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STATE OF CONNECTICUT PROBATE COURT DISTRICT OF GREENWICH DISTRICT NO. 057

In the Matter of: ESTATE OF GEORGE ALLEN SMITH, IV : Volume II



Continued Deposition of

JENNIFER HAGEL SMITH, taken pursuant to Section 13-26, et seq., of the Connecticut Practice Book, at the Hagel Residence, 12 Sachem Drive, Cromwell, Connecticut, before Patricia Saya, LSR No. 0037, a Registered Professional Reporter and Notary Public in and for the State of Connecticut, on April 17, 2007, at 9:30 a.m.

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- 1 JENNIFER HAGEL SMITH,
- 2 called as a witness, having been previously duly sworn,
- 3 was examined and testified as follows:
- 4 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 5 CONTINUED BY MR. KELLY:
- 6 Q. Jen, going back to July 5th of 2005, you
- 7 indicated you had gone to the spa for a massage; is that
- g correct?
- A. Yes.
- 10 Q. And that was a prescheduled appointment that
- 11 both you and George had?
- 12 A. Yes. The appointment was for 10 o'clock. I
- 13 do realize that one of the issues has always been why
- 14 did you arrive closer to 9 o'clock. I think it was
- 15 shortly thereafter, 8:30, when I actually left.
- The only reason I would know that is because I
- 17 believe there was a time -- an hour time difference.
- 18 That could have been the reason. Otherwise, I am not
- 19 really sure why I would have gone early, but I did have
- 20 a scheduled massage with George at that time, not a
- 21 couples massage, as I indicated, but two separate
- 22 massages.
- Q. Who had made the appointment for the massages?
- 24 A. We both did. The first day of the cruise,
- 25 when everybody has to get their lifejackets on, the

- 1 first thing we did was go and make those appointments
- 2 because those fill up quite fast, or so we had been
- 3 told. So we put our lifejackets on, along with the rest
- 4 of the ship, and decided to do it on the first day. So
- 5 we made those appointments for the massages that day.
- Q. Did you and George actually walk into the spa
- 7 and make the appointments?
- 8 A. Yes, we did.
- 9 Q. And forgive me. I think I asked this the
- 10 other day, but had you had any massages on the cruise
- 11 prior to the 5th?
- 12 A. Yes, I had a -- or not a massage, it is like a
- 13 detoxification treatment, which is, you know, just
- 14 different than an actual massage. And I had also gone
- 15 and another occasion to get my nails done.
- 16 Q. Now, you had just been talking about the time
- 17 differential between your appointment --
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. -- and the time you actually showed up at the
- 20 spa. What is your understanding of what time you showed
- 21 up at the spa on July 5th?
- 22 A. I understand I showed up sometime between 8:30
- 23 and 9 o'clock in the morning.
- Q. And where did you get that understanding from?
- 25 A. The ship -- I believe that it came from the

- 1 ship's log records, as well as I know that Mrs. Smith
- 2 had always -- you know, at the time when they began to
- 3 be I guess suspicious of me or tried to be negative
- 4 toward me in some way, they would always have a question
- 5 about that and made that something that they wanted me
- 6 to be aware of and questioned why was I early to the
- 7 appointment, which seemed like a really insignificant
- 8 point or a moot point at that time, which had nothing to
- 9 do with, I guess, you know, the night before, or
- 10 something else for that matter.
- 11 The only thing at this time I had been able to
- 12 come up was the fact that George, being that he was very
- 13 much like OCD and always trying to rush me and whatnot,
- 14 he would always set clocks. He is one of those people,
- 15 as soon as he knew about a time difference or time
- 16 change, he would immediately do it. And at that point,
- 17 there was a one-hour time change difference, so
- 18 probably, in my guess, is that the clock at the cruise
- 19 ship doesn't actually change but the clock in our room
- 20 changes.
- 21 Q. Did you ever see any written reports or
- 22 anything indicating what time you arrived in the spa?
- 23 A. Yes, I believe. I believe so. I believe that
- 24 there was a timeline of -- or at least I know from RCL,
- 25 the statements they have made, that I went down to the

- 1 spa at that time.
- Q. When you say "from RCL," who in particular
- 3 from RCL?
- A. Well, their counsel, I believe, has knowledge
- 5 of that. And I know that, you know, that may also -- I
- 6 know the FBI has knowledge of my whereabouts sort of at
- 7 all times or them putting the pieces together.
- Q. Let's take those one at a time. With regard
- 9 to RCL, did you see someone on TV talking about your
- 10 timeline? You mentioned a representative from the
- 11 cruise ship?
- 12 A. Yes. I have seen a number of timelines on TV.
- 13 I have seen some more accurate than others.
- 14 Q. I will stop you there. Tell me about the
- 15 timelines you recall seeing on TV, first of all?
- 16 A. Well, I know that some specials -- they would
- 17 try to reenact the incident, and they would try to take
- 18 the evening and go, you know, time -- they would try to
- 19 take the evening sort of like an hour or so at a time
- 20 and try to reenact, and these were just sort of -- you
- 21 know, this is on TV, so mind you, it is difficult for
- 22 them to take fact and fiction and to sort of mend them
- 23 together.
- So I would be careful of assuming anything,
- 25 that anyone has seen specific timelines, that they are a

- 1 hundred percent accurate. I would like to think I would
- 2 go off what the FBI has been able to come up with as
- 3 well as the actual records from the ship, meaning key
- 4 lock entries and things of that nature.
- 5 Q. Staying focused a little bit on the TV
- 6 timelines that you recall seeing, do you recall, first
- 7 of all, on what shows you may have seen these?
- 8 A. I do not recall at this time.
- 9 Q. Do you recall who the representative was from
- 10 Royal Caribbean that you saw discussing any timelines on
- 11 TV?
- 12 A. I do not recall specifically at this time.
- Q. You indicated that some timelines were more
- 14 accurate than others that you recall. Could you tell me
- 15 what timelines you recall as being more accurate than
- 16 others?
- 17 A. What I meant by that is that has been on TV or
- 18 had been on TV night after night after night, so you
- 19 have panelists and so-called "experts" trying to put
- 20 this all to some sort of time frame that makes sense.
- 21 None of these people -- in the end which I have come to
- 22 learn -- were really actually experts. They were just
- 23 called "experts" on TV.
- 24 So much of what they were saying -- I feel as
- 25 though they filled in a lot of gray areas to sort of

- 1 make sense of the situation. Most people talking on TV
- were more or less, you know, babbling fools because they
- 3 had no more or less idea of what happened than someone
- 4 sitting at home on their couch. They were not there and
- 5 they were just making observations.
- Q. You indicated that you had seen one or more
- 7 that was accurate than others. That is what I am
- 8 asking. Do you recall anything in particular that you
- 9 saw on TV that struck you as accurate?
- 10 A. I think the accounts with regard to noise
- 11 complaints, when you saw -- for example, Clete Hyman, he
- 12 was somebody who was on the other side of our cabin, and
- 13 he was trying to get down a specific timeline with
- 14 regard to what he was hearing. And because he was, you
- 15 know, I guess a witness to those noise complaints and
- 16 the one who had even made a noise complaint, he would be
- 17 more in a position to try to work with the FBI so that
- 18 they can hammer out a more accurate timeline.
- 19 Q. You also indicated that you had seen records
- 20 from RCL that constituted a timeline of some sort,
- 21 records or things like that?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. What would those be?
- A. The locklink records from our state room, for
- 25 example, were consistent with some of the noise

- 1 complaints that RCL had received from Clete Hyman as
- 2 well as consistent with the crew bringing me back to my
- 3 room the time that they had said that they had found me,
- 4 I guess around, you know, sometime after 4, and then
- 5 they had come to our cabin, apparently, to check it out.
- 6 So they had come in at that time, which was
- 7 another locklink entry, and then they had gone back, I
- 8 was told, and got me and then brought me back to the
- 9 room. So both times this happened at sometime after
- 10 4:30 a.m., according to those locklink entries, which
- 11 were consistent with the time that Clete Hyman said had
- 12 passed where he didn't hear anything.
- And then I believe -- and I do not remember
- 14 specifically at this time, but I do believe, you know,
- 15 one of the other neighbors heard some sort of knocking
- 16 at our state room door as well on the other side of us.
- Q. Now, the other day, Friday, I showed you a
- 18 letter that was dated December 19th, 2005, to your
- 19 counsel, Mr. Walker and Mr. Rivkind. Do you remember
- 20 that letter?
- 21 A. I remember the letter.
- Q. And in that letter, they listed a number of
- 23 records and documents that accompanied that letter. Do
- 24 you remember that also?
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. And you said --
- MR. BROWN: Can she look at the letter?
- 3 Do you have the exhibit?
- 4 MR. KELLY: Yes.
- 5 Q. In that letter, it makes reference to the
- 6 locklink records that are enclosed?
- 7 A. Yes.
- Q. Is it safe to say you received a copy of
- 9 everything listed in that letter?
- 10 A. I believe so.
- 11 Q. Including the locklink records?
- 12 A. Yes.
- Q. And from the testimony you gave a minute ago,
- 14 is it fair to say that you reviewed the locklink records
- 15 yourself?
- 16 A. Yes. At the time I received the locklink
- 17 records, I reviewed them extensively with, you know, my
- 18 family. My father is a retired police sergeant, and Jim
- 19 and I also just -- obviously, at that time consistent
- 20 with the FBI and things that I was, you know --
- MR. BROWN: You answered the question.
- MR. KELLY: Somewhere in there.
- Q. With regard to the locklink records you
- 24 reviewed, were the locklink records consistent with the
- 25 time you and George returned to the room when he left

- 1 his jacket there?
- 2 A. Yes, I believe so.
- Q. And with the locklink records you reviewed,
- 4 you indicated they were consistent with the noise
- 5 complaints from Clete Hyman next door. Is that correct
- 6 also?
- 7 A. Well, I don't think they responded right away,
- 8 so I think he said some time had elapsed before someone
- 9 had arrived or gone into the cabin, so I believe they
- 10 are accurate with regard to them coming shortly
- 11 thereafter or at least within a half hour of his noise
- 12 complaint.
- Q. And you also indicated that the locklink
- 14 records were consistent with your being found and
- 15 returned to the room by the RCL members?
- 16 A. Yes. Yes.
- 17 Q. And I just want to back up a minute. We were
- 18 talking about timelines before. Did you ever see a
- 19 timeline, an actual timeline, prepared by RCL with
- 20 regard to your and George's actions the early morning of
- 21 July 5th?
- 22 A. I do not recall.
- Q. And you also mentioned the FBI, that they had
- 24 constructed a timeline of sorts. Is that correct?
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. And did you ever see anything in writing in
- 2 terms of a timeline they had put together?
- A. From the FBI, no.
- 4 Q. Did you ever discuss an actual timeline with
- 5 the FBI that they had pieced together?
- 6 A. I would always try to discuss things with
- 7 them. It was very one-sided, however. I could give
- 8 them as much --
- 9 MR. KELLY: Off the record.
- (Off the record discussion.)
- 11 A. I would tell them as much as I knew or tried
- 12 to put pieces together. I knew what they were trying to
- 13 do, and I was trying to assist them. Obviously, they
- 14 were trying to reconstruct the evening or reconstruct
- 15 the timeline, but they could never share a physical
- 16 timeline per se they had created with me.
- Q. Did you give them -- "them" meaning the FBI.
- 18 Did you give the FBI a timeline in terms of your
- 19 movements as much as you could remember for the morning
- 20 of July 5th, 2005?
- 21 A. As much as I can remember, I always told the
- 22 FBI, yes.
- Q. Could you recount for me here the timeline as
- 24 you best remember having given it to the FBI at some
- 25 point?

