hispanic guy come in, and he says I have a lot of guys that want to go in there and work, but a lot of those guys don't want to be in the face. And so they were doing other things on the outby, putting those rock props up and stuff like this. He says the people that want to go in inby the --- to advance the rescue are the ones that want to be there. They didn't force anybody to go in there that didn't want to.

Q. Do you know what type of work that was going on in the outby areas?

A. They were putting those props coming back out to shore up --- you know, so they wouldn't have a bump that would block and trap more people in there. They were trying to shore everything up all the way out.

Q. Are you aware of anyone in there cleaning belts and doing that type of activity in the outby areas?

A. No.

Q. So it was to make it safe?

A. Going in and out.

Q. Going in and out.

A. The only concern I have is that --- what was his name, Rodney?

MR. PAVLOVICH:

Rodney Adams?

A. Yeah. He was in the back entries, and he called out and he said, Brad, did they stop rock dusting? Did they stop doing this stuff, because it's getting dark. I mean, pretty black in here with the dust just kind of filtering in, you know, in those back entries. He says, you know, they need to start doing this rock dusting again. You know, somebody's got to keep this up even though they're trying to rescue --- he was concerned. And I'd pass it on to Bill. I said, are they stopping all their safety stuff because they're trying to advance some rescue people? They got to continue this. And that's what was brought up.

BY MR. TEASTER:

Q. Do you know what ever happened to it, or ---?

A. I don't know what ever happened to that, because they --- I don't think they ever did go in and rock dust. I don't know if it was brought to Murray's attention and he did nothing about it, or what, but it was brought to me and I told Bill. I said, you know, Bill, Rodney's concerned that they're not rock dusting and it's getting pretty dark in those back entries.

Q. Did you overhear any conversations while you were in the command center

between MSHA or anyone else that they had little hope or no hope for the trapped miners?

A. Well, I don't know if it was the hole that went right over --- I think it was Number Four hole that was in that back entry that they thought if they had a chance and there was air, if they --- that would be the only place they could be alive. And the ventilation specialist, John ---.

Q. Urosek.

A. Urosek. When they punched through and there was no quality of air, he come in the trailer and he says, there's no way that they could be alive, because there's just no air down there to breathe. No good air to breathe. We're pumping air in and we're still not getting good air readings.

Q. Now, this is after the 16th? This was after that ---? I think Number Four went down after the 16th.

A. It might have. I ---.

MR. PAVLOVICH:

Where's you're map at?

A. It was --- the Number Four hole was way in the back in the gob.

MR. PAVLOVICH:

Okay. I think that's Number Three.

A. Three?

MR. PAVLOVICH:

It was up in the bleeder entry?

A. Yeah. I would say it was Number Three.

MR. PAVLOVICH:

But you know where it was?

A. Yeah, because they were concerned that they punched here and here.

MR. PAVLOVICH:

I think that one actually had about 16 percent oxygen in it.

MR. TEASTER:

Fifteen (15) and a half to 16 and a half.

MR. PAVLOVICH:

Have you seen the map where the holes are?

A. Yeah.

MR. PAVLOVICH:

So you're familiar with which hole was which?

A. Yeah.

MR. PAVLOVICH:

Okay.

BY MR. TEASTER:

Q. This is the Number Three hole.

A. This is which? This is the Number Four hole. I think it was this one right here.

Q. Yeah, that went down prior to.

A. It was back --- back further. And they figured that if they could get some air, and there was just --- the quality of air wasn't there.

MR. PAVLOVICH:

Well, this one was 16.2. Okay. But this is the one where they thought they heard some tapping, so they drilled this one down here, because they thought that's where the direction of the tapping was from, but it came back 13.8. Would that have been the one maybe Joe ---?

A. Yeah, maybe that was it there.

MR. PAVLOVICH:

When you said Number Four hole, you may have said right to begin with --- I don't know, I'm not trying to put words in your mouth, but ---. But that was the first time you'd ever heard anybody say ---?

A. Yeah. I mean, everybody was kind of hoping, when they heard the tapping --- like I say, in this one here, there were very --- you know, it kind of lifted their spirits, but when they punched this one through and there was just no air at all, I mean, to live on, they were concerned. And I think Jack took John down there to one of the meetings with the family and explained to them that there's no oxygen down there for people to survive on. And it kind of --- you know, nobody was telling them these things, and they didn't inform them of why, or how come they couldn't drop somebody down, type thing.

