

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD
OFFICE OF MARINE SAFETY
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EXPRESS SHUTTLE II :
NTSB #DCA05MM002 :
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INTERVIEW OF :
PATROL OFFICER KURT HENSCHEL :
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An interview in the above entitled matter was held
on Saturday, October 23, 2004, commencing at 11:20 a.m.,
before:

BOB FORD, NTSB
BRIAN CURTIS, NTSB
NANCY MCATEE, NTSB
MAC MELENDEZ, FL PD

1 PATROL OFFICER HENSCHTEL: I responded with 9,022,
2 which was my Corporal. When we got there, basically, I was
3 in charge of securing the scene, and he went to, I guess,
4 secure the area down farther towards the waterway. I was
5 just, basically, securing the scene up front, you know, the
6 fire trucks and everything. Once -- after he got done with
7 what they needed to do, that was it.

8 MS. MCATEE: Do you respond often to marine
9 accidents?

10 PATROL OFFICER HENSCHTEL: No, ma'am.

11 MS. MCATEE: Okay.

12 PATROL OFFICER HENSCHTEL: I just basically kept
13 all the press out of the way, kept them out of the whole
14 mix.

15 MS. MCATEE: Have there been any other follow-up
16 that's been required of you on this accident?

17 PATROL OFFICER HENSCHTEL: No, ma'am.

18 MS. MCATEE: Okay.

19 PATROL OFFICER HENSCHTEL: Like I said, I was just
20 securing the scene up front.

21 MS. MCATEE: Okay.

22 MR. CURTIS: They pumped the fuel off the vessel
23 at some point. So, you weren't involved in any of that --

24 PATROL OFFICER HENSCHTEL: I was just securing the
25 front of the scene, because the boat was engulfed behind the

1 house, and I was actually in front of that house, probably,
2 50 yards in front of the house, and put a line there,
3 letting no one pass through.

4 MR. CURTIS: Do you know how many law enforcement
5 boats were dispatched or weren't you on that side?

6 PATROL OFFICER HENSCHER: I wasn't even on that
7 side. I was just securing the scene up front.

8 MR. CURTIS: Okay, that's it.

9 MS. MCATEE: Quick and dirty.

10 PATROL OFFICER HENSCHER: I didn't really see much
11 of it.

12 MS. MCATEE: That's fine.

13 (Whereupon, at 11:22 a.m., the interview was
14 concluded.)

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