- 1 A. As I told you on Friday, the last specific
- 2 time I remember was at a meeting at 11 o'clock, was
- 3 around the time we were supposed to meet Paul and
- 4 Galina. After that specific times, there were none
- 5 after that I could specifically say I know I was here at
- 6 this time. I couldn't say that after that point. I
- 7 just know that we dropped off the jacket at around that
- 8 time and --
- 9 Q. Which time? I'm sorry?
- 10 A. At around 11, shortly thereafter. And then
- 11 after that, I could no longer give a specific timeline.
- 12 The time was not something I could keep track of. And
- 13 at that time -- I was trying to do the best I could with
- 14 you as well on Friday to give you, you know, sometime
- 15 between a half hour and 2 hours. I realized that that
- 16 is, you know, a big difference in time, a half hour and
- 17 2 hours, but I am just trying to be helpful and I am
- 18 just trying to give you as much as I can.
- 19 Q. You recall leaving Chop Restaurant? Is that
- 20 correct?
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. And what is your best estimate of the time you
- 23 left?
- 24 A. 11 o'clock p.m.
- Q. And you remember going to -- was there some

- l bar you stopped at right outside?
- 2 A. The Schooner Bar, to meet Paul and Galina, but
- 3 it was just Galina that had met us.
- Q. You remember that; is that correct?
- 5 A. Yes.
- Q. How long did you stay at the Schooner Bar, if
- 7 you recall?
- A. We didn't stay there. We just met there, and
- 9 George and I went back to the room to drop off his
- 10 jacket, and we were going to meet them back in the
- 11 casino.
- 12 Q. You do remember going back to the room?
- 13 A. Yes.
- Q. Do you remember arriving back at the casino?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Do you remember approximately how long you
- 17 were at the casino?
- 18 A. I have no idea how long we were there
- 19 specifically.
- MR. BROWN: You answered the question.
- Q. Could you approximate for me?
- 22 A. I know it was more than 15 minutes, and any
- 23 time thereafter -- I don't know how long it started or
- 24 lasted. That is when -- I suggested to you the time is
- 25 not something I could put into minutes or hours after

- 1 that point.
- 2 Q. You do remember leaving the casino at some
- 3 point?
- 4 A. At some point, I remember leaving the casino
- 5 and going to a revolving bar area.
- 6 Q. Do you remember how you paid for your detox
- 7 treatment in the spa?
- 8 A. Sea pass card, I think. I think it goes -- I
- 9 do not remember, but I believe you pay with everything
- 10 with -- I believe you pay with your sea pass card. I am
- 11 not sure if you can pay with cash. If I wanted to pay
- 12 with cash, I would have paid with cash. If I wanted to
- 13 pay with my sea pass card, I would have paid with my sea
- 14 pass card. Most of the time we didn't have a ton of
- 15 cash on us, a few hundred dollars at most at any given
- 16 point, and that would be it.
- Q. Before the morning of July 5th, you had been
- 18 in the casino previous nights?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. Do you ever remember you or George paying for
- 21 drinks with cash in the casino?
- 22 A. I do not recall.
- Q. With regard to your room key --
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. -- you needed a specific -- how did you get in

- 1 and out of your room, if you could tell me?
- 2 A. With a -- it sorts of looks like the size of a
- 3 license, maybe a little bigger. It has got a picture on
- 4 it. It is a swipe card that they have in many hotels
- 5 now.
- Q. When you say "a picture," would your card have
- 7 your picture on it?
- A. Yes. Actually, take that back. I am not sure
- 9 the card has your picture, but I believe when you come
- 10 in and out of -- when you come on and off the ship, your
- 11 picture will come up on a computer screen so that the
- 12 official handling passengers going in and out of the
- 13 ship can make sure that you are the person on your card.
- 14 I don't recall that your picture is actually on your
- 15 card. It may just be your name.
- 16 Q. And did you need this -- for lack of a better
- 17 word, can we call it key card or swipe card? Is there a
- 18 proper term for it that you know of?
- 19 A. A sea pass.
- 20 Q. The sea pass is what you would use to get into
- 21 the room?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. Is that sea pass the same card that you would
- 24 use to pay for things on the boat?
- 25 A. I believe so.

- 1 Q. Did you need to use your sea pass to exit the
- 2 room also?
- 3 A. No.
- 4 Q. Only for entry into it?
- 5 A. Yes.
- Q. And did you have one or more sea passes issued
- 7 to you individually?
- 8 A. One each.
- 9 Q. You had one? George had one?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Do you know where your sea pass card is today
- 12 as we sit here?
- 13 A. I believe --
- MR. BROWN: Don't guess. Do you know
- 15 where it is?
- 16 A. I don't have it today. I think the FBI has
- 17 it.
- 18 Q. When was the last time you saw your sea pass
- 19 card?
- 20 A. I had found it in the same black purse that I
- 21 had gone. It was sort of a purse that wraps around you,
- 22 those kind of vacation purses, so you don't lose it. It
- 23 was in the pocket of that purse.
- 24 Q. When did you --
- A. But when I exited the room that morning to go

- 1 for my massage --
- Q. Did you take that purse with you?
- 3 A. Yes.
- Q. Did you keep that purse with you after you
- 5 left the massage?
- A. Yes.
- 7 Q. Did you ever see George's sea pass card after
- 8 the morning of July 5th?
- 9 A. In pictures.
- 10 Q. Do you know whether the actual card was
- 11 recovered?
- 12 A. I believe the FBI must have it. I have seen
- 13 it in a video of the room on sort of a coffee table or a
- 14 table that just had our alarm clock and a radio. So it
- 15 was on a table, and I saw it. I know it was still in
- 16 the room. I believe I saw it on a video or pictures
- 17 taken of the room after this had happened during the
- 18 day, during the investigation.
- 19 Q. Do you know who had taken that video?
- 20 A. I believe the Turkish authorities that were
- 21 doing the investigation took that video of the room.
- Q. Where did you actually see the video?
- A. At the FBI headquarters with Sean O'Malley.
- Q. Do you know what time that video was taken
- 25 during the day of July 5th?

- 1 A. I believe during the afternoon sometime.
- Q. Were you able to tell from looking at the
- 3 video whether your belongings had already been removed
- 4 from the room?
- 5 A. They had not already been removed from the
- 6 room.
- 7 Q. Do you recall in that video whether the safe
- 8 was opened or closed?
- 9 A. I do not recall. I wish I had access to that
- 10 video again. It was a one-time deal, and so I can only
- 11 tell you things that I recall from that video. I was
- 12 only able to view it once.
- Q. Was this a one-time deal with the FBI?
- A. Which part?
- 15 Q. To see the video?
- 16 A. Yes, one day. If I needed to go back and do
- 17 something, I could, but one day.
- 18 Q. And what month was this in, if you recall,
- 19 that you saw the video?
- 20 A. I do not recall at this time.
- Q. Was it less than 3 months after George's
- 22 disappearance?
- 23 A. No. I believe it was after the first few
- 24 months because it needed to get back from Turkey into
- 25 the FBI's hands, and I think I told you that on Friday I

- 1 think they needed to do something to the video so they
- 2 could view it.
- Q. Going back to the locklink records that you
- 4 had looked at earlier -- I think I asked you this, but I
- 5 will ask you again. I apologize. Was there an entry of
- 6 the locklink records consistent with you being returned
- 7 to the room after you were found by a crew member?
- 8 A. I believe so. They don't say who was
- 9 entering. They just said the room was entered, so they
- 10 are not specific to whose card is being used at all
- 11 times. But it could have made sense with what I was
- 12 being told by the FBI and they had said I was found at a
- 13 certain time, and RCL had said that they had found me
- 14 and had entered the room once and then again when they
- 15 had put me back into it.
- 16 Q. Is it your understanding that a Royal
- 17 Caribbean representative had entered the room before
- 18 they put you in it?
- 19 A. That is my understanding.
- Q. Tell me the best you can what you were told of
- 21 that sequence?
- 22 A. That there was a knock at the door, and before
- 23 putting me back into the room, that they were going to
- 24 go into the room for whatever reason. I am not sure
- 25 why. I am not sure what their protocol is when they

- 1 find a passenger unconscious, how they go about putting
- 2 them back into their room. They checked the room. I am
- 3 not sure even for what. I am not sure if they were
- 4 checking to see if somebody was in it. I am not sure if
- 5 they were checking because of the noise complaints that
- 6 were made prior. I am not sure -- I am not sure why,
- 7 but they did check the room.
- Q. Do you know where you physically were when
- 9 they checked the room before putting you back in it?
- 10 A. I do not know. I only know where that they
- 11 had found me on the 9th floor on the opposite end of the
- 12 ship.
- Q. Just from your experience on the ship, do you
- 14 have an understanding of where you were found?
- 15 A. Yes. I was found on the opposite -- so
- 16 diagonal from where my room was is where I was found. I
- 17 was found on the other side, on the complete opposite
- 18 end.
- 19 Q. In terms of walking, how many minutes would it
- 20 have taken, just for a normal walk, to get from your
- 21 cabin, 9062, to the location you were found at?
- 22 A. I believe when Dr. Lee had boarded the ship,
- 23 he had made the walk to see how long it would have
- 24 taken, and it was significant, and it would have taken a
- 25 number of minutes. It is a large, very, very large

- 1 ship. So somebody who was perhaps not walking so well,
- 2 it might take them a fairly long time.
- 3 How long it would have taken them to wheel me,
- 4 because I was put into a wheelchair, I do not know. I
- 5 do not believe that they wheeled me directly there, once
- 6 they found me, to the room. I think they -- I think
- 7 there is a protocol that they have to follow, or I would
- 8 hope that they follow, to see who am I. I don't know
- 9 exactly what they did with me once they found me.
- 10 Q. Do you have any recollection of being found
- 11 that morning?
- 12 A. No.
- 13 Q. Do you have any recollection of being in a
- 14 wheelchair at any time?
- 15 A. No.
- 16 Q. Did anybody from RCL ever explain to you what
- 17 steps they took from the moment they found you until the
- 18 moment they left you in your room?
- 19 A. To this date, I do not recall, but I know in
- 20 the beginning, no. "In the beginning" meaning, you
- 21 know, within the first month of this happening, no. I
- 22 had no -- I had no idea of what steps they had taken.
- Q. As you sit here today, do you know what steps
- 24 they took?
- 25 A. I am not 100 percent sure what steps they

- 1 took.
- Q. What is your best understanding of what was
- 3 done with you from the time you were found in that
- 4 corridor until the time you were put back in your room?
- A. I don't know, but I know that some time had
- 6 elapsed from the time that they had found me versus the
- 7 time I was put back into my room. My best guess would
- 8 be about 10 to 15 minutes had elapsed. I know I
- 9 shouldn't guess, but they had found me and had me for a
- 10 little bit of time.
- 11 Q. What is that guess based on? You said 10 to
- 12 15 minutes?
- A. I believe there is a record that I was found,
- 14 and I think when I am found, that that is recorded, and
- 15 after that is recorded, they have a key lock entry to I
- 16 believe them going into the room once and then going
- 17 into the room twice, the second time them putting me
- 18 into the room.
- 19 Q. Just based on your own recollection what was
- 20 the time differential between them checking the room
- 21 before putting you in there and actually opening the
- 22 door to put you in there?
- A. Do you have a copy of the key lock entries?
- 24 Q. I do.
- A. May I see it so I can maybe help you fill in