BY MR. TEASTER:

Q. Did you get any feedback from any of the family members as to how things were being handled?

A. Not from where I was at. I mean, I didn't see the family members.

Q. How did you determine that nobody was telling them this information?

A. Jack --- the news guy. A young kid come back with Jack. They went down through that meeting, and their feedback that next day was the family really appreciated you getting out and having John, a specialist, come in there and say, hey, you have to have X amount of oxygen to live on. And we've drilled all over there, and there just isn't that kind of oxygen down there just to sustain life.

Q. And apparently, based on that, nobody had informed them of ---?

A. Well, you know, I don't think --- you know, when somebody --- a specialist --- this is my field. I'm a ventilation specialist. I know about this. When that person talks

to you, then you say, okay, then that's fine. But when, you know, the guy that's been there, Bill --- I can't think of his name now. Bill ---.

MR. PAVLOVICH:

Denning?

A. Denning. He was the one that was in charge. You know, he talked to them all the time, but he wasn't the ventilation specialist. He wasn't the robot specialist they brought down there to talk to him to say we're going to try this, to give them hope. But this is what I got out of it, that this specialist, when John talked to them, the reporter said, you know, I think it kind of sunk in to the people, the family members.

BY MR. TEASTER:

Q. Did you have any interaction with the press at all?

A. No, I didn't. Just the people that were from MSHA. And basically, they'd say, you know, if this guy calls, I want to talk to him before anybody else, or --- you know, that type of thing. But no, other than that, I didn't talk to anybody from the press.

MR. TEASTER:

Joe?

BY MR. PAVLOVICH:

Q. You said that there was a mine foreman, and I thought you said he was a Hispanic fellow that came into the command center one day and said that there was some guys that didn't want to work in the face and they found other work for them?

A. Yeah.

Q. Do you remember what his name was?

A. Let's see. He was a Hispanic guy. I couldn't tell you. I really couldn't say his name.

Q. Okay. He was a company guy?

A. Yeah, he was a company guy.

Q. You didn't write that in your log, did you, by any chance?

A. No, I didn't put that in there. It was just something he said, you know, I have people that want to go in and help, but they don't want to go in the face.

Q. Okay.

A. And basically, we're going to put them over here doing this and that.

Q. But that was prior to the 16th?

A. No, I think that was ---.

Q. Like the first day or so you were there?

A. No, I think that was after that bump that killed the other people.

Q. Oh, they didn't ---?

A. No, no. It was before the 16th, yes, because they stopped advancement. They wouldn't let anybody else in there. Yeah, it was before that, that he had people that were working on the outby because they wouldn't go in.

Q. You believed that he confirmed that people did not want to work ---?

A. Yeah. And then I don't know if it was Richard or Kevin. I think Kevin said that's fine. If they don't want to be there, we're not going to force them to be there. We have people that want to go in, that's fine.

Q. He actually came in and told that to Richard and Kevin?

A. Yeah. He came in there --- they were talking about something, and it was brought up that, you know, there's guys that don't want to work in the face, and he said that's fine, don't send them into the face.

Q. That's what Richard and Kevin said, don't send them into the face?

A. Yeah. No, don't put them in there if you --- if they don't want to go in there, you can't force them to go in. You know, just let them --- if you want to work outby,

they can work outby. And if you don't need them, send them home. Basically that's what they were saying. I mean, if you have work for them to do outby, then ---.

Q. You said when you first got there and those first two days were really hectic, by really hectic, did you mean there was just a lot of confusion in the command center overall or was it hectic just for you?

A. I think it was just tension.

Q. From everybody?

A. From everybody. I mean, it was just --- everybody was so tense and so tight and wound up tight that, you know, every little thing where people were ---.

Q. So can you give us some examples of that, why you ---?

A. Well, I felt --- I just felt like there was so much going on. And like I said, that position that I was in should be in a position where there --- you should be in like a little booth by yourself where it's quiet. You can take your phone calls. You could write down what you needed to do and concentrate on what was going on, because they were having a meeting talking back and forth, somebody's talking on the phone next to you and you're trying to listen to the guys telling you what was going on, what the readings were, and then you have to ask them, could you repeat that again, and they were --- you can feel the tension in their voice because they have to repeat it to you. And I went up to all the guys that were under Donnie and Peter Saint and the other kid, and I said, you know, there's a lot going on in there, I'm sorry that I have to ask you, but it's no sooner that you started to talk to me somebody's asking me a question, you know. And it's like, it should be in a little secluded little area.

Q. Let's kind of put ourselves in this position, okay. And just --- you've got a crew of people that are in the mine loading up in the Number One entry. I mean, they're only loading like three feet at a time, and then they stop and set two jacks and put a

screen up. That may take an hour, and then they load three more feet. So from that perspective, there's not a hell of a lot going on underground; right?

