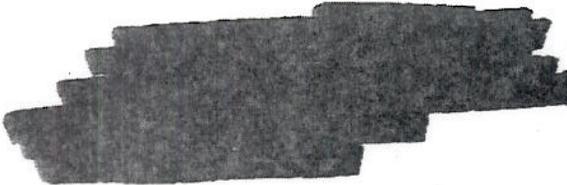


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## PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

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.

 8/21/06

[REDACTED]

Below is a summary of interview of [REDACTED] conducted by the AIM informal board on August 21, 2006 concerning the diving incident which resulted in two deaths on August 17, 2006. AIM board member present at the interview was [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is a [REDACTED] who is conducting [REDACTED]. He does not stand a regular watch. On August 16<sup>th</sup> he worked late – observing a seismic survey until about 0300 the following morning. He then went to sleep.

At approximately 1600 he woke to pipes announcing ice liberty. The previous week he had heard rumors that ice liberty might happened – but he wasn't 100% sure when it would occur. Immediately after he heard the pipes he grabbed his camera and went out to enjoy the festivities.

First he went to the port side of the ship and took pictures of what was going on. He spoke with a person at the top of the gangway and then went to the ice to take a panoramic picture.

He observed the alcohol consumption on the ice and thought it was reasonable. Beer and soda were available and the beer consumption was chaperoned. As a teacher he is trained to identify people who have over imbibed, and he did not see anyone in that state on August 17<sup>th</sup>. The polar ice dives seemed to be supervised and were safe.

He also observed the divers setting up for the dive. They seemed to be taking their time, being slow and careful. It seemed like it took them a long time to set up. Very soon after they submerged in the water he remembers hearing calls for help. He put his camera down and went to help with blankets and eventually helped pull LT Hill's stretcher up the gangway.

[REDACTED] said he was very impressed with the rapid and professional medical emergency response provided by HEALY's crew and the science party. When the call for help came, people responded and responded correctly.