

**COLLIER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
SWORN STATEMENT**

Statement of: Sydney Bosmans	Location of Statement: PRMC	
DOB: [REDACTED]	Date: 02-09-24	Time: 1734 hours
Address: 6101 Pine Ridge Road Naples, FL	Detective: Derek Holden [REDACTED] Brian Tarazona [REDACTED]	
Phone Number: [REDACTED]	Case #: 24-57451	
	Case Type: Accidental Death X2/Aircraft	
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- D. This is Detective Holden, [REDACTED]. This is a recorded sworn statement reference to case 24-57451. Today's date is February 9, 2024. And the time is 5:34 p.m. Statement is currently being taken at Physician's Regional Medical Center on Pine Ridge Road, in exam room number five. Miss, could you raise your right hand please? Do you swear everything you're about to tell me is the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth?
- A. Yes.
- D. Put your hand down. And for the record, could you tell me your full name please?
- A. Sydney Erin Bosmans.
- D. How do you spell your last name?
- A. B-O-S-M-A-N-S.
- D. What is your date of birth?
- A. [REDACTED].
- D. And what is your home address?
- A. [REDACTED].
- D. And what is the best telephone number to call you at?

- A. I don't know who is like – my boyfriend lives with me. Do you want his phone number? Like –
- D. I want the – I'll take both. So let's start with the cell phone – your cell phone number that's assigned to you.
- A. Okay.
- D. What is that?
- A. [REDACTED] - [REDACTED].
- D. Okay. And what is your boyfriend's telephone number?
- A. Can I –
- D. Sure. His name is Jake –
- A. Jake, yeah.
- D. And his number is [REDACTED], is that correct?
- A. Yes.
- D. Okay. Are you employed?
- A. Yes.
- D. And who do you work for?
- A. HopAJet.
- D. How do you spell that?
- A. Like H-O-P-A-J-E-T. And then I also do some contracting like self-employed. They're the main – HopAJet. Yeah, and then I do like my own stuff. Some contracting work on the side, like flight attendant, you know.
- D. Gotcha. Okay. So it's my understanding that you were working for HopAJet today, is that correct?
- A. Correct.
- D. And it's also my understanding that you – you guys flew out of an airport in Ohio?
- A. Yeah, Columbus, OSU. yeah.

- D. OSU? Okay so what time – what time did that flight depart?
- A. Around 1:00 p.m.
- D. Around 1:00 p.m. What was the destination of that flight?
- A. Naples.
- D. Naples Airport?
- A. Yeah.
- D. Okay. Did you know – did you have a flight number that you know?
- A. I couldn't remember it.
- D. Okay.
- A. If I had my phone I can show you the paperwork.
- D. I understand. So when you boarded the aircraft how many total people were on the aircraft?
- A. Five in total.
- D. Five in total?
- A. Yeah.
- D. So it was you. It's my understanding you guys were taking two passengers, is that correct?
- A. Correct.
- D. Do you know their names?
- A. Um, it was Aaron Baker and I think her name was Audra Green or something like that.
- D. Okay. And then um, there was two pilots in the aircraft, correct? And who were they?
- A. Ian Hofmann and Ed Murphy.
- D. Okay, so had you ever flown with Ian Hofmann and/or Ed Murphy?
- A. Yes I have.