A. Uh-huh (yes).

Q. So where in the hell is all this hecticness coming from? I mean --- and again, I'm just asking your opinion, because that's obviously how you felt. That's realistic to you, that there was a lot of stuff going on in the command center, but it's not like you had five mine rescue teams exploring and you had a mine fire raging, and --- I mean --- you see what I mean?

A. Yeah.

Q. So I guess, what was making it so hectic to you? Was it just ---?

A. Just the stuff that was going on. I mean, it ---.

Q. So was it the outside stuff going on, not necessarily what was going on in the inside?

A. Well, I mean, you have the drillers calling down. You have guys calling from inside out.

Q. Okay.

A. You know, you just --- it just --- for me, the first two days were just --- because I was new at it, inexperienced. I didn't know what was expected of me.

Q. People running in and out ---.

A. In and out and asking you questions. And you know, what's this phone number for this guy, and you'd have to --- that's up there on the board. You know, it just ---.

Q. Okay. I ---.

MR. TEASTER:

You got the incoming calls on the outside line?

A. Yeah, you had another outside line that Arlington would be calling in and you'd be calling out to Arlington.

BY MR. PAVLOVICH:

Q. So you were getting all the calls then, not just from underground in the bore holes?

A. No. You had like a satellite phone.

Q. Okay.

A. You had a regular phone, and then you had the mine phone, and they're all ringing at one time, and you have people in the meeting, you know. And like I say, I'm sitting in the corner, I'm trying to talk to the people underground, or --- and get things down, and there's just so much going on, you know. And it was hard for me ---.

Q. Was there a lot of arguing in there, or ---?

A. No, no. I mean, they were just talking, you know. We got to do this, we got to do that, dah, dah, dah, dah. Hey, Brad, what's this here? Hey, Brad, what was that last reading? You know, wait just a second, I'm on the phone type thing. And it just --- for me, I felt ---.

Q. But most of the information they're wanting was the footage?

A. Footage, where the drill holes were.

Q. And the depth of the bore holes?

A. No, those were ---. What's going on underground? Well, they're working inby. They were 20 foot inby from where they were last time you asked me.

Q. Okay.

A. They turned a crosscut and they're not advancing. You know, they're cleaning up this here. You know, that's basically what they wanted to know. The drill is down X amount of feet, they punched through, what's the readings, are they in-gassing,

out-gassing type things.

Q. Did you, by any chance, keep a copy of that document they gave you when you first showed up that said ---

A. What I was supposed to be --- no.

Q. --- specifically what you were supposed to do?

A. No. They called me up and asked me if I had anything, I said no. Whatever I had I --- it stayed there in that trailer.

Q. Okay.

A. Even the cheat sheets that I made that I recorded everything on, you know. And I ---.

Q. Now, when you said you first called out, you'd have to write things down and then you'd have to take that and put it in the log book.

A. Uh-huh (yes).

Q. So you're almost keeping like two records?

A. Right.

Q. Why?

A. Well, like I say, I --- this is so hard, why ---.

Q. Were there certain things that you wrote that were called out that were never put in the log book?

A. No. It's just the same things, you know, like the miner has advanced X amount of feet from ---.

Q. Then you'd have to write it in this ---.

A. And write the same thing over here. And it's the same thing you wrote ---. And so I just put it on our --- I typed it on a sheet and printed it out.

MR. TEASTER:

But that was your choice, that wasn't --- you could have recorded it directly in the log book?

A. No. I was told no.

MR. TEASTER:

Okay.

A. I was told, you record it here on this piece of paper, then you write it in here nice and neat. I said, okay, that's fine. That's why I come up with the cheat sheets, so I didn't have to write those things. And then I got ten foot, they're inby crosscut such and such. They're reading --- or the bore hole is down 150 feet. All they had to do was put that number in. And then if he called Arlington, he said, well, what's in the book, I'd just hand him that sheet of paper, and he could read right off there. He said, I can't read your writing. Well, you know, I was taking notes, I'm in a hurry trying to --- you know, I just put things here, put there, and then somebody, they say something and you kind of jot it down over here on the side, and ---.

BY MR. PAVLOVICH:

Q. But to your best knowledge, everything that you wrote down on the ---?

A. Everything that I ---.

Q. It was all transposed back into the log book?

A. Uh-huh (yes).

Q. There wasn't anything somebody said, don't put that in there?

A. No, no. I was never told not to put anything in. I put everything in that was --- that come off the phone or talked to me, and said put that in the book. And if I was told to put it in the book, I put it in the book.

MR. TEASTER:

What time did Al Davis and Kevin and Richard normally

arrive at the command center in the mornings?