- 1 my timeline, because it has been a while since I have
- 2 seen the actual document. That might be more helpful.
- Q. I am actually going to, but if we can finish
- 4 the line. I have it right here. Do you know
- 5 independent of reviewing -- that is what I am asking
- 6 you -- the difference between the time they first looked
- 7 in your room, meaning a representative of RCL, and the
- 8 time they actually put you in the room?
- 9 A. I don't remember specifically.
- 10 Q. Any approximation?
- 11 A. I want to say at least 10 minutes, but don't
- 12 hold me to it. I would rather review the locklink
- 13 entries simply because obviously, it has been 2 years of
- 14 collecting evidence and information, and I would rather
- 15 review it with you.
- 16 Q. Have you ever been told you were taken
- 17 anywhere, stopped anywhere, between the time you were
- 18 found in the corridor and the time you were put back in
- 19 your room by RCL?
- 20 A. I do not recall.
- Q. Were you ever given any indication you were
- 22 taken to a medical facility or an interview room or
- 23 anything like that before being returned to your room?
- A. I don't think I went to see a doctor. I
- 25 believe that that was, you know, a concern, if you will,

- 1 at first.
- Q. Whose concern?
- A. Well, a concern for my family, concern that if
- 4 something had been done to me, such as someone putting
- 5 something in my drink or some of these other things,
- 6 that -- some of these other ideas that were floating
- .7 around, I think the thought was that perhaps if they had
- 8 taken me to a doctor at that time, instead of assuming
- 9 that I had over-drank or assuming that I was unconscious
- 10 for any other purpose, that maybe there would be at
- 11 least some closure in that area. But at that time that
- 12 was not the case, and that was not done, so I was just
- 13 put back into the room.
- Q. When was the first time you saw a physician
- 15 after the morning of July 5th, 2005?
- 16 A. I was told -- I believe I was told by RCL that
- 17 Maria, the guest relations person, had in fact -- there
- 18 was a doctor around. I don't remember this doctor.
- 19 Mind you, I was in shock after they had told me what
- 20 happened. I don't remember seeing a doctor. I did see
- 21 that seedy doctor in Turkey.
- Q. Who just did the visual thing?
- 23 A. Yeah, and it wasn't until sometime after I had
- 24 gotten home that they were able to do, you know, blood
- 25 tests. But by that time we understood that anything --

- 1 if there was something foreign in my body or in my
- 2 blood, that it would be -- probably the chances of
- 3 finding it would be slim because too much time had
- 4 elapsed.
- 5 Q. When was a blood sample actually taken from
- 6 you? What day or date, if you recall?
- 7 A. I believe a week after I had gotten home, give
- g or take a few days.
- 9 Q. Was that a doctor recommended by the FBI?
- 10 A. It was who the FBI had again, so I trust that
- 11 they do, I am sure, an excellent job testing the blood
- 12 for whatever they need to test it for. I don't know
- 13 that any results or what they would be looking for with
- 14 that, but I know if they were testing for any drugs
- 15 found in my body or whatever, that you know, again, as I
- 16 said, the chances of finding something at that time
- 17 would have been slim. They did however, take --
- MR. BROWN: You have answered it.
- 19 Q. The blood sample that they took was taken
- 20 after your 2 days of interviews here with the FBI
- 21 agents?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. Approximately how many days after the 2 days
- 24 of interviews were the blood samples and things taken?
- 25 A. I do not recall at this time, but it was

- 1 within -- I believe it was within a week of that time,
- 2 the time when they came here.
- Q. And remind me how long after you arrived home
- 4 did you spend the 2 days with the FBI?
- 5 A. I think the first couple of days they allowed
- 6 me to just be with my family alone. I don't remember
- 7 specifically at that time, but I know that I saw them
- 8 within the first week of coming home.
- 9 Q. For those 2 days?
- 10 A. For 2 days.
- 11 Q. And the best you recall is approximately
- 12 within a week after that that they took the blood
- 13 sample?
- 14 A. Yes.
- Q. Did they take any other sort of forensic
- 16 evidence other than the blood sample?
- 17 A. They took a chunk of hair from the middle of
- 18 the back of my head, I think to test for one of those --
- 19 my understanding -- and maybe they didn't say this
- 20 specifically, but it was kind of hinted at, was maybe
- 21 for one of those drugs that someone might put in your
- 22 drink or something of that nature, that they were
- 23 testing for. And they did that.
- That doesn't really have, you know, a time
- 25 thing. I think they did it within like a month or so

- 1 later. Hair grows out, so that doesn't really matter if
- 2 they did it the day after, the day before.
- 3 Q. They did not do the hair -- they didn't take
- 4 the hair specimen at the same time they took the blood?
- 5 A. They did. They took brushed blood, like a few
- 6 pulled and a few brushed.
- 7 Q. Hairs you mean?
- 8 A. Hairs, but then they took a larger -- like a
- 9 fat pencil amount, like round, of hair from the middle
- 10 of the back of my head at a later time to check for
- 11 something further, perhaps foreign that could have been
- 12 in my system, that maybe there would be a chance that
- 13 they could find something in my hair.
- Q. When you say "they," who explained to you the
- 15 tests they were conducting with that hair?
- 16 A. Although the FBI was very tight-lipped --
- 17 especially Sean was always very quiet about what they
- 18 were doing -- I found that the person doing it -- there
- 19 was two females doing it, doing the cutting of my hair
- 20 and stuff. They kind of led me in that direction, that
- 21 that is what they were testing for. They were testing
- 22 for some sort of foreign drug in my hair and that they
- 23 were -- they never shared whether -- they can't really
- 24 say whether it was conclusive or not.
- I don't believe -- actually, I can't even say.

- 1 I am not sure that it would be in their best interests
- 2 or not to tell me if they had found anything or not. I
- 3 don't know. I don't know how that would impede their
- 4 investigation, so --
- 5 Q. So you don't know the results of that hair
- 6 test?
- 7 A. No, I do not.
- Q. The black shoulder bag you mentioned that you
- 9 were carrying the morning you went to the massage
- 10 parlor --
- 11 A. Yeah.
- 12 Q. -- was that your main traveling bag, like when
- 13 you went to shore and things like that?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. When you went out the night of July 4th, did
- 16 you have that bag with you?
- 17 A. I do not recall. I would sometimes change my
- 18 purse only for the evening into a more dressy purse. I
- 19 probably -- if I was very dressed up, I wouldn't have
- 20 worn that specific bag. That was for all other use, and
- 21 then I had a couple of bags I might use in the evening.
- Q. The night of the 4th, you had your -- I think
- 23 you referred to it as a casual sundress on?
- 24 A. It was like a stretchy -- it was a very nice
- 25 dress, but you know, depending on what you wore with it,

- 1 could dress it up or dress it down.
- Q. Did we dress up or down that night; do you
- 3 recall?
- A. That night I was dressed up, so I wore high
- 5 heels with the dress.
- Q. And you don't remember what, if any, bag you
- 7 took out to Chop Restaurant?
- 8 A. I mean I can guess.
- 9 Q. Doug will yell at you if you guess.
- 10 A. I don't remember specifically. I couldn't say
- 11 100 percent which bag I was using.
- 12 Q. What is your best guess as to what bag you had
- 13 that evening?
- A. My best guess is I had a little black, dressy
- 15 bag that I would have used with that outfit.
- Q. Do you recall whether you had your sea pass
- 17 with you when you went out the night of July 4th?
- 18 A. I do not recall.
- 19 Q. When you went back to the room at
- 20 approximately 11:00 p.m. on the 4th to drop off George's
- 21 coat, do you remember who opened the door?
- 22 A. I do not recall. George usually opened the
- 23 door, but I do not recall.
- Q. Do you recall seeing the little dressy black
- 25 bag you referred to in any photographs or a video of the

- 1 room?
- 2 A. I do not recall.
- Q. Did you ever review the sea pass purchase
- 4 records that were provided by Royal Caribbean?
- 5 A. Yes. You are talking about the records that
- 6 are part of that package that both families received?
- 7 Q. Yes. You remember actual photocopies,
- 8 receipts being in that package?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Just generally, did those receipts appear
- 11 consistent with what you recall purchasing in the days
- 12 before George's disappearance?
- 13 A. Yes. I mean, obviously, that wasn't an
- 14 exhaustive list of things we had purchased on our trip,
- 15 but all the things that they had found looked familiar.
- 16 Q. You had talked about Clete Hyman's noise
- 17 report. You mentioned that earlier. Do you recall
- 18 that?
- 19 A. Yes.
- Q. Did you ever speak to Clete Hyman yourself?
- 21 A. No, I did not.
- Q. Did your parents?
- A. No, they did not.
- Q. Did the FBI?
- 25 A. I believe so, and I would hope so. I know

- 1 that Clete Hyman was eventually -- I don't know what
- 2 date, but yes.
- Q. Did you ever see Clete Hyman on TV?
- A. Yes, I did.
- 5 Q. Do you recall when?
- A. No, I do not.
- 7 Q. Do you recall basically what his information
- 8 was with regard to the goings-on at your cabin, room
- 9 9062?
- 10 A. That he had heard partying noises or loud
- 11 noises, or that is what he had complained about, I
- 12 should say, in the report. Specifically what he said on
- 13 TV, at this time I do not recall.
- Q. Do you recall what was in the report in terms
- 15 of the complaint he made?
- 16 A. I do not recall specifically what he said at
- 17 this time.
- Q. Do you recall what time he made his complaint?
- 19 A. I believe sometime just after 4:00 a.m.
- Q. And is it your understanding anybody responded
- 21 to the noise complaint?
- 22 A. Yes, it was responded to. I think 20 minutes
- 23 or so had passed, to my best knowledge.
- Q. That would have been about 4:30 or so in the
- 25 morning?

- 1 A. Yes, maybe a few minutes before then, sometime
- 2 around then before someone responded maybe -- I don't
- 3 know why 22 minutes is sticking in my mind, but I think
- 4 it was something in the 20s, however many minutes had
- 5 elapsed since the complaint.
- Q. Was it your understanding that an RCL member
- 7 actually went to the room in response to the complaint?
- 8 A. I know that another neighbor on the other side
- 9 or somebody at some point had seen RCL members go to the
- 10 door. Whether they had actually entered the room at
- 11 that time or they were just waiting to hear for more
- 12 noises or what that response was for at that time I do
- 13 not know, but I do know a neighbor at some point stepped
- 14 out in the hallway and had seen RCL or someone from RCL
- 15 at our door.
- 16 Q. During your time on the cruise, did you ever
- 17 see any cruise members walking around with
- 18 walkie-talkies?
- 19 A. I do not recall.
- 20 Q. In the time after George's disappearance, do
- 21 you recall any crew member having a walkie-talkie type
- 22 device to communicate with other crew members?
- 23 A. I do not recall.
- Q. What is your best approximation of the time
- 25 that you were first found in the hallway that morning of

- 1 July 5th?
- 2 A. Sometime around 4:30.
- Q. So it is your understanding you were found at
- 4 approximately the same time RCL may have been responding
- 5 to your room also?
- A: I think they -- the cusp of the stuff
- 7 regarding our room was already going on. That was
- 8 already taking place. They found me in and around the
- 9 same time that noise complaints had already been made to
- 10 the room, so some of it may have been happening just as
- 11 the one was ending or one was beginning, but it was
- 12 close to all at the same time period. But I came into
- 13 the room later. They put me back into the room -- I
- 14 believe it was now closer to 5 by the time they actually
- 15 got me back to the room, quarter of.
- Q. Quarter of 5?
- A. Right, that they put me back into that room.
- Q. And is it your understanding that George was
- 19 not in the room when you were returned to the room?
- 20 A. I was told that nobody was in the room at that
- 21 time.
- Q. Have you ever been told that any RCL member
- 23 entered your cabin, Cabin 9062, after you had been
- 24 returned to the room that morning and before you left
- 25 for your massage?

