

From: Turner, James E
Sent: Saturday, June 14, 2014 11:16 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: HELO ACCIDENT @ ST 317-A

GOODMORNING,

THIS IS MY STATEMENT FOR WHAT I OBSERVED:

I, JAMES E. TURNER, WAS AT SOUTH TIMBALIER LOCATION ST 317-A WHEN THE CALL CAME IN FROM THE INBOUND HELO SAYING THAT THEY WERE ON THE APPROACH AND ASKED FOR A (GREEN DECK), OR A CLEAR DECK FOR LANDING. MR. KENNETH JONES, PERSON IN CHARGE, AT LOCATION TOLD ME TO PACK MY BAGS AND CHOPPER WOULD BE LANDING. I PREPPED MY BAGS AND WALKED OUTSIDE AT WHICH TIME I HEARD THE HELO APPROACHING, I THEN LOOKED UP INTO THE SKI AND SEEN THE HELO ON A STRAIGHT APPROACH TO THE PLATFORM BEFORE THE HELO WENT INTO A CLOCKWISE SPIN.

I SHOUTED OUT TO MR. KENNETH JONES AND MR. MIKE MOUTON, WHICH WAS WALKING OUT THE QUARTER BUILDING, "HE'S NOT GOING TO MAKE IT, HE'S NOT GOING TO MAKE IT", THE BOTH OF THEM LOOKED AT ME WITH A LOOK LIKE I WAS STUPID. I THEN HEARD A SNAP, AS THOUGH SOMETHING BROKE, WHILE THE HELO WAS IN A SPIN WITH DEBRIS FALLING OUT. FROM WHAT I COULD SEE, THE LUGGAGE COMPARTMENT WAS OPEN WITH DEBRIS FLYING OUT. THE HELO MIGHT HAVE MADE 8-10 SPINS AND THEN EVERYTHING WENT SILENT, AS THOUGH SOMEONE FLIPPED OFF A SWITCH. NEXT THING I SAW WAS THAT OF, THE HELO FELL STRAIGHT OUT THE SKI, LIKE SOMEONE DROPPING SOMETHING OUT THEIR HAND ONTO THE SURFACE OF THE WATER.

WHEN THE HELO HIT THE WATER, IT HIT IN THE UPRIGHT POSITION, WITH THE BELLY OF THE HELO HITTING FIRST, THEN ROLLED TO THE LEFT SIDE AND BEGAN TO SINK. THE TAIL SECTION WAS STILL INTACT AT THAT TIME. THERE WAS VARIOUS DEBRIS SCATTERED ON THE SURFACE OF THE WATER AROUND THE CHOPPER. MR. KENNETH JONES AND MIKE MOUTON APPROACHED THE HANDRAIL AND I ASKED, "DID YOU SEE THAT" AND THEY SAID, "NO". MR. KENNETH ASKED WHAT WAS THAT WITH THE SOUND OF THE CHOPPER HITTING THE SURFACE OF THE WATER, AND I SAID, "THE FK'N HELO" HE THEN RAN INSIDE BEGAN TO MAKE DISTRESS CALLS WHILE MR. MIKE MOUTON AND I WATCHED IN DISBELIEF AT THE HANDRAIL HOPEING THAT SOMEONE WOULD SURFACE. WE STAYED AT THE HANDRAIL FOR SAY 10-15 MINUTES BEFORE KENNY CAME OUT AND TOLD MIKE TO GET A LIFEJACKET AND THROW IT INTO THE WATER AS A MARKER FOR THE BOATS TO TRACK WHEN THEY BEGAN SEARCHING. DURING THIS TIME, I OPENED MY GETAC COMPUTER AND MARKED THE GPS

COORDINATES AS FOLLOWS: 28°N 5'16.8 / 90°W 40'19.3. WHICH IS WHERE I WAS STANDING ON THE SOUTHEAST SIDE OF THE PLATFORM OBSERVING.

VARIOUS BOATS ARRIVED AND BEGAN SEARCH, ONLY TO FIND VARIOUS DEBRIS WITH NO PERSONNEL. A LETTER FOUND WITH THE NAME OF: MR. GEORGE LELOUP WAS FOUND AMONG THE DEBRIS FOUND FLOATING.

I STOOD BY AT THE HANDRAIL AND WATCHED FOR ANYONE / ANYTHING TO FLOAT UP, BUT NOONE DID OTHER THAN WHAT LOOKED LIKE AN SMALL HANDHELD ICECHEST. I ASKED MR. MIKE MOUTON, "WHAT IS THAT" AND HE SAID, "IT LOOKS LIKE THE ICECHEST THAT MR. GEORGE HAD ON THE HELO".

WE STOOD BY THE HANDRAIL AT THE PLATFORM FOR APPROX. 1-2 HRS. WATCHING BOATS AND OBSERVING SIGHT, AND COMMUNICATING WITH VESSELS IN THE VICINITY FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE OP'S.

TIME OF ACCIDENT: 1424 HRS

FIRST BOAT ON SEEN: LADY E / LADY EVE OF SEATRANS IN AMELIA, LA. TIME: 1500 HRS.

MR. JEFF SONNIER WITH RENAISSANCE OFFSHORE- HOUSTON CALLED AND ASKED ME TO GIVE A BRIEF STATEMENT AS TO WHAT I SAW, AND TOLD HIM WHAT IS STATED ABOVE.

THIS IS MY OFFICIAL STATEMENT TO THE CRASH OF WESTWIND HELO AT SOUTH TIMBALIER 317-A.

SINCERELY,

JAMES E. TURNER

EXTERRAN FST-OFFSHORE MECHANIC (SENIOR)

(6/11/14): West Wind bird called when he was 15 minutes out from the platform. We (James Turner, Mike Mouton, & I) were standing in the galley talking while waiting for the bird to approach. We heard the bird getting closer to the platform as the 3 of us were making our way outside to help James with some of the baggage he had to carry. James stepped out of the door 1st and looked around and saw the helicopter making its approach to the platform from the South West corner of the platform. Mike and I were standing in the hallway about to walk out of the door and James was standing on the deck in front of door with it opened. He saw the helicopter and said "he's not going to make it"...He said it 3 times, and each time he said I could see something was wrong but didn't know what was happening. James quickly made his way to the handrail on the southwest corner of the quarters and I stepped out of the door and when I made the turn I heard a loud crash and saw a big splash in the water. When I got to the handrail, the helicopter was already submerged in the water and only baggage debris was floating in the spot where it landed. James called out "Man Overboard" as Mike quickly made his way around the quarters to the life jacket boxes and life raft. James went to get a life ring as I watched the water for survivors. James returned to the handrail and we waited for a minute or two to see if someone would surface. I then made my way into the office, called SS 219-A and told the dispatcher and foreman that the helicopter had crashed, and then made a "Mayday" call on VHF 16 to any boats in the area for help in assisting with the search. The Adams Challenge dive boat was at ST 301 responded. They picked up the medic from the ST 301 platform and proceeded to the location. The m/v Lady Eve also heard the call and was on location within 20 minutes.

Kenneth Jones

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6-11-14

I Michael E Mouton
a waiting for helicopter to come to S.T. 317 to
pick up Mechanic, Pilot called platform and inform us
that he would be at our place in 15 minutes.
When we heard helicopter getting near we went to
Assist mechanic with baggage, as we were coming out
door the mechanic start yelling "its going down!" @ 2:24 PM
and I heard a loud splash, mechanic called out man overboard
I rushed down stairs telling PIC to contact 219 while
I proceeded to put life preservers into water for marker
and we kept watching for someone to come up to surface
but there was only debris floating up. it happen so fast.

When the helicopter landed, I walk on to the helipad. I assisted Mr. Ryan getting his work bag out of the cargo compartment we layed the bags on the heliport. I used my left hand to push & hold closed the cargo door, Mr. Ryan latched the bottom safety latch, I then still holding the door latched the top safety latch. Then we walked away from the helicopter.

Witness: Brian Cordova

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Helicopter landed Joe Smith started walking up the stairs and I was a minute or so behind him. When I got up top there were two bags on the deck on the pilots side I continued to walk around to see if they needed help at the baggage compartment but only made it directly in front of the pilot before they met me saying there was nothing left. I ask Ryan if that was his ~~st~~² bags on the deck he said yes I then turned around and grabbed one bag and Ryan grabbed the other and we went downstairs.

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Witness: Brian Cordova

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Bob M. McCoy

From: REED, Kenny (WGPSN) [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 13, 2014 10:31 AM
To: Robert M. McCoy [REDACTED]
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Cc: 'Mark Behne'
Subject: WGPSN Documents 6-13-14
Attachments: West Wind 6-11-2014.pdf; ST 317 Helicopter Incident Statements (6-11-14).pdf; ST 317 Spill Rpt (6-11-14).pdf; 266B statements.pdf

FROM PETE VAUGHAN: (Statement explains the flight pattern the helicopter flew on 6-11-14)

Left Houma at 7:30 am with 1-ROS, 2-WG personnel headed for SS 219-A. Dropped 3 at SS 219-A and picked up 2-WG and headed in to Houma. Left Houma with 2-WG headed to SS 266-B , picked up 1-WG and headed to SS 219-A. Dropped off 1-WG @ 219-A . Headed to SS-219-B for some parts then back over to SS 219-A and dropped parts. Left SS 219-B with 2-WG headed for ST 317. Dropped 2-WG at ST 317 and picked up 2-WG and 1-Exterran. Left SS 317 and headed to SS 219-A. Picked up 1 ROS and headed in to Houma with 4 passengers + pilot. Left Houma with 1-Eaton headed to EI 331. Dropped 1-Eaton and picked up 1-B & A and headed to EI 314 for fuel. Left EI 314 and headed to SS 266-A. Picked up 1-Donavon Control . Headed to SS 219-B with 1-B & A and 1-Donavon Control. Dropped 1-Donavon Control on SS 266-B. Left SS-266-B headed to ST-317 with 1-B & A and pilot @ 2:05 pm.

Attached is the Flight Manifest.

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