



National Transportation Safety Board

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Office of Marine Safety

Date: October 25, 2004

Place: Tarpon Springs, Florida

Person Interviewed: Mike Theodore- Advanced Electric
Bob Erwig- Advanced Electric

Interview Conducted By: Nancy McAtee, Group Chairman - Fire and Explosion
Group, Office of Research and Engineering, NTSB)

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Operations, Office of Marine Safety, NTSB)

Regarding: Fire on board the U.S. small passenger vessel
Express Shuttle II, October 17, 2004

INTRODUCTION

Mike Theodore & Bob Erwig, of Advanced Electric, were interviewed at their office on October 25, 2004. The intent of the interview was to elicit information regarding the reason for their service call to the *Express Shuttle II* on October 5, 2004, and to attain details of the work performed that day. The text that follows is not a verbatim record of the conversation. It has been developed from our handwritten notes of the conversation and is correct and complete to the best of our knowledge and recollection.

INTERVIEW

We spoke primarily with Mr. Erwig during our questioning. He indicated that the purpose of the service call to the *Express Shuttle II* was to repair a damaged smoke detector in the galley prior to the vessel's upcoming Coast Guard inspection. During the repairs to the damaged smoke detector, he found that another detector, located in the fuel room, was not operating properly. They replaced the 2 detectors and tested both detectors to ensure they were operating properly. Mr. Erwig said that they were not contracted to perform an inspection of the system and that if they had been contracted to perform an inspection the invoice would have stated such.

END OF INTERVIEW

Nancy McAtee

Brian Curtis