- 1 A. No. I don't believe anybody -- I don't know
- 2 for sure, but I don't believe anybody came into the room
- 3 before I was last put into it and before I left for the
- 4 massage.
- MR. KELLY: Can we just take a break for
- 6 a minute?
- 7 MR. BROWN: Yeah.
- 8 (Recess: 10:16 to 10:25 a.m.)
- 9 Q. Jen, did you ever see a copy of the actual
- 10 incident reports prepared by the cruise line regarding
- 11 the morning of July 5th, 2005 as related to your cabin?
- 12 A. Just that that was a part of the December
- 13 package that we received. I believe it did have the
- 14 incident or accident report or --
- 15 Q. The report?
- 16 A. The report.
- 17 Q. Do you recall looking at it at some point?
- 18 A. Yes, I do.
- MR. KELLY: I apologize. I didn't make
- 20 extra copies of these things, but if we could just mark
- 21 this.
- 22 (Petitioners' Exhibit 4: Marked for
- 23 Identification described in Index.)
- Q. Just looking at that first, Jen, have you seen
- 25 that report before?

- 1 A. I believe so. Wasn't this part of the package
- 2 that we received in December?
- Q. It is my understanding, since I didn't receive
- 4 the package received, it is the report that was part of
- 5 the package you would have received dated December 19th?
- 6 A. Yes.
- Q. I am not sure, but I think that is --
- 8 A. To your best knowledge?
- 9 Q. To my best knowledge. I am waiting. Do you
- 10 want to ask me something? Now, with regard to -- there
- 11 are two incidents referenced on that page. Is that
- 12 correct?
- A. Yes, there are.
- Q. Looking at the first one, it has to do with a
- 15 noise complaint relating to the cabin you were staying
- 16 in, 9062?
- 17 A. Yes.
- Q. Do you have any independent knowledge of who,
- 19 if anybody, was in Cabin 9062 at approximately 4:05 a.m.
- 20 on July 5th of 2005?
- 21 A. Can you repeat the first part of that
- 22 question?
- Q. Do you know yourself -- independent of the
- 24 report, do you know yourself -- do you have any
- 25 knowledge of who was in the room, if anybody, at

- 1 approximately that time on the 5th?
- MR. BROWN: When you say "knowledge," do
- 3 you mean from reports? Do you mean from her memory?
- 4 MR. KELLY: From anything other than that
- 5 report, whether discussions with the cruise line, other
- 6 reports, discussions with the FBI, discussions with
- 7 Askins, discussions with anybody.
- 8 A. At this point in time, after all the discovery
- 9 that me and my team and everyone has done, it appears as
- 10 though around that time was the same time that George
- 11 was taken back to his room by the last individuals seen
- 12 with him.
- Q. What is the basis for that statement that you
- 14 just made, that it is your understanding that that is
- 15 when he was taken back to the room?
- 16 A. I have seen -- you know, Josh Askin, for
- 17 example, has talked about how he and the other boys had
- 18 taken George back to the room.
- 19 Q. Let me stop you there. I'm sorry. You
- 20 indicated that you saw the Askin family on the morning
- 21 of July 5th, after you had left the spa, correct?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. Was Josh with them at that time?
- A. I believe so, yes.
- Q. Did you have any conversations with Josh at

- 1 that time?
- 2 A. Not specifically lengthy conversations, but I
- 3 remember him being in the area in the vicinity of
- 4 talking. I do not recall specifically what he said at
- 5 that time.
- Q. Forgetting about specifically, do you have any
- 7 general recollection about what he was talking about?
- A. That George -- that they had brought George
- 9 back to the room.
- 10 Q. You recall him saying at least that in general
- 11 terms on the morning of July 5th?
- 12 A. I believe so.
- Q. When he said they brought back George to the
- 14 room, did he specify who in addition to himself had
- 15 brought George back to the room?
- 16 A. I don't remember specific names at that time.
- Q. Did he identify the others in any way?
- 18 A. Not that I recall.
- Q. Did he give a time when you spoke to him that
- 20 morning as to when they had brought George back to the
- 21 room?
- 22 A. No.
- Q. Did he give you any other details at that time
- 24 in terms of the circumstances surrounding taking George
- 25 back to the room?

- 1 A. No.
- Q. Did he indicate what had happened, if
- 3 anything, once they had gotten back to the room?
- 4 A. I do not recall.
- 5 Q. Now, moving away from that morning that you
- 6 saw him on the ship still, have you seen him make any
- 7 other statements about his involvement or his
- 8 interaction with George that morning?
- 9 A. Yes. I recall that -- I am not sure from
- 10 where at this point, whether it be on TV or which
- 11 report, that he claims that they had brought George back
- 12 to the room.
- 13 Q. When he says "they" --
- 14 A. They, Mr. Kofman and the two Rozenberg boys,
- 15 had brought George back to the room, that I was not
- 16 there, that they had gone to look for me, that George --
- 17 I believe he said that George had changed something,
- 18 whether it be his shoes or his shirt or something, and
- 19 that they had gone back out to look for me.
- Q. Did he say where they went to look for you?
- 21 A. I believe he said or someone had said that
- 22 they had looked for me in some upper deck area, some
- 23 like Jacuzzi area, just on different levels. I am not
- 24 sure what spots they had gone to, but I know that they
- 25 were looking for me, and that they had come back after

- l not being able to find me, back to the room.
- 2 Q. Do you know whether George was still in the
- 3 room at that time, after they came back?
- A. According to what I remember -- I am not sure
- 5 what source at this time. They had gone back to the
- 6 room and dropped him off this time, and Josh had said he
- 7 used the bathroom and that they put him to bed or
- 8 whatever, and they were leaving, and that they had left.
- 9 Q. Was it your understanding that George had left
- 10 the room with them to look for you?
- 11 A. It was my understanding that they all went
- 12 together.
- Q. So would it be fair to say that based on what
- 14 you know, that Josh had entered your room at least twice
- 15 with George prior to you being found?
- 16 A. Yes.
- Q. And that Josh was in the company of the other
- 18 three young men, meaning Kofman and the two Rozenbergs,
- 19 the two times he entered the room?
- 20 A. Yes, I believe so.
- Q. And do you know whether Askin or the other
- 22 three young men ever saw you after you had been found
- 23 the morning of July 5th, before you returned to the
- 24 room?
- 25 A. I have no knowledge of that.

- Q. Do you have any idea of how much time elapsed
- 2 between the time George and the others were looking for
- 3 you and the time you were found?
- 4 A. I have no knowledge of that. Clearly from the
- 5 reports you could see that looks like it was, you know,
- 6 under 40 minutes.
- 7 Q. What do you remember seeing Hyman state about
- 8 his recollection of that early morning?
- 9 A. I don't remember, except for I think he might
- 10 have peered over the partition between our rooms.
- 11 Q. Did he indicate he ever saw anything on the
- 12 canopy below?
- A. I do not recall. I assume at this point he
- 14 has at least seen it on television.
- Q. Do you know if the Turkish Police interviewed
- 16 Josh Askin?
- 17 A. Do I --
- 18 Q. Know if the Turkish Police interviewed Askin?
- 19 A. I know from the video seen on TV that he was
- 20 interviewed by Turkish authorities.
- Q. What about the Rozenbergs? Do you know
- 22 whether either of them were interviewed by the Turkish
- 23 authorities?
- 24 A. Other than Josh, I cannot -- I don't know
- 25 specifically at this time who else of the last boys seen

- ] were interviewed. I know Josh was, but I am not sure
- 2 about the other boys, specifically which ones.
- 3 Q. Did the agent Sean?
- MR. BROWN: I am slipping in --
- 5 MR. KELLY: Off the record?
- MR. BROWN: No, on. I mean, forget about
- 7 specifically at this time. The question was, other than
- 8 the Josh Askin, do you know of anybody else being
- 9 interviewed by the Turkish authorities?
- THE WITNESS: I think one of them. I
- 11 think one of them was. I think -- I hate to guess, but
- 12 I think --
- MR. BROWN: Don't guess, just what do you
- 14 know. You said you thought one them was.
- 15 THE WITNESS: I think -- I know -- I hate
- 16 to say "I think" and "I know, " but --
- MR. BROWN: If you don't know, you don't
- 18 know, but you are allowed to say you think -- you are
- 19 allowed to say "I don't know."
- THE WITNESS: I don't remember. I don't
- 21 know what words before --
- MR. KELLY: Off the record.
- (Off the record discussion.)
- Q. Other than the Turkish authorities, did you
- 25 have any conversations with any FBI agents relating to

- 1 interviews they conducted with either Josh Askin or the
- 2 three other young men?
- A. No. I know Sean was traveling a lot. He
- 4 could never say where or with whom, so --
- Q. Did any representative of the FBI ever give
- 6 you any information about what happened when George
- 7 returned to the room that night, in terms of what they
- 8 had found out?
- 9 A. No.
- 10 Q. Never?
- 11 A. No.
- Q. Did any representative of RCL ever give you
- 13 any additional information in terms of what had happened
- 14 in the room that night other than what is in that report
- 15 before you?
- 16 A. No.
- 17 Q. Has anybody else ever given you any additional
- 18 information or detail in terms of what happened in your
- 19 cabin that night with regard to George's being returned
- 20 to the room?
- 21 A. No.
- Q. Do you know if Josh Askin retained counsel?
- 23 Is that correct?
- 24 A. I believe so.
- Q. Do you know whether any of the other three

- 1 young men ever hired lawyers?
- A. I know that -- I know at least, you know, one
- 3 of the three. I know that -- I don't know if they all
- 4 did. I know that of the four, at least two of the four
- 5 have counsel at this time.
- Q. Do you know whether any of them, meaning the
- 7 four young men; Askin, Rozenbergs, and Kofman -- if any
- 8 of them have been called to testify before the grand
- 9 jury?
- 10 A. I do not know.
- 11 Q. Did you ever ask any of the FBI agents that?
- 12 A. I always ask them questions, and they rarely,
- 13 rarely can answer.
- Q. Did you ever specifically ask them that
- 15 question, whether any of these four young men were being
- 16 called before the grand jury?
- 17 A. I do not recall.
- Q. Were you ever told by anybody, meaning the
- 19 assistant US attorney or the FBI agents, when the grand
- 20 jury term would expire?
- 21 A. No. They could not give a definitive time.
- Q. Did they give you an approximate time?
- 23 A. No, no.
- Q. As you sit here today, is it your
- 25 understanding that the grand jury investigation is