A. That there depending, if they stopped down there with their families, sometimes they'd have a family briefing in the morning. There was a lot of times, like Kevin would have been up at the trailer and Richard stayed down with the families, and then they would get together ---.

MR. TEASTER:

What time did you get there again?

A. I'd get there at six o'clock.

MR. TEASTER:

Six o'clock.

BY MR. PAVLOVICH:

Q. Would they not get the information from you first before going to the family briefing?

A. Well, that would be like --- Bill would call up and say, what was the last readings? Every hour they'd call up. See, that was another one, you were calling them after you got the readings, or they'd call you to find out, well, what else ---.

Q. So sometimes instead of actually coming to the command center to get ---

A. The information.

Q. --- the information for the family briefing, they might just call you for it?

A. Right.

Q. And ask you, tell us this for the briefing?

A. Yeah. We're going to have a briefing. You know, what has happened since --- .

Q. Okay. So they wouldn't always come up there first thing to get the information?

A. No. A lot of times they were there --- like I said, if they had something going on there at the school and they all stopped there, or --- you know, Kevin would drop off Al and Richard down there, and then drive up himself and be up at the trailer. You know, so there was always somebody ---.

Q. Who was running the command center?

A. I would say Bill Taylor was the person that was there at all times. He was there that first week that I was there, the whole time.

Q. And when you were there, Bill would be there?

A. Yeah. I mean, he didn't even go to the bathroom. I'll tell you what, he's like --- I'm serious.

Q. Now, wait a minute.

A. I mean, I'm serious. I was like --- do you want to go get something to eat? No, no, no. He wouldn't leave.

Q. He would be there --- when you got there at six o'clock, Bill would be there?

A. Yeah. He would get up there ---.

Q. And when you left at 4:00, he'd still be there?

A. Yeah. He was one of those that ---. And like I said, after he left, Jack was there, and Jack was there in the mornings before I got there, or he would let me know that I have a briefing in the morning, so I'll be up a little later.

MR. TEASTER:

Well, they had a meeting. The company had a meeting with MSHA. Was there a regular scheduled time for that in the mornings, that you're aware of?

A. No. And I mean, they would have meetings at all times. And there'd be times that they'd just --- oh, Murray wants us to go over, they want to talk. They wanted to

gather us for something. And they'd go over to his trailer, or sometimes right underneath the tent there. And every now and then they'd come inside. Like I said, there was one day that they were in there, and they were discussing something about the roof control and how they were going to --- you know, what they could do to fix it up, and they were going over a plan that he had submitted, and they were saying okay, all right, we'll approve this, and they signed it.

MR. TEASTER:

Were you there when they brought plans to be approved?

A. Yes. And like I said, that roof --- I think it was one of the roof control plans that they brought in and said, this is what we want to do.

MR. TEASTER:

And Taylor would --- Bill Taylor would approve that?

A. No, not Bill. Bill didn't. It was either Al Davis or --- I think Al is the one that was signing it.

BY MR. PAVLOVICH:

Q. So Bill would have to go find out?

A. Yeah, basically. I mean, they would get him as they were walking --- if he was there, they would come in the trailer, or if they were in the trailer, they'd walk in and say, you know, here's what we want to do, you know, in the outby. We want to go here and go there, and they'd review it and they'd say okay, and they'd approve it and they'd sign it, but ---.

BY UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

Q. Is there anything you could elaborate on, Brad, on that discussion with Peter Saint where you guys were riding together?

A. We just --- you know, he was --- like everybody was down in dumps the next

day, because of Gibby. He said, you know, --- he said, I went in and I saw what happened, when I went up there to get him, and he said, Donnie talked me out of it. He said, I was ready to pull it down.

Q. This was ---?

A. The day after the ---.

MR. TEASTER:

The 17th.

A. 17th. That morning.

BY UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

Q. But he was talking about that morning bump of the 16th?

A. Yes. Because I called out --- I called back down there and he said, well, Donnie's already went up to the miner. He said, I'll walk up there and ask him to give you information.

Q. That he wanted to pull the plug?

A. Yeah. He said he walked up there and saw what it looked like, and he says, you know, I let Donnie talk me out of it. He says, I got up there and said, I wanted to just shut it down right there.

Q. Any other conversations, Brad, that you heard along those lines at all from anyone else or any others from Peter?

A. No. Not about what was going on. I mean, I've heard --- you know, my boss said, you know, there was just so much stuff in the crosscuts, and he said, I'd be ashamed to call that one of my mines. He says, our mines --- I'd stack our mines up against any of these mines over here.