- D. Frequently or no?
- A. I wouldn't say frequently.
- D. Okay.
- A. I mean how would you define that? I mean because I've worked at HopAJet for about two and a half years. And so – but we haven't – it's not like we fly together every trip. So it's kind of like – I've known Ed. Ian is new, newer to the company. So I've only flown with Ian a couple times. But Ed I've flown with –
- D. Gotcha. Who was the pilot in command of that aircraft?
- A. Edward Murphy.
- D. Okay. so you left around 1:00 p.m. is that correct?
- A. Yes.
- D. Anything unusual about the flight?
- A. No. I mean the passengers felt the turbulence was unusual. That's not unusual.
- D. In respect to the pilots was there any arguing amongst the pilots?
- A. I wouldn't say there was any arguing at all. There might have been like – I don't want to call it arguing. But when everything was going down there seemed to be – you know they didn't seem to be on the same page.
- D. Okay. Can you explain that a little bit more for me, so I understand?
- A. Um, I mean I don't know. I feel like I'm throwing people under the bus right now. I felt the CRM was terrible.
- D. I don't know what that means.
- A. Crew resource management. So like the communication between crew and emergency situation.
- D. Okay.
- A. Because no one actually ever like told me what was going on.
- D. Okay.
- A. I just saw you know, I know when a – I've flown in the cockpit enough to like know this and if something comes up it's probably not a good thing. And then a

couple buttons started coming up. And then I hear Ed go like – I don't know if Ian was like maybe – I have no idea what he said. But he said something like "We're in an emergency right now." And he said, "Both engines have failed." And I heard him say that. He didn't say it to me. And I said, "Should I secure the cabin?" And then – I'm not like 100% positive. But I'm pretty sure he said like, "Just stay where you are." And like – I don't even know if responded to me. But I got up because I'm – you know you're trained to sit in a specific seat if you have time. So I just followed my gut. And I got up and I went in the back, buckled up in the off seat. I looked at the passengers and said, "This is your brace position. Like get in the brace position now. We're going to have to brace." So I'm yelling "Brace". And then listening – I can hear the pilots. And I can – I don't know. I don't want to say they were arguing, because it was like a high stress situation. But you know, I feel like, can I jump really quick?

D. Absolutely.

A. When I was still in the jump seat, I remember Ed being like – or Ian said something like, "There's water right there." And Ed was like "No." And then like I got up. And then I'm sitting in the seat. Buckled up, we go over the brace position. And then I hear Ed go, "I'm landing right here. I'm doing it. I'm landing right here." And then we just braced for impact.

D. Okay. Prior to the impact and prior to the conversation, did you at any time – because you said maybe there was some friction between them about emergency procedures, and landing choices, and all that. I understand that.

A. Yeah.

D. Was there anything between the two of them prior to that?

A. I don't think so.

D. That was unusual –

A. I don't think so.

D. Did anybody from the flight crew today seem like they were sad or upset before they got on the plane or anything like that?

A. No.

D. Okay. What happened after the plane landed?

A. The plane landed and stuff just you know, stuff was flying everywhere. Um, once it came to a stop, I got up. I don't know exactly what the other two were doing. I

was trying the doors. So I tried the front door. And like you know, there's orange, there's flames everywhere. It really was engulfing pretty quickly. So I tried the window, couldn't get that door. So then I go to the back. And they were back there. So I just tried to get everything out of the way. So it was like "Can you help me?" Like, and so we were getting everything out of the way. And then like finally I was shaking the doors and like we got it up. And like we all just went out. And then like I feel like it was at the perfect time. Because flames were like coming under the door as we were getting out.

D. As you were trying to exit the aircraft, do you know where the pilots were?

A. I mean I'm just assuming that they just got in the front. I don't know.

D. Okay.

A. I didn't look back. Honestly –

D. Was there any verbal communication from them?

A. No.

D. Or anything like that?

A. Nothing; no. I'm assuming – like the whole time I mean I was thinking that we were going to get trapped in there with all the stuff. You know, so I'm assuming they just got trapped. Because you know, when I tried to get that front door, like everything – shit was like everywhere. Like –