- 1 continuing?
- 2 A. I believe so. I haven't heard any -- I don't
- 3 know what happens at the end of it, whether it will
- 4 become public. I hope so, with whatever they conclude.
- 5 Q. But you have been given no indication when it
- 6 might conclude?
- 7 A. No.
- 8 Q. Other than yourself and Dr. Cooper --
- 9 A. Can I just also add, though, that -- before we
- 10 get off to Dr. Cooper, that the FBI investigation --
- 11 when I asked them about their specific investigation, I
- 12 am under the impression that there is a possibility
- 13 there may never be a conclusion, that this may be an
- 14 open case if they cannot determine what happened.
- As you said on Friday, the criminal case is
- 16 different from the civil case, and the FBI case is also
- 17 separate from that, so we have a number of things going
- 18 on concurrently, all with different time frames.
- 19 Q. And when you say something may remain open,
- 20 what were you referring to?
- 21 A. Nothing the grand jury -- obviously, that
- 22 would have a beginning and an end. But as far as the
- 23 FBI investigation, you know, a fear -- as family
- 24 members, you know, we want to know what happens. We
- 25 want to know, you know, yesterday what happened. So the

- 1 understanding is that the FBI may never be able to tell
- 2 us what happened, and obviously, that is a fear we have
- 3 had since the beginning of time. We have known that
- 4 there is a possibility that they may not be able to come
- 5 to something conclusive.
- Q. Did anybody from the FBI ever told you of any
- 7 evidence or testimony they would like to get ahold of
- 8 that they can't?
- 9 A. No, not specifically.
- 10 Q. Have you ever heard the term "target" used
- 11 when talking to the FBI or the assistant US attorney?
- 12 A. No.
- 13 Q. Has anybody ever indicated to you that there
- 14 were any targets of the investigation into George's
- 15 disappearance?
- 16 A. You mean who was the subject of the
- 17 investigation?
- Q. Or suspect, one of the two?
- 19 A. No.
- Q. Has anybody -- I mean FBI, Royal Caribbean,
- 21 anybody ever given you any indication that arrest or
- 22 arrests may be made with regard to George's
- 23 disappearance?
- 24 A. No.
- Q. Now, going back to the report in front of you,

- l do you know if there were any other reports or documents
- 2 relating to the complaints of noise from your cabin on
- 3 that morning?
- A. Do I know of any other complaints?
- Q. Yes, or reports other than that one page in
- 6 front of you?
- 7 A. I am sure there is a book of them somewhere of
- 8 all incidents on the ship. You mean specific to this?
- 9 Q. Specific to this time frame?
- 10 A. I am not sure at this time.
- 11 Q. Do you know if the cruise line ever did any
- 12 follow-up interview with Hyman?
- A. I do not recall if I was ever told that
- 14 information.
- Q. You had indicated that the first time that the
- 16 three young men left your room to look for you, that
- 17 George was with them, correct?
- 18 A. From their accounts, they have always been
- 19 inclusive. They never said anybody had stayed back, so
- 20 it was sort of a "we" thing. All of them together went.
- 21 All of them together came back.
- Q. "We" meaning George also?
- A. George also.
- Q. And the second time that the young men left,
- 25 George was left in the room; is that correct?

- 1 A. Come again?
- Q. George was left in the room?
- 3 A. Yes.
- Q. After they came back?
- A. According to the boys, he was left in the room
- 6 by himself.
- 7 Q. And according to that report, the teenagers
- 8 were seen leaving the area without mention of George?
- 9 Is that correct?
- 10 A. They didn't say without -- it just says, "As
- 11 response guards arrived teams were just leaving the
- 12 vicinity pending follow-up with guests."
- Q. The question is, there is no mention of George
- 14 in there, is there?
- 15 A. No mention of George.
- Q. And what is the time of that entry with regard
- 17 to them leaving the scene?
- 18 A. "What" meaning fixed --
- 19 Q. Or incident? I think --
- 20 A. The incident is 4:05, that time that they
- 21 heard the noise complaint.
- Q. Right.
- 23 A. It doesn't say, unless "fixed" is supposed to
- 24 be it was saying it was resolved. But it doesn't say --
- 25 you know, break it down by the minutes from the time

- 1 they get the incident to what is going on in between.
- 2 So there is a lot of time in between that that is not
- 3 recorded here. It just says the incident and what they
- 4 did.
- 5 Q. Is there a time for resolved?
- 6 A. It says "fixed," if that means resolved, then
- 7 4:30.
- Q. And in terms of your being located, that is on
- 9 the same page there?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. And what time was that?
- 12 A. 4:43.
- 13 Q. And can I just see it for a second? I'm
- 14 sorry. I don't have copies. I just want to take a look
- 15 at it. Now, the report with regard to you being
- 16 located, that is at 4:43, correct?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. And it doesn't give any other indication of
- 19 you being taken anywhere other than your room, does it?
- 20 A. No, it does not.
- Q. And is it your understanding that the locklink
- 22 records were consistent with those two reports on the
- 23 page in front of you?
- 24 A. I believe so. I would have to see them
- 25 specifically this time so I can refresh my memory.

- 1 Q. But based on your recollection of reviewing
- 2 them in the past, the locklink records and those reports
- 3 were consistent?
- A. I can't say how I thought in the past, but as
- 5 of right now, it would be helpful to see the locklink
- 6 entry so I can again make sure. But at that time, they
- 7 appeared to have made sense or you could have
- 8 constructed a timeline that would have made sense.
- 9 Q. I am just going to mark -- just for the
- 10 record, you had seen the locklink records with regard to
- 11 your cabin, had you not?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. And there was more than one page of those
- 14 records? Do you recall?
- 15 A. I believe so.
- MR. KELLY: Just off the record.
- 17 (Off the record discussion.)
- 18 (Petitioners' Exhibit 5: Marked for
- 19 Identification described in Index.)
- Q. Now, I am referring to now what has been
- 21 marked Exhibit 5, which at the top says "Locklink
- 22 Transfer Lock Events." Are you looking at that now?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. And on the top left-hand side, it indicates it
- 25 is the readout for Lock 9062. Do you see that up there

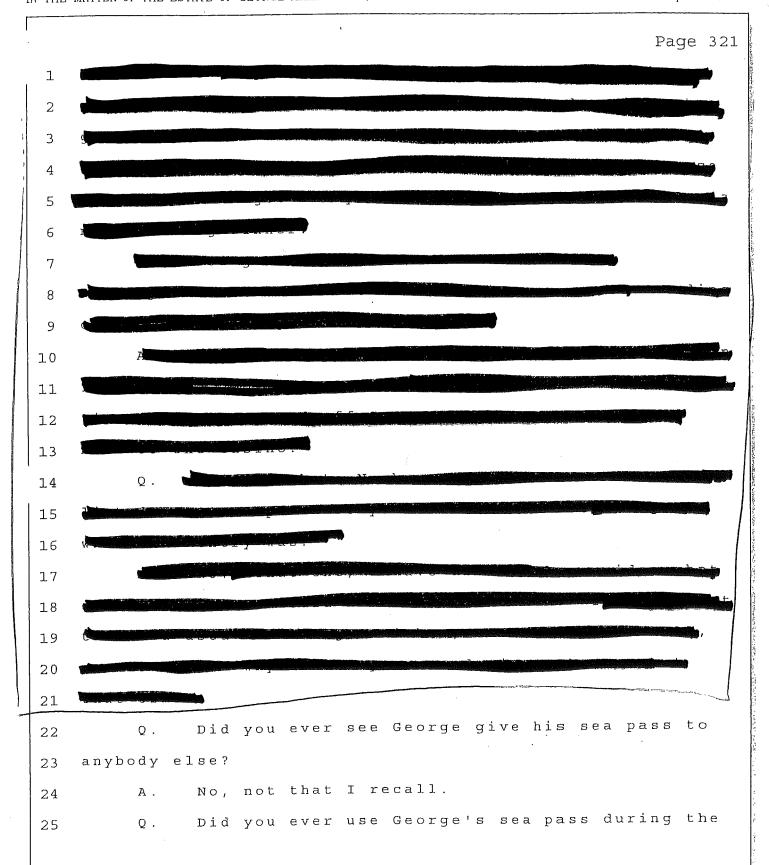
- 1 in the left-hand corner?
- 2 A. Yes, I do. Thank you.
- Q. And that is the cabin that you and George were
- 4 staying in, 9062, was it not?
- 5 A. Yes, it was.
- 6 Q. And you have given testimony over the course
- 7 of the last day and a half as to the events of the
- 8 afternoon and evening of July 4, 2005 into the morning
- 9 of July 5th, 2005, correct?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Now, turning your attention to this locklink
- 12 record in front of you -- first of all, have you ever
- 13 seen this document before?
- 14 A. Yes.
- Q. When did you first see it?
- 16 A. I do not recall. Sometime after -- I believe
- 17 after December.
- 18 Q. 19th?
- 19 A. December 19th.
- Q. Do you recall if you reviewed it with anybody?
- 21 A. Yes, I reviewed it with my attorney James
- 22 Walker. I reviewed it with my parents. I reviewed it
- 23 specifically at length, you know, with both Mr. Walker
- 24 and at length with my father to try to, obviously, do
- 25 what we were doing today, try to make sense of all these

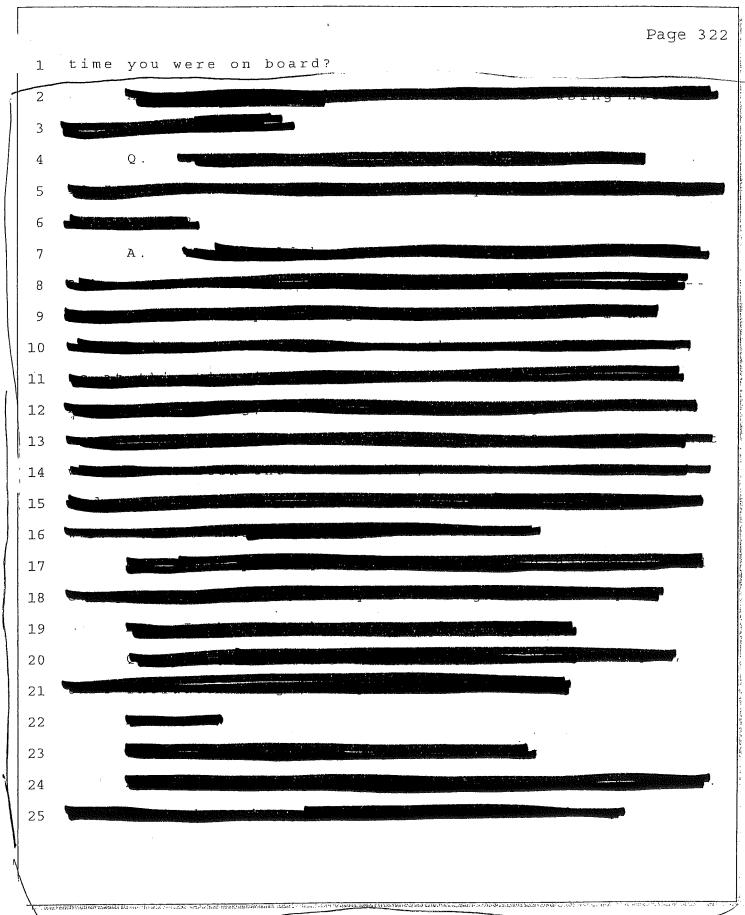
- 1 different pieces.
- Q. I am not going to ask you about your
- 3 conversations with Mr. Walker, your attorney --
- 4 A. Okay.
- Q. -- with regard to it, but with regard to
- 6 conversations with your father, would that have, first
- 7 of all, taken place shortly after receiving this record?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Was it your mother and father or just your
- 10 father?
- 11 A. My father. My father, as I said, was a
- 12 sergeant. He was a retired police sergeant, and he used
- 13 to reconstruct accidents for the police force. It was
- 14 his specialty, so he was a good person to use as a
- 15 resource for this.
- Q. When you spoke to him, did he have any other
- 17 law enforcement people with him or anybody else that he
- 18 had worked with?
- A. When I would have these conversations with my
- 20 father?
- 21 Q. Yes?
- 22 A. No.
- Q. Do you know whether he consulted with anybody
- 24 else that he used to work with after speaking to you?
- A. No. This was all confidential information.