Q. And who was that?

A. Larry Ramey. He just said, I'd be ashamed to call that my mine. Stuff was

stuck in the crosscuts piled up. You know, just debris. And most of the people that were under there were saying basically the same thing, guys that were from West Virginia.

MR. PAVLOVICH:

Ex. (b)(6) and Ex. (b)(7)(C) [redacted]?

BY MR. PALETTA:

Q. I have a couple just about the bump description. I'm just curious, when you would report what was called out --- first of all, was it always the guy right behind the miner or the outby guy that --- did several people call bumps out?

A. Yes. Yes. Peter Saint called them out. The other kid's name?

MR. PAVLOVICH:

Rodney?

A. Rodney. Rodney called out that he was in the back entry. He had a couple.

BY MR. PALETTA:

Q. Okay. And when they called them out, did you pretty much record verbatim what they said or did you paraphrase ---?

A. No. I said small bump --- he said, I had a small bump, there's no damage. He was kind of shook for a little bit, but ---.

Q. And on your form, your cheat sheet or whatever, you had enough room to write down whatever it is they were telling you about the bumps?

A. Uh-huh (yes).

Q. And now in the time that you were there, did it change as far as what anybody was instructed to call out? Were they calling out absolutely everything they heard from the time you were there? Are you aware of any change in instructions that they were to call out?

A. No. No. No, basically, I think they called out everything that was going on, you know, while they were underground. I mean, Donnie would call out and let me know what they were doing at the face. Peter would call out that he was getting readings over by the seals, and they were switching --- Rodney and him would go back and forth to these different places that they had to get readings from. And they'd call out. They'd call out that they had a bump. A lot of the bumps were going further back out, outby than the face.

Q. And as far as anybody at all for MSHA being interested in the bumps, as far as the log, tech support guys, Kevin, I mean, anybody inquire specifically about the bumps and the log book?

A. Well, like I said, they brought in Joe, and they all went in there to see, you know, what --- were they doing it safely. And that's what they said. They were doing everything that they thought they could do to be safe, to keep going. And the bumps were --- the one at ten o'clock that one morning, that was the only one threw debris. Most of them just kind of shake a little bit, and that was it, you know. It didn't last long. So it was basically we had a small bump, you know, but when he called out and said it covered a portion of the miner, that's when they were concerned. And like I said, I'm sure that that afternoon they all went in underground and went in to check to see to make sure that everything was going, and that they were doing everything as safely as they could. And I said that's what Joe said, he said, we were doing the only thing that we could do.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

When the midnight shift would finish and the dayshift would finish, and the day shift people would come to relieve them and take their place, was there any --- did you observe any communication between the ---?

A. The supervisors, or ---?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

Between the workers, between the guys going off and the guys coming in?

A. Well, basically when I arrived, I went into the trailer and I talked to the guy that was taking notes, and he would say that this is what happened last night, everything seemed pretty good, here's where the drill hole was at, I'd get that information. The other guys went right over to where they were going to go underground. And I'm sure that they did talk to each other, but I mean, I didn't see it. I didn't see it. They usually met outside, and I was inside trying to get familiar with what I was going to go through that day, and what was going on.

BY MR. PALETTA:

Q. Who was that guy that you relieved?

A. Tate ---.

MR. PAVLOVICH:

Tain Curtis?

A. Tain Curtis, out of Price here. He was the one that was working nights. And then a big, tall guy, has a hearing aid, from Price.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

I don't know.

A. Dwayne. Dwayne --- is that his name, Dwayne? From Price. He was the one that replaced me.

MR. PAVLOVICH:

Is he a trainee also?

A. Yeah, he was a trainee.

MR. PAVLOVICH:

I wouldn't know.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

Dwayne Deveer (phonetic)?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

Deveer-Smith?

A. It's a big, tall guy. He has hearing aids. That was the guy that ---.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

We don't know him.

MR. PAVLOVICH:

[redacted] do you have any questions?

[redacted]

Nothing.

MR. TEASTER:

We've asked all the questions that we have at his time. Is there anything that you'd like to share with us that we've not asked?

A. No. I think I've said about everything that I know and can relate to this.

MR. TEASTER:

Well, we appreciate you coming up. I'm sorry we made you drive up here, and we hope you get home before the snow comes in.

A. We'll get home sooner or later.

MR. TEASTER:

But if you think of something that you'd like to share with us later on, well, get ahold of us. And if we need some additional information, well, we'll get ahold of you, and ---.

A. No problem.

MR. TEASTER:

Again, we ask you not to share this discussion or interview with anyone until we've completed all of our interviews.

A. Okay.

MR. TEASTER:

Have a safe trip home.