D. Okay. Was there any alcohol served on the aircraft?

A. No. They were the easiest passengers ever. They drank water and I think soda.

D. Were there any issues from the passengers at all?

A. No they were great. They – it's funny they said they had a bad feeling when we took off. So that's interesting.

D. Okay.

A. But I didn't have that feeling.

D. I want to talk about the pilots for a moment. So what was Ed's last name?

A. Murphy.

D. Do you know where he lives?

- A. I want to say – why do I want to say he lives in _____ 0:09:39? I honestly don't know.
- D. Lives in where?
- A. I want to say he lives in Walton Manor, but I might be wrong.
- D. Is that in Ohio? Or –
- A. No he lives in Florida. Everybody lives in Florida.
- D. Okay so you're a Florida based crew?
- A. Yeah, yeah. We're based in FXE.
- D. Based out of where?
- A. FXE. Ft Lauderdale Executive.
- D. And what do you know about Ian? What was his last name again?
- A. Hofmann.
- D. How do you spell that?
- A. H-O-F-F-M-A-N? I think.
- D. How old do you think Ed is?
- A. I mean – they're older. Like they're – if I had the paperwork I could give you like a ton of information. But no I mean he's probably in his like 50's. I feel like Ian is probably like in his 60's.
- D. So Ian is older?
- A. I think – or he looks older. I think – I'm assuming he's older.
- D. Okay. What kind of aircraft were you on?
- A. It was either a Challenger 604 or 605. And I know I should know that. But like I just can't like figure it out right now.
- D. Where did you start your day out today?
- A. Like personally?
- D. Well I'm sorry. Where did the flight crew start?

- A. Oh FXE.
- D. So you flew from Ft. Lauderdale up to Columbus?
- A. Yeah. And then we picked them up and then –
- D. And then you were scheduled to go leave Naples at 3:30 for –
- A. We were scheduled to leave Naples and then we were going to go back home to FXE. And that was it for the day.
- D. Okay. Do you recall your tail number or no?
- A. Yeah. November 823 Kilo Delta.
- D. Okay. Can you describe what Ed looks like?
- A. Very skinny. Slender man. Buzz cut, brown hair.
- D. How tall would you say he is?
- A. Trying to think. Maybe he's around my height. I'm 5'7". Maybe he's a little bit taller.
- D. 5'8" to 5'9"?
- A. Maybe. I don't know.
- D. How was he dressed today?
- A. In his uniform. His white pilot shirt. And then I think he had like a sweater on, a navy sweater. Is that me?
- D. I think you're good. Okay and as far as Ian is concerned. How would you describe Ian, other than his 60's?
- A. Okay he's definitely taller. He's got a little bit of weight on him, but he's not obese or anything.
- D. As far as height, is he six feet or taller?
- A. Probably. He has gray hair. Hair style is kind of like – I feel like it's kind of like yours.
- D. Does he have any facial hair or anything like that?

- A. You know, I'm like he's got a mustache. I think, yeah. It's funny when you ask people's – I didn't look that hard.
- D. That's okay. So you know Ed better than Ian, is that correct?
- A. Yeah, for sure.
- D. Is Ed married?
- A. No.
- D. Do you know if he has any adult children?
- A. I don't think he does.
- D. Has he ever spoken about any type of family that he may have?
- A. You know well I knew that he had a brother that passed away. So I don't know. I'm sure he's talked to me about his family. I just don't remember right now.
- D. I understand.
- A. I haven't hung out with him like that in a while.
- D. What about Ian? Do you know anything about –
- A. Ian has a whole family. I know that for sure.
- D. So he's married?
- A. He's married. He has like multiple children.
- D. Do you know the name of his wife?
- A. No.
- D. Is there anything that I haven't asked you that you think is important for us to know?
- A. I don't know. I feel like I should talk to you first –
- D. No that's okay.
- A. Like in what way? So it didn't happen again or something?
- D. No, so is there any issue between the pilots, or anybody in the crew –

- A. No.
- D. That would have intentionally brought that aircraft –
- A. Absolutely not.
- D. Okay.
- A. No. We were ready to land. They were lined up for the approach and like all of a sudden –
- D. Okay.
- A. There's no way.
- D. All right. Do you have any questions? All right. That concludes the recorded sworn statement. The time is 5:49 p.m.

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- A. I do.
- D. Put your hand down. And for the record, could you tell me your full name please?
- A. Audra Danielle Green.
- D. And what is your date of birth?
- A. Birthdate [REDACTED].
- D. And what is your home address?
- A. [REDACTED].
- D. And what's the best telephone number to call you at?
- A. I'll use my cell phone number, but we have to get a new cell phone so I don't know when – so it might not be for a few days.
- D. What's your cell number?

- A. It will be [REDACTED].
- D. Okay. Are you employed?
- A. No.
- D. Are you a student or what do you do to occupy yourself?
- A. Nope.
- D. Nothing?
- A. No.
- D. Okay.
- A. I work part time. I'm an interior designer.
- D. Okay, that's your occupation?
- A. So yeah.
- D. Okay. So it's my understanding that you're all on an aircraft today, is that correct?
- A. Yes.
- D. Okay. Um, when did you – when did you get onto the airplane?
- A. We took off from Columbus – we took off from Ohio State Airport.
- D. What time?
- A. And – probably 12 – actually our flight was at 1:00.
- D. Okay.
- A. 12:30 – we got to the airport about 12:30. We took off about 1:00 with our pilots. But we were flying for the first time. We typically always fly with NetJets. And we've never flown on a non-NetJets plane before.
- D. Okay.
- A. But for some reason, since today was such a high travel day, they switched our plane. So we were flying on a Challenger 650 or 600. It's a Challenger, one of the two of them. And we were flying – I think it was with HopAJet was what I saw on the pilot's things. It was kind of weird. I mean we didn't – the pilots never really

introduced themselves. And typically they do with our NetJets. But since it was a third-party company, I think it was just a little bit different. But luckily we had a flight attendant with us, so there were five total on board. It was me and Aaron, who's my boyfriend. And then –

D. What' Aaron's last name?

A. Roth-Baker.

D. Okay.

A. Aaron Roth is his first name. And Baker is his last name. And um, we had a flight attendant with us. We had the two pilots.

D. Okay. So you left – what time did you leave Columbus?

A. About 1:00.

D. About 1:00?

A. Yeah. Was our take off time.

D. When you – did you go to the commercial terminal, or did you go to the private terminal when you left?

A. We were flying out of OSU Don Scott Airport. So it's a – it's a smaller airport. It's not CMH.

D. Okay.

A. It's not the normal one that commercial flights fly out of. So it's kind of more of like a private airport there.

D. Almost like an executive airport.

A. Yeah exactly.

F: I'm sorry. I just want to make sure you're still feeling okay.

A. Oh yeah.

F. Have you started developing any chest pain, back pain, neck pain?

A. Nope.

F. You're still doing okay?

- A. I'm all good.
- F. Okay.
- D. Okay. So – so you got onto the plane. And you left about what time again?
- A. About 1:00.
- D. How many people were on that plane when you left?
- A. It's me and Aaron. And then the flight attendant.
- D. Do you know her name?
- A. Sydney.
- D. Sydney. And you said the pilots did not introduce themselves.
- A. No.
- D. Okay.
- A. It was a little bit odd. Because typically with NetJets we don't typically have a flight attendant. We just have our two pilots, and you know, we'll chat for a while with them, before we take off. But it was a very quick, just kind of like we got on the plane.
- D. Okay.
- A. And then we went –
- D. So where were you sitting in the plane?
- A. I'm sitting rear facing with my back to the pilots. When you're walking onto the plane, the first left hand seat. And then Aaron was sitting right across from me in the first left – or second left-hand seat.
- D. Okay.
- A. And then – so it was a smooth flight. I mean we had a little bit of turbulence coming out of Columbus.
- D. How many people – how many seats does that plane have, do you know?
- A. Total? There's a couch. So the couch adds like four. But there's four in the front and then there's five, six, seven, eight and then a couch.

- D. Okay.
- A. So probably could fit 12 people.
- D. Okay. So you said a little bit of turbulence when you left?
- A. Yeah. And so it was weird because both of us – we never get nervous on flights. And both of us looked at each other, we were like we're not going to put any bad ju ju. And while we were eating in the back, because we felt all this crazy turbulence. And we were like, nothing's wrong, haha. Nothing's wrong. And then everything was fine for about an hour or so, until we get about 20 minutes closer to landing. And then – so –
- D. Let me interrupt you. How did you know it was 20 minutes till landing?
- A. Because I see it on our screen. We have like a – it's like a flight manifest – yeah, like a tracker.
- D. Okay.
- A. So I know that we're getting close. And we're kind of starting to get to the point where you know, we put on our seatbelts anyway. Because we just know that we have to have our seatbelts on when we're getting close to landing. They didn't say anything. But we – Sydney opened up the door, because most of the flight the door stays closed, between the cabin – between like the pilots and then us. And so the door was closed. And then once we get closer, Sydney comes, and she opens the door. And that's kind of like our cue, okay we're going to get close to landing. So we buckle up. And then Sydney is sitting up front. And her and the pilots – we hear them talking. And then all of a sudden we hear like you know, her go "Are you serious?" And then she ran back immediately. And she's like "We're bracing for impact." Told Aaron what to do. Told me what to do. And we impact.
- D. What did she tell you to do?
- A. Aaron, since he is facing towards the pilot. He has the crept down and then since I'm rear facing I had my back up.
- D. Okay. And then what did Sydney do?
- A. Same thing as me. She's in the seat that – so if you're walking –
- D. Rear facing –
- A. Yes, she is rear facing as well.

- D. Okay. So what happens after you're told to brace?
- A. We, I mean probably three seconds later she says – she says, "Prepare to brace for impact, both of our engines have failed." And we were like "Are you serious?" And she goes, "Yes I'm very serious." You know, "We're bracing for impact." Shows us what to do. We hit. And we hit a few different times because we feel so many different like bumps and kind of like shakes. And then on the last one whenever you could really tell, we're on the ground. We felt the whole plane almost like just do a whole turn the other way. Like I felt the plane spin. I had my eyes open the whole time. And as soon as we kind of start spinning, then I see the orange flame from all the smoke, everything like that start shooting up.
- D. Okay.
- A. And then we get to the point where we're still – I didn't hear a word from the pilots.
- D. Okay.
- A. I didn't hear anything.
- D. So –
- A. So it was just Sydney, me and Aaron in the back. And then we see the flames starting to come up. All our bags were everywhere. We don't have too many like, it's like our purse and stuff like that and our shoes. And everything is flying everywhere in the cabin. And then we just start – Sydney and I immediately run over to the – the main door that you would use in the back.
- D. Which side is that?
- A. Left hand side. And we tear off that entire like wall, and we couldn't get – Aaron started initially trying to kick in one of the windows. Didn't get anywhere. He went to the back. And then Aaron was working on the – where the – the luggage door. And he was able to go in through the luggage door. And then Sydney went back there with him. And they couldn't find a light. So they needed a light. So for a little while I kept crawling back and forth up and down, like on the – underneath everything. And it's so smoky, but I'm trying to find a – my phone so that we can get a light. Because they couldn't see back there. So I don't know how long total that we were trying to get out for, but it felt like eternity. Of just them trying to get the door.
- D. Okay.

- A. And then they got the door. Luckily. Our luggage was like falling against the door. So luckily they were able to get the outside door. And then we all just jumped out. And then the plane pretty much went up right after that.
- D. Okay and so after the plane went up – went up, you mean it caught on fire?
- A. No, I mean we heard it like all the explosions of it. It was on fire when we were on the ground. When we were in it, it was on fire.
- D. Okay.
- A. I was breathing in smoke when they were in the back. And then I was by myself in like the actual cabin part. And it was filling up with like that really thick smoke.
- D. Okay. After you got off the aircraft, do you – what happened next?
- A. Um we jumped off immediately. We're facing towards the highway. And we just run – we run right in front of the plane. Like along the highway wall. Um, and then there was a lady who had stopped. She was like on the road. She was just a pedestrian traffic, and she let us use her phone. She drove us up the road just a little bit, because we wanted to get far – father away from the plane.
- D. Right.
- A. But –
- D. So while you were on the aircraft, at any point did you hear any fighting or arguing or anything?
- A. No.
- D. Anything unusual from the cockpit?
- A. Nope.
- D. Okay. Um –
- M. And just to confirm, you don't know the identities of the pilots?
- A. No.
- M. And it was just two pilots?
- A. Yeah.
- M. Okay.

- D. Did – so – okay so there’s – in the cockpit there’s a left seat and a right seat, correct?
- A. Yes.
- D. What did the person, the pilot in the left seat look like, do you remember?
- A. No. Like normally our pilots introduce themselves and we always kind of know who our main pilot is, and who our co-pilot is. We didn’t have any idea.
- D. Okay.
- A. Aaron might have noticed because he’s looking that way. The whole flight, since I’m rear facing; I didn’t see them.
- D. I understand. And was it a White male?
- A. Yes, both of them were White.
- D. Both White males?
- A. Yeah.
- D. How were they dressed?
- A. Um, they were wearing – that’s when I saw the – that’s the only time I saw the companies name. It’s like HopAJet or something like that. It wasn’t NetJets. They were dark gray; quarter zips and they had like an orange logo, Nand it was HopAJet.
- D. Okay.
- A. Was their brand name.
- D. Is there anything that I have not asked you, that you think is important for us to know?
- A. No.
- D. Do you have any questions Brian?
- M. No. You pretty much covered it. It’s impressive what you can remember.
- A. I remember everything pretty well. I had my eyes open.
- D. All right. That concludes the recorded sworn statement. The time is 5:12 p.m.

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- A. I do not have my phone.
- D. I understand. But that will be your phone number when you get a replacement phone, correct?
- A. Yes.
- D. Okay. What do you do for work?
- A. I run an investment firm, Scioto View Partners.
- D. And what's your – what do you – what's your title?
- A. Vice President, Equity Trader.
- D. Okay and what uh – it's your firm?
- A. Yes.
- D. What's the name of your firm?
- A. Scioto View Partners.
- D. How do you spell that?
- A. Scioto, S-C-I-O-T-O. View. Partners.
- D. Partners, okay. Um, so it's my understanding you were on an aircraft today, correct?

- A. Yes.
- D. When – where did you board that aircraft?
- A. Don Scott, OSU Airport.
- D. Okay.
- A. Columbus, Ohio.
- D. Okay and what time did you board the aircraft?
- A. We got on about 12:50. We were scheduled to take off at 1:00.
- D. Okay. And the – did you charter this company?
- A. So it's through NetJets.
- D. Through NetJets.
- A. Yeah. NetJets called me about four days ago. And they mentioned that because it's a busy season with the Super Bowl, they were wondering if they could give us an upgrade to a Challenger 650. And I said, "Not a problem." But it would be a third-party company.
- D. Okay. Have you ever flown with this company before?
- A. I'm not a – with NetJets, yes. But I'm not 100% sure – I've never flown on this specific plane.
- D. Okay. And do you know the name of this third-party air carrier that you were on?
- A. No, I just know the tail number.
- D. Okay. What's the tail number?
- A. I did know it. It was something D. I know it ends with a D.
- D. That's okay. Um, so you board about 12:50.
- A. Yep.
- D. For a scheduled 1:00 p.m. departure.
- A. Yes.
- D. How many people did you get on the plane with?

- A. Danni and I.
- D. Okay and that's – who is Danni?
- A. Audra. My girlfriend.
- D. She's your girlfriend?
- A. Yes.
- D. Was there anybody else on the plane?
- A. Uh, we had the stewardess Sydney and then the two pilots.
- D. Okay. Do you know the names of the pilots?
- A. I do not.
- D. Okay. Do you know what the pilots look like?
- A. I met one gentleman. He shook my hand. Shorter gentleman. Looked like he had some facial hair. Caucasian.
- D. Caucasian male.
- A. Yes.
- D. Were they both White males.
- A. I'm honestly not sure if I saw the other one.
- D. Okay.
- A. Pretty sure I saw one. Normally, it's kind of odd because you usually get on the plane through NetJets. They come out. They want to check your ID. Nobody checked our ID's.
- D. Okay. So did you take off at 1:00 or around 1:00?
- A. Yes.
- D. Okay. And was Naples your destination?
- A. Yes.
- D. Okay. And so how was the flight? Anything unusual on the flight?

- A. It – we got turbulence very high up. Um, which is kind of weird. I feel like you only should get turbulence when you're going through clouds. So we got to, I don't know, let me think. 25,000, 30,000 feet and it was blue skies. And you could just see the wings shaking. I thought that was just a little odd, because I've only had turbulence usually when you're coming in, and going through a storm, but not that high up.
- D. How do you know you were at that altitude?
- A. There's a display.
- D. There's a display. One display, two displays?
- A. There's one in the front, one in the back.
- D. Okay. Where were you seated on the aircraft?
- A. Yeah. So when you board there's two and two. I was facing the pilots.
- D. Okay. so you board – did you board from the – so did you board from the left side of the aircraft or the right side?
- A. I would say the right side of the aircraft.
- D. Okay. So how long was the flight scheduled to be?
- A. Two hours, 15 minutes.
- D. Two hours, 15?
- A. Yes.
- D. So at some point did something out of the ordinary occur on that flight?
- A. Honestly it just – it went pretty smooth. I feel like we had turbulence here and there. Danni and I were looking out the windows. We're like okay we're in Florida. We're doing the loop around and getting ready to land. Nothing out of the ordinary there, until you know Sydney ran back.
- D. Had you taken that route before?
- A. I've probably taken it many times, yes.
- D. So is it typical for that route from Columbus to take a loop out over the Gulf?
- A. Yes.

- D. Okay. Then what happened?
- A. Um, so Sydney had come back, because we had the door closed. And she said, "We're about to land" and –
- D. Door to what?
- A. The – the cockpit area.
- D. Okay.
- A. She came back. She closed – opened – she left it open. She says, "We're getting read to land." Uh, she began to fold the bucket seat down. And she sat down, buckled herself in. And then Danni and I heard some beeping's going on. And I was like don't even worry about it. This is a new plane. We've never been on it. It's probably nothing. Uh, and then I could see the stewardess lean forward. And she said something, and the pilot said something to her. And then she came running back and saying, "We have to brace for impact. Both of our engines went out."
- D. Okay. And then what happened?
- A. Um, she sat down in the seat next to Danni. And she kept on telling us what to do to brace for impact and duck. And she said, "This is going to be really bad. Brace for impact." And then we crashed.
- D. Okay. After you crashed, what happened?
- A. The plane erupted in flames. Um, there was no signs of the pilots. Danni and Audra – or Audra and Sydney tried the emergency exit up at the front. And the plane was filling up with smoke fast.
- D. What do you mean there was no sign of the pilots? Can you describe that to me?
- A. Like we were all talking.
- D. Okay.
- A. Did – Sydney was telling us what to do. Keep calm, but you couldn't hear anything from them.
- D. I'm only guessing, and I don't want to put words in your mouth. But once the plane was on the ground and stopped moving, was it relatively quiet?
- A. It was.

- D. Okay.
- A. It was. Um, it was quiet. But then we started saying what are we going to do? Because it was immediately on fire.
- D. Okay.
- A. So we have to get off of this plane. So we're all talking like okay, let's calm down. She's going to check this door. You know, don't panic. I've been through this. She's checking. None of the doors would open. Um, I went back to where they put the luggage in. And I was – you could not get that door open. So I'm kicking it, I'm pushing my shoulder into it. And I finally was able to open it. I mean you know, just a crack so we could get back there.
- D. How many doors did you try before you got the luggage door open? How many different doors?
- A. I looked around. I went to the front. But you know there was fire. There was flames. I looked – because it's not our normal plane. I looked because it was usually where the couch and the table was. There's usually an exit there. There wasn't an exit there. So I figured there would be in the back. There wasn't one in the back. So I knew where they put our bags in. I said there has to be an exit through where they put our bags through.
- D. Okay.
- A. So then I began to go back there. Try – kept trying to get that door open. And finally got it open. Um, I told – so I think we yelled to Syndey you know, "Let's go thorough this door. Let's go through this door." And all of our – we had a lot of luggage. So then all of our luggage is back there. Everything is in front of that door. And we're you know; the plane is slowly filling up with smoke. It's you know, being more engulfed in flames. And we're trying to move the backs and it's a small space. So we're trying to just lift up the luggage's, kind of lean with my back against them. So they don't keep falling in front of the door. Finally she ended up getting that door open. And as soon as you open that door, I mean you could see flames. And then we all jumped out. Danni came. I made sure she got out. And then I jumped out last.
- D. Okay. I want to hit rewind just a little bit. So before you boarded the plane. Did you – you met one of the pilots –
- A. Yes, correct. One of the pilots came back said, "Pretty easy flight. Two hours and 15 minutes."
- D. Okay.

- A. That's it.
- D. Anything unusual about the pilot at all? His demeanor?
- A. No, again normally when we fly the pilots are – they introduce themselves. Like hey – he introduced himself. But we had some kind of conversation. Oh where'd you guys just fly from. None of that. It was just two hours and 15 minutes. Okay. Went back there and no ID check or anything. So that was just a little out of the ordinary. But it's a third-party. But I always thought with third-parties they check all passengers ID's. They didn't on this one.
- D. Okay. Did you smell alcohol on anybody's breath?
- A. Never got close enough.
- D. Okay.
- A. Never got close enough.
- D. Was there alcohol served on the flight?
- A. No. We brought our own food from a Euro place.
- D. Okay.
- A. And we had Coca-Cola.
- D. All right. So is there anything that we did not ask you that you think is important to know?
- A. I think you pretty much covered it.
- D. So according to what you're telling me is the only information that you have is you were told by Syndey that two engines were out?
- A. Yes.
- D. And she said, "two engines"?
- A. She said, "The engines are out."
- D. The engines are out?
- A. Yes, so plural.
- D. Okay. When you guys were in flight, was the cockpit door open or closed the whole time?

- A. So I always close the door between the cockpit because then it's just extra quiet.
- D. Okay.
- A. I couldn't answer that question.
- D. Okay. And then prior to you – your departure, was there some kind of safety briefing? You know normally they show you where the exit doors are?
- A. Yeah, typically.
- D. Was there –
- A. No.
- D. No, not this time?
- A. No.
- D. Okay. And the pilot that you talked to –
- A. Yes.
- D. Had you ever seen him before in your life?
- A. No.
- D. Never talked to him?
- A. No.
- D. Okay. And then I guess where were you guys going to be staying at down here?
- A. We have a place on Gulf Shore.
- D. Do you know what the address –
- A. [REDACTED].
- D. Okay. And who will you be staying there with?
- A. Audra and myself.
- D. Okay the only reason I ask, just in case we need to do any follow up.
- A. Yeah.

- D. Just to know where we can reach you. Because clearly your phone is not going to be working for a couple days.
- A. Yeah.
- D. Is that north or south?
- A. [REDACTED].
- D. North, okay.
- A. Yes.
- D. Okay perfect. The unit 301. All right. That concludes the recorded sworn statement. The time is 5:25 p.m.