- 1 It was given to us with the understanding to help
- 2 provide us maybe with some answers to some questions
- 3 that we had, but I believe it was clearly written in the
- 4 letter that accompanied this package that the documents
- 5 weren't to be, you know, used on the nightly news or for
- 6 any other purposes other than figuring out what happened
- 7 to George and just helping us fill in some blanks of our
- 8 own.
- 9 Q. Do you recall making any notes or anything on
- 10 your locklink record when you went over it with your
- 11 father?
- 12 A. No. I don't know who first brought it to our
- 13 attention. I believe perhaps James Walker with the
- 14 entries, time-wise, as far as crossing over different
- 15 time zones and wherever we were -- in order to make
- 16 sense of this, we needed to -- during the last key lock
- 17 entries, from we will say Number 14 up, I was, you know,
- 18 really looking at those entries specifically and adding
- 19 3 hours to that time, for example, making -- 4:57 p.m.
- 20 would then be 7:57 p.m. 8:07 p.m. would actually be
- 21 11:07 p.m. So that was something helpful because
- 22 otherwise someone who was looking at this who didn't
- 23 know, that may not be as effective.
- Q. What is your understanding of where that time
- 25 differential came from?

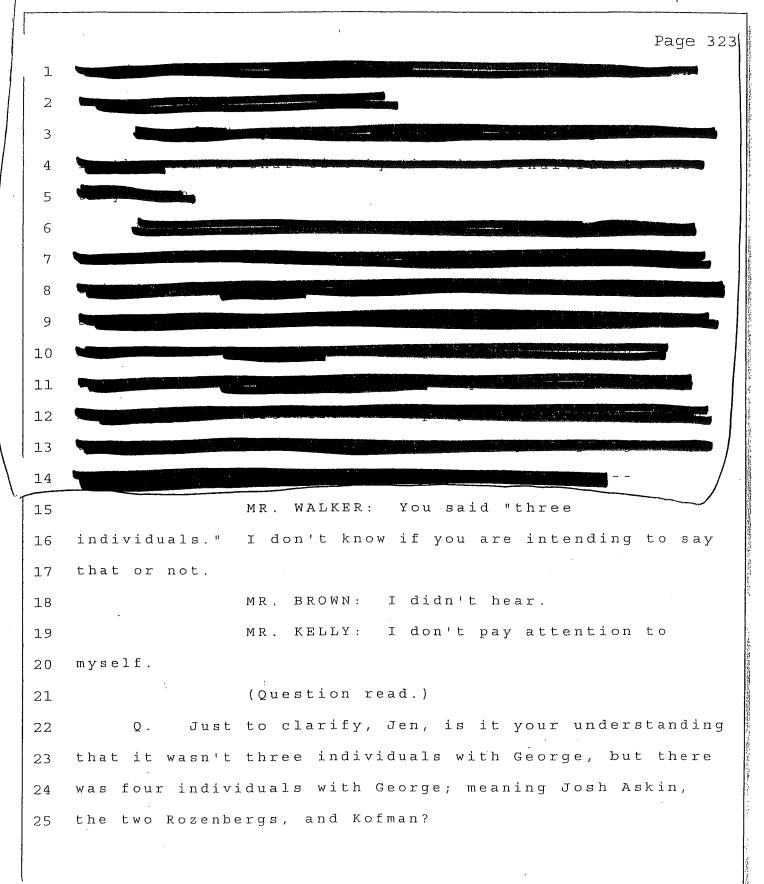
- 1 A. I am not sure exactly where that came from.
- 2 The cruise started in one place. It could have been a
- 3 matter of just crossing over different zones. Could
- 4 have been a matter of a time the ship keeps. I am not
- 5 sure specifically and I don't remember at this time.
- Q. In reviewing the locklink records, when you
- 7 add 3 hours to each of these entries, starting at -- I
- 8 think you mentioned Number 14. Were you able to
- 9 determine which of these entries was for -- that is
- 10 reflected here on this page?
- 11 A. What they were for?
- 12 Q. Yes.
- 13 A. Yeah. Like for example, I could take
- 14 Number --
- MR. BROWN: All of them or just a few?
- MR. KELLY: I was actually going to take
- 17 her through each one.
- Q. What I would like to do, Jen, is starting with
- 19 Number 14, and working upward to Number 1, if we could
- 20 go through each one, and you indicate if you have an
- 21 understanding of what the entry was for, starting with
- 22 Number 14, which is July 4th, 2005, at 4:57 p.m. where
- 23 it indicates that it was opened, closed, using George's
- 24 card?

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- MR. BROWN: Based on what you know.
- 2 A. Based on what -- based on what we have been
- 3 able to gather since then, that there are a number of
- 4 boys now in that room, so it may not be just three,
- 5 although -- but do you or I really know? So it could be
- 6 just three or it could be four. It could be more than
- 7 that.
- Q. Didn't Josh Askin indicate to you who had
- 9 taken George back to the room when you spoke to him?
- 10 A. No. He didn't specifically indicate the names
- 11 or how many at that time, but that it was my
- 12 understanding that him and some other boys had taken
- 13 George back to the room.
- 14 Q. When Askin was videotaped -- you saw his
- 15 videotape. Did he mention that videotape, how many
- 16 people had taken George back to the room?
- 17 A. I believe he did. I cannot say for sure. I
- 18 cannot say for sure at this time. I would have to
- 19 review the video clip, but I believe it was four. There
- 20 were always four boys.
- 21 Q. The ones we keep mentioning?
- 22 A. The ones we keep mentioning.

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Page 326 Were you ever given any indication that they Q. 5 had any security video of you being returned to the room 6 after you were found? 7 Α. No. Q. You had mentioned Friday -- had you actually 9 seen yourself, a video of you, making a turn out of 10 the -- what is it called, the Sea Quest Bar, and heading 11 down a corridor? Star Quest? I'm sorry. 12 A. That is okay. No, I haven't seen any videos 13 from RCL. I have not seen any videos of myself, and I 14 was only told from the FBI where I was found, and I was 15 also told that I had taken a wrong turn. 16 Q. And that it was on video? 17

- 18 A. I do not know if I am on video. If someone

  19 says you had taken a wrong turn, you could only assume

  20 that they must have seen something for them to come up

  21 with that, so I would assume that there was a video

  22 showing me taking a wrong turn.
- Q. I am usually wrong, but I think you testified Friday that you were told there was a video of you turning the wrong direction as you left the bar. Do you

- 1 recall saying that?
- A. No, I do not believe I said as I left the bar.
- 3 I think I was trying to tell you that there is the wrong
- 4 video -- excuse me, a wrong direction made at the
- 5 elevator. I do not have any -- I have no knowledge of
- 6 the video of me at a time of leaving a bar area. I only
- 7 have knowledge of -- I am talking about an elevator
- 8 area.
- 9 Q. Describe --
- 10 A. A floor elevator area, which would be like a
- 11 general --
- Q. Tell me about it. What I am asking, what is
- 13 your understanding of what video exists of you taking
- 14 any action that early morning before you were found?
- 15 A. The ship is set up so that there is sort of a
- 16 common area, a walking area, in and around the
- 17 elevators.
- 18 Q. Okay.
- 19 A. And it is my understanding that those common
- 20 areas have video cameras.
- Q. And you were told that that video camera
- 22 showed you in some way doing something?
- 23 A. It was inferred that I had taken a wrong turn.
- 24 I don't know specifically what was seen by others. I
- 25 have not seen anything of myself, but it was inferred,

- 1 and then later, obviously, the FBI has always, you know,
- 2 said that I was found sleeping in a certain area, and
- 3 they have, you know, accounted for my whereabouts. So I
- 4 can only assume that there is a video of me, that the
- 5 FBI has seen that same video.
- Q. Your cabin was on the 9th level?
- 7 A. Yes, it was.
- Q. Was there more than one bank of elevators on
- 9 the 9th level?
- 10 A. I believe that is the central bank of
- 11 elevators, and there is perhaps one on both sides, but
- 12 that was the sort of center of the ship, and you can
- 13 go -- you can go in two directions or four directions
- 14 because you can get off and take, obviously, a right or
- 15 a left, but then you can go diagonal to -- there is four
- 16 parts, four hallways, that are separated by this main
- 17 center.
- 18 Q. Right. Were you given any indication that you
- 19 had gotten off an elevator on the videotape?
- 20 A. I just have -- from what I have been told,
- 21 that I had taken a wrong turn, and that is it. I don't
- 22 know -- I don't know exactly what it shows in the video.
- Q. But it is your understanding that the video is
- 24 off that central elevator bank area?
- 25 A. I don't even know if there is a specific video

- 1 that exists because this is going off of something I
- 2 have not seen myself. It has been indicated or it has
- 3 been inferred that this is perhaps out there.
- Q. So you don't even know for sure that there is
- 5 a video of you near this elevator bank area?
- A. I believe there should be because --
- 7 Q. You have got to listen. Do you know --
- 8. A. Do I know for sure --
- 9 Q. Let me finish the question so we are clear. I
- 10 already know your answer, obviously. Do you know for
- 11 sure whether there is any video footage of you in that
- 12 9th floor elevator area on the early morning of
- 13 July 5th, 2005?
- 14 A. No.
- Q. Do you know if there is any video footage of
- 16 you anywhere on the cruise ship in the morning of
- 17 July 5th, 2005?
- 18 A. Not that I am aware.
- 19 Q. You have an understanding of where you were
- 20 found on the 9th level on the morning of July 5th?
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. To get from the area you were found in to get
- 23 to your cabin, 9062, would you have to go by this main
- 24 elevator bank area?
- 25 A. To my knowledge, yes.

- 1 Q. Do you know whether anybody, meaning the FBI
- 2 or Royal Caribbean, has ever checked for any video
- 3 footage of you being returned to your room in this area
- 4 on the morning of July 5th, 2005?
- 5 A. I know they have checked for all video footage
- 6 on that cruise ship, so if I am a part of that, as part
- 7 of any of this, they would have checked, and it should
- 8 be in their hands as we speak.
- 9 Q. Has anybody ever told you that there is any
- 10 video footage of you from the morning of July 5th, 2005?
- 11 A. I do not recall. As I said earlier, it has
- 12 been indicated to me that there may be footage of me
- 13 taking a wrong turn. So whatever you take from that,
- 14 you take from that, but that is my final answer.
- MR. KELLY: Off the record.
- 16 (Off the record discussion.)
- Q. Jen, you have indicated several times now that
- 18 you were told that you made a wrong turn at that
- 19 elevator bank, the main elevator bank on the 9th level,
- 20 correct?
- A. Well, I will correct that. I wasn't told, but
- 22 my counsel -- or we have heard from on TV or from
- 23 whatever --
- Q. From who?
- A. From members of RCL, whether it be their

- 1 attorneys or whether it be people higher up, that I was
- 2 seen taking a wrong turn. What that infers is they must
- 3 have some knowledge of it or some evidence of that
- 4 nature, and it would make sense that they have seen some
- 5 video.
- Q. Do you have any understanding as to whether
- 7 there were video cameras anywhere on that ship?
- 8 Brilliance of the Seas I am talking about?
- 9 A. It is my understanding that they were in many
- 10 common areas, such as the elevator sort of terminals.
- 11 Q. Including the one on nine?
- 12 A. Including the one on nine.
- Q. I know I asked this, but again, to get to your
- 14 cabin from where you were found, you would have had to
- 15 go past this main elevator bank? Is that correct?
- 16 A. To my best knowledge.
- Q. Do you know what floor the Askin family was
- 18 staying on?
- 19 A. I now know, and I also know why you would ask
- 20 that, because I was found --
- MR. BROWN: Do you know what floor the
- 22 Askin family was on?
- 23 A. Yes. After we had made friends with them that
- 24 day in Florence, we were going off to our respective
- 25 rooms, and we realized that we were on the same floor as

- 1 them, and they took off in another direction. So I know
- 2 that they weren't right around us, but they were
- 3 somewhere on our floor, and those floors are gigantic.
- 4 It is like the size of a football field, the ship, so
- 5 just because someone is on your floor doesn't mean
- 6 really that they are close to you.
- 7 Q. Do you know whether that main elevator bank
- 8 was between your room and the area the Askins were
- 9 staying in?
- 10 A. I believe so because it would have -- they
- 11 weren't on our wing or whatever, then you would have to
- 12 go through that area to get to another wing.
- Q. The other three individuals, meaning the --
- 14 strike that. Do you know whether, as you sit here
- 15 today, the two Rosenberg boys were staying in the same
- 16 room?
- 17 A. I don't know specifically their sleeping
- 18 arrangements for the trip.
- 19 Q. You don't know what cabin they were in at all?
- 20 A. Oh, no, no.
- 21 Q. Do you know what cabin Kofman was in?
- 22 A. No. I don't know what floor they were on, but
- 23 I believe -- from news accounts, I don't remember anyone
- 24 ever saying that they were on our floor.
- Q. Were there multiple stairwells that connect to

- 1 the different levels?
- 2 A. There was stairwells in the center of the
- 3 ship, I believe, that you can go up and down, so if you
- 4 didn't want to use the elevator, you can go up and down
- 5 that way.
- Q. Were they located in the same area as the
- 7 elevators?
- 8 A. I believe so.
- 9 Q. Do you know where the crew members' facilities
- 10 or cabins were?
- 11 A. No, but I was told that I was found close to
- 12 one of their areas, meaning they have like a door, like
- 13 a crew door. I was told that I was found next to the
- 14 garbage can. I was told I was oddly, you know, close to
- 15 Josh Askin's room, maybe six doors away, but I was kind
- 16 of slumped in an area, an alcove, which was also close
- 17 to a crew passage area or a crew -- maybe a stairwell
- 18 leading to a crew area or just something to do with a
- 19 way that they would get in or out of that level.
- Q. Was it your understanding that they actually
- 21 had cabins on that level somewhere, 9th level?
- 22 A. No, I have no knowledge of that.
- Q. Have you ever seen any photographs of the area
- 24 you were found in?
- 25 A. No, I do not recall.

- 1 Q. Do you know whether Dr. Lee ever took any
- 2 photographs of the area you were found in?
- A. I do not recall. I know he would -- I know
- 4 Dr. Lee has seen -- was brought to the area where I was
- 5 found when he boarded the ship to do an investigation.
- 6 So he was brought to that area.
- 7 Q. Do you have -- with the information you have
- 8 collected, do you have a diagram of the ship in your
- 9 possession?
- 10 A. Not right now. I have seen it many times and
- 11 I have gone over it with Jim before. He I believe has a
- 12 diagram.
- 13 Q. "He" meaning?
- 14 A. Jim Walker, and I believe he can provide for
- 15 you a diagram of the ship if you would like one sometime
- 16 before the 24th.
- MR. KELLY: Off the record.
- (Off the record discussion.)
- 19 (Petitioners' Exhibit 6: Marked for
- 20 Identification described in Index.)
- Q. Jen, we were talking before where you had
- 22 indicated that you had been told that you were seen
- 23 making a wrong turn at the elevator banks on the 9th
- 24 level, correct?
- 25 A. Correct.

- 1 Q. Have you ever been told that any eyewitness
- 2 saw you making a wrong turn at the elevator banks on
- 3 nine?
- A. I have never been told that I have an
- 5 eyewitness of me performing that wrong turn.
- 6 Q. Have you ever been told that there were any
- 7 eyewitnesses to your movements on the early morning of
- 8 July 5th, 2005, after you left Star Quest?
- 9 MR. BROWN: Objection, because I don't
- 10 think there is anything about Star Quest in any of this,
- 11 the name "Star Quest" or whatever you are talking about.
- Q. You indicated you had dinner at Chop, correct?
- 13 After Chop, you met someone in -- what is the name of
- 14 the place, Schooner Bar, Galina?
- A. Met Galina at the Schooner Bar, which is right
- 16 outside of Chop.
- 17 Q. From the Schooner Bar, you went to the casino
- 18 for a period of time?
- A. No. We went back up to the room to drop off
- 20 his jacket and then back down to the casino.
- Q. After the casino, you had some recollection of
- 22 going to another bar after the casino; is that correct?
- 23 A. Yes, the revolving bar.
- Q. The revolving bar. Do you know the name of
- 25 that revolving bar?

- 1 MR. BROWN: Do you know it?
- 2 A. I think -- no.
- MR. BROWN: No. Just answer the
- 4 question.
- 5 A. No.
- MR. BROWN: Good job.
- 7 Q. Have you ever been told that there is any
- 8 witness as to your movements after you were in the
- 9 revolving bar in the morning of July 5th, 2005?
- 10 A. No, I have not been told, but I did see on a
- 11 show or something that somebody from RCL crew supposedly
- 12 had seen me by myself trying to make my way, apparently,
- 13 home, and they had asked if I was all right, according
- 14 to RCL whoever, staff member, and that they had watched
- 15 me, I believe, that they had seen me at least in the
- 16 elevator going to what we all assume would be the 9th
- 17 floor.
- Q. Was this an interview with the RCL employee
- 19 himself or herself that you are talking about that was
- 20 on TV?
- 21 A. No, no.
- Q. Was it someone who would had interviewed this
- 23 employee who had seen this?
- 24 A. I don't know who interviewed this employee,
- 25 but as you know, this is a high profile case, so there

- 1 is a number of TV, you know, people as well as members
- 2 from RCL that had been communicating. And some of these
- 3 communications were used to construct a timeline that
- 4 could then be viewed and was a show, a long -- I believe
- 5 it was a one-hour segment.
- Q. Entirely about George's disappearance?
- 7 A. At least half, or that this was a main show
- 8 regarding just this situation.
- 9 Q. Did they indicate whether the RCL employee was
- 10 male or female?
- 11 A. I do not recall.
- 12 Q. Did they indicate what floor you were on in
- 13 the elevator when you were observed?
- 14 A. I do not recall.
- Q. And to be clear, did they actually indicate
- 16 they saw you on an elevator or somewhere else?
- 17 A. I believe they were in the elevator with me,
- 18 accompanying me maybe, maybe by accident, maybe on
- 19 purpose. I don't know.
- 20 Q. Did they indicate whether you were going up or
- 21 down in the elevator?
- 22 A. I do not recall.
- Q. Did they indicate at what time it was?
- 24 A. I do not recall, but if you get that show or
- 25 that transcript, I believe it will all be there. I am

- 1 not sure what show that was from.
- Q. Do you know whether it was a cable show or not
- 3 as opposed to say, a Dateline or Prime Time or 48 Hours?
- 4 A. I am not sure at this time.
- 5 Q. Other than that one account of someone seeing
- 6 you moving about, do you know of any other accounts or
- 7 witnesses or anybody who had any knowledge of your
- 8 whereabouts between the time you left the revolving bar
- 9 and the time you were located in the corridor on nine?
- 10 A. Not that I know of.
- 11 Q. Now, I am going to show you what you have
- 12 marked as Exhibit 6. Have you had a chance to look at
- 13 that exhibit, Jen?
- 14 A. Yes.
- Q. And what do you know that to be? What is
- 16 depicted on the exhibit?
- 17 A. Well, it looks like an aerial view of the 9th
- 18 floor on Brilliance of the Seas.
- 19 Q. Just looking at it, does it appear to be the
- 20 layout of the 9th level you were staying on during the
- 21 cruise?
- A. Yes, it does.
- Q. And does it have cabin numbers on the diagram
- 24 where cabins are located?
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. And do you see your cabin number, 9062, there?
- 2 A. Yes.
- Q. Could you just -- I am going to give you a red
- 4 pen. Could you just make a little "X" next to where
- 5 your cabin was that you were staying in?
- 6 A. Okay.
- 7 Q. Now, you were also told at some point that you
- 8 were located in a corridor on the 9th level? Is that
- 9 correct?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Do you know yourself specifically where you
- 12 were located on the 9th level when you were found?
- A. In the general area, I was told I was found
- 14 sort of on the opposite side of where I put an "X" at
- 15 our room, so on the other side and further down. I can
- 16 circle the general area if you would like.
- 17 Q. That would be terrific. What is your
- 18 understanding of what that area was?
- 19 A. My general understanding is that I was found
- 20 in an alcove in the hallway, so almost like a little
- 21 inlet, and that it was an area where there was also a
- 22 crew door leading to a stairwell that could, you know,
- 23 go down many floors, to crew quarters or wherever else
- 24 that door may lead, and --
- MR. BROWN: You answered the question.

- 1 Q. Were there any other doors or entrances or
- 2 exits in that alcove other than the doorway leading to
- 3 the crew members area?
- A. There were many passenger doors on the
- 5 opposite side.
- Q. In the actual alcove that you were located in,
- 7 do you know whether there were any other entrances or
- 8 exits to anywhere other than the crew members' area?
- 9 A. No. I am not aware of any.
- 10 Q. And you don't know of any photographs that
- 11 were taken in that alcove area?
- 12 A. Not at this time.
- Q. Do you know whether the door to the crew
- 14 members' area was marked in any way?
- 15 A. Other than -- no, other than Jim Walker
- 16 letting me know that it is marked because he had been on
- 17 the ship with Dr. Lee and his forensics team.
- 18 Q. What is your understanding of how the doorway
- 19 was marked to the members' quarters?
- 20 A. "Crew Only."
- Q. Do you know whether you needed a swipe card or
- 22 anything to get into that door?
- A. Mr. Walker tells me that you do not.
- Q. And do you know or were you told by Dr. Lee or
- 25 anybody else whether that entry led to anywhere other

- 1 than the crew members' quarters?
- 2 A. I am not aware to all the different outlets
- 3 that that door may have led to.
- Q. And did you ever become aware where Josh
- 5 Askin's room was?
- A. Yes.
- 7 Q. Would you be able to put a little red "X" next
- 8 to that?
- 9. A. Okay. I will put a double red "X" next to
- 10 that to not confuse it with our state room.
- 11 Q. Do you want to put the initials "JA" also so
- 12 we are clear?
- 13 A. Okay. We are clear.
- Q. And did you have any understanding as to where
- 15 the two Rozenberg boys' rooms or room was?
- 16 A. My counsel has informed me that they were
- 17 staying on the second floor.
- Q. And do you know what floor the crew members
- 19 quarters started on?
- 20 A. I believe that they, unfortunately, got the
- 21 bottom of the ship, so that would probably be like the
- 22 first floor, perhaps even first and second. I do not
- 23 know, but I know they were not the top floors.
- Q. And what about Kofman? Do you know where his
- 25 room was?

- 1 A. Do not recall at this time.
- Q. Do you have any information as to whether he
- 3 was staying with the Rozenbergs or not?
- A. No. The Rozenbergs came with their family,
- 5 and they were two separate families staying in two
- 6 separate -- they didn't come on the ship together. The
- 7 Rozenbergs came -- excuse me, the Askins came -- excuse
- 8 me. I am confusing our people.
- 9 Q. Okay, I will break it up. The Askin family,
- 10 as far as you know, were located on level nine? Is that
- 11 correct?
- 12 A. As far as I know, the Askins were located on
- 13 level nine.
- Q. Do you know whether or not the Askins had more
- 15 than one cabin?
- 16 A. I do not recall, but there were five of them.
- 17 Q. The two parents and three children?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. And the two Rozenberg boys, were they
- 20 brothers? Do you know?
- 21 A. I do not believe they were brothers. I
- 22 believe --
- MR. BROWN: What do you know? What do
- 24 you know?
- A. I do not know for sure at this time, do not

- 1 believe they are brothers.
- Q. Do you know whether each Rozenberg was with a
- 3 separate family?
- A. I do not recall. Do you mean separate family
- 5 like, or separate family like my mom and my aunts
- 6 separate family?
- 7 Q. Was there one Rozenberg with one family and
- 8 another Rozenberg with another?
- 9 A. Just happening to have the same last names,
- 10 you mean?
- 11 Q. Or just relatives?
- 12 A. They are relatives. It is my understanding
- 13 that they are relatives.
- Q. The question if you know the answer to, were
- 15 they two separate families with different cabins on the
- 16 cruise ship, if you know?
- 17 A. I do not recall.
- Q. But as far as you knew, the two Rozenberg boys
- 19 were accompanied by other family members?
- 20 A. Yes.
- Q. With regard to Kofman, do you know who he was
- 22 on the ship with?
- 23 A. I do not know specifically who he was with.
- Q. Do you know whether he was with the family or
- 25 not?

- 1 A. I don't know much about either family.
- Q. Do you know what floor he was staying on?
- 3 A. No, I do not.
- Q. Now, going back to when you were located, has
- 5 anybody ever told you what route you were taken back to
- 6 your room by or what way they took?
- 7 A. No.
- g Q. So we are clear, Royal Caribbean has never
- 9 even indicated whether they have any video footage of
- 10 the early morning of July 5th, 2005; is that correct?
- 11 A. That has not been made clear.
- 12 Q. So you don't know one way or another?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. Yes, you don't know?
- 15 A. Yes. I do not know one way or the other.
- Q. Do you know whether the FBI has requested any
- 17 individual crow footage that Royal Caribbean might have?
- 18 A. I believe so.
- 19 Q. Has anybody from the FBI ever indicated to you
- 20 whether they have gotten any video footage from Royal
- 21 Caribbean?
- 22 A. Not specifically the videos. It was said
- 23 that -- I was told that they were required to hand all
- 24 pertinent information over to the FBI, if there were
- 25 videos, then that would and should include those videos.

- 1 Q. But no FBI representative has ever told you
- 2 they have gotten videotape?
- 3 A. I do not recall.
- Q. Have you ever asked the FBI whether they got
- 5 any videotapes?
- A. I do not recall.
- 7 Q. You mentioned a little bit ago Dr. Henry Lee?
- 8 A. Yes.
- Q. Have you ever met Dr. Lee?
- 10 A. Yes, I have.
- 11 Q. When did you meet him for the first time?
- 12 A. I met Dr. Lee after we had hired him. The
- 13 first time I met him was in the winter of 2006.
- Q. When you say, "we hired him," who specifically
- 15 hired Dr. Lee?
- 16 A. I did.
- Q. Could you just tell me how that came about?
- A. Well, Dr. Lee is a world-renowned forensics
- 19 expert, so if you have a case that you believe involves
- 20 forensics and you have an unsolved case, then he would
- 21 be your man.
- Q. And where did you learn this from?
- 23 A. Well, I think that him being a household name
- 24 in some households, meaning he was involved in many high
- 25 profile cases, so he is known. He has -- I know that he

- 1 has -- that the University of New Haven Forensics
- 2 Institute is right here in Connecticut.
- Jim Walker heard of Dr. Lee, of course, and we
- 4 then decided it would be effective to have him on our
- 5 team because he could -- if anybody could solve this
- 6 case or help the FBI or guide them or help collect
- 7 evidence, it would be Henry Lee.
- 8 Q. Did Dr. Lee -- I assume at some point, he
- 9 generated a report and things like that as a result of
- 10 his investigation?
- 11 A. I hadn't reviewed his specific file on our
- 12 case, all of it, but we have had, or at least my
- 13 counsel -- we have had many conversations with Dr. Lee.
- 14 Obviously, they boarded the ship --
- Q. I am going to cut you off. I am not trying to
- 16 be rude, but the one question I have, did Dr. Lee talk
- 17 to the FBI after he conducted his examination of the
- 18 ship and things?
- 19 A. Dr. Lee communicated with the FBI. I do not
- 20 know in what format, but he communicated with the FBI
- 21 after he was on the ship with regard to information he
- 22 had found or at least handing over that information he
- 23 had found.
- Q. To the FBI?
- 25 A. To the FBI.

- Q. Going back to the hiring of Dr. Lee, you had
- 2 been familiar with his name before George's
- 3 disappearance, I take it?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. How did you first get in contact with him?
- 6 A. Specifically Jim Walker was the first person
- 7 to contact Dr. Lee, and again, it was that right of way,
- 8 as soon as we -- as soon as Jim was hired, one of the
- 9 first things we ever did was to hire Dr. Lee.
- 10 Q. Did you speak to Dr. Lee at some point shortly
- 11 after he was hired?
- 12 A. Yes, I did.
- 13 Q. Tell me about that.
- 14 A. I met with him at his Forensics Institute in
- 15 New Haven.
- 16 Q. Do you recall what month that was?
- 17 A. I believe it was January of 2006.
- Q. Did you take anything with you when you met
- 19 with him?
- 20 A. I do not recall.
- Q. Did he have any independent information with
- 22 him when you spoke to him, meaning photographs, reports,
- 23 things like that?
- 24 A. Yes. All of that information that we had --
- 25 all of the information that RCL had given to us on that

- 1 December 19th, that package -- we had obviously allowed
- 2 Dr. Lee that information and, we were taking some time
- 3 to, you know, review pictures and talk about some of
- 4 the -- some of the things that he wanted to do, some of
- 5 the things with regard to getting on the ship and
- 6 conducting his own forensics experiments or collecting
- 7 his own forensics, everything with regard to helping us
- 8 figure out what had happened to George.
- 9 Q. Who, if anybody else, was present when you met
- 10 with Dr. Lee the first time?
- 11 A. James Walker and my father, John Hagel.
- 12 Q. And how long did you meet with him for?
- A. We met with Dr. Lee for maybe an hour.
- Q. Do you recall what you specifically spoke
- 15 about during that hour?
- 16 A. We spoke about the pictures. We spoke about
- 17 some of the things that we wanted to do.
- 18 Q. Were there things you had in mind that you
- 19 wanted him to do before you spoke with him?
- 20 A. Well, I wanted him to solve the case, of
- 21 course. I wanted him to figure out what had happened to
- 22 George. I wanted him to use all of his resources and
- 23 his team. I know that Dr. Lee is not just one person.
- 24 He has a team of experts that he uses. He relayed to me
- 25 that he wanted to solve this case for, if nothing else,

- 1 the fact that we were families from Connecticut, and his
- 2 institute is here in Connecticut. And I think he felt
- 3 that this was -- he just felt bad for our families and
- 4 wanted to help us with finding answers and hopefully
- 5 providing closure to the families.
- Q. Other than wanting resolution to George's
- 7 disappearance, was there anything specifically you
- 8 wanted Dr. Lee to investigate or look into when you went
- 9 up there to speak to him? I mean, just for example,
- 10 like the backgrounds on the four individuals, some sort
- 11 of layout of the boat, some sort of blood stains or
- 12 physical evidence or locations or measurements or things
- 13 like that, things that you already had questions about
- 14 before you met him?
- 15 A. No, and those are all good points that you
- 16 make up that you talk about. All of those things would
- 17 be involved in an investigation, but now I think it is
- 18 important to realize that we are talking about Dr. Lee,
- 19 and he knew just basically what was on the media. We
- 20 were going to him and he was telling us what he was
- 21 going to do. And obviously, we were trying to help each
- 22 other fill in some gray areas, but overall, he was
- 23 deciding -- he was the expert in his field, and he was
- 24 going to be conducting tests, and now, that was his
- 25 field.

- 1 I think everyone has a specialty in their
- 2 area, as do you, and that would be something that would
- 3 be out of your realm, so now we were hiring Dr. Lee to
- 4 conduct these forensics tests that we obviously wouldn't
- 5 be able to do on our own.
- Q. Did Dr. Lee have the package of information --
- 7 December 19th letter and information, was that provided
- 8 to him before you visited with him?
- 9 A. I don't know. I don't know time frame, but he
- 10 had it then at the meeting.
- 11 Q. Do you recall generally what Dr. Lee indicated
- 12 to you that he was going to look into or investigate
- 13 specifically?
- 14 A. Yes. He was going to look for any --
- 15 hopefully, he was going to get permission to get on the
- 16 ship.
- 17 Q. Had that been given yet by Royal Caribbean
- 18 when you met with Dr. Lee? Had that been given yet?
- A. We were trying to get Dr. Lee on that ship.
- 20 We had asked and asked and --
- 21 Q. I am going to cut you off. Specifically
- 22 before you met with Dr. Lee, had Royal Caribbean
- 23 indicated that they would let him or a forensic expert
- 24 on the boat, before you hired Dr. Lee?
- 25 A. It was in and around that time that they had

- 1 allotted Dr. Lee 2 hours to be on the ship. We had -- I
- 2 don't remember if it was before. We met with him. I
- 3 believe it was at that time, because we wanted to
- 4 discuss some of the things that he would be looking for
- 5 once he boarded the ship, so I don't know if we actually
- 6 asked for permission at that time. I know that we had
- 7 been asking -- as soon as Jim was on this case, he had
- 8 asked right away to board the ship.
- 9 Q. I apologize for interrupting. Could you now
- 10 tell me what Dr. Lee indicated to you that he intended
- 11 to look into if and when he boarded the ship?
- 12 A. Well, he wanted to, again, look for any
- 13 forensics. He has his own way of conducting tests. He
- 14 had wanted to do sort of a -- sounds bizarre, but he
- 15 wanted to do a mannequin dropping of some sort, which we
- 16 actually didn't end up -- we actually ended up not
- 17 doing, simply because --
- MR. BROWN: Hold on. Stay focused on his
- 19 question. He said what did Dr. Lee say he was going to
- 20 do. Let him -- make him do his job.
- MR. KELLY: Come on. It is so easy to
- 22 just listen.
- A. He wanted to, obviously, go out on the
- 24 balcony. He wanted to do his own -- just what forensics
- 25 experts would do, whether it would be looking for any

- 1 blood, semen, or any other bodily fluid. He obviously
- 2 would be very interested in seeing the awning, the
- 3 partitions. He wanted