

Summary of interview of [REDACTED] Science Party, taken at sea aboard USCGC HEALY (WAGB 20), by [REDACTED] on 21 August 2006, concerning the diving incident resulting in two deaths on 17 August 2006.

[REDACTED] was sailing in HEALY as part of the science team. He indicated he was fortunate to have [REDACTED] accompany him on this trip as a significant life time event they could share. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that he had no recollection of any specific events prior to the granting of ice liberty on 17 August 2006 other than performing his routine scientific duties. He stated he remembers hearing rumors of ice liberty earlier in the day, which caught his attention. When he actually heard the announcement of ice liberty, he located [REDACTED] and they proceeded to the ice to further [REDACTED]

Once on the ice, [REDACTED] said he meandered around with [REDACTED] visiting colleagues and watched the crew enjoying themselves. He stated he had a couple of beers and allowed [REDACTED] to have a beer. He was unaware of any policy about the number of beers you were allowed to consume. After about an hour or so, he proceeded back to the ship for the evening meal. At some point while back aboard the ship, he went to the foc'sle and noticed some individuals watching the dive team setting up. He proceeded about the ship. When he heard some of the initial pipes about medical personnel and equipment needed on the ice, he proceeded to the brow to see what was going on. Once he realized the divers were in trouble and noticed the crew responding, he remained aboard HEALY. He stated, "I'm not good in emergencies." He felt it best to stay out of the crew's way as they ably responded to the emergency, watching them carry BM2 Duque and LT Hill aboard the ship via a stokes litter.

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

1. **AUTHORITY:** (1) COMDTINST M5830.1; (2) COMDTINST 5810.1D
2. **PRINCIPLE PURPOSES:** The information solicited will be used for the following purposes:
 - a. To establish the facts and circumstances surrounding the deaths of LT Jessica Hill and BM2 Steven Duque on 17 August 2006 on board the USCGC HEALY.
 - b. To make any determinations required in the course of U.S. Coast Guard administration.
3. **ROUTINE USES:** To assist U.S. Coast Guard Management decision-making.
4. **CONSEQUENCES OF FAILURE TO DISCLOSE:** Disclosure is *voluntary*, but if you do not provide the requested information, any determinations or evaluations made as a result of this investigation will be made on the basis of the evidence contained in the investigative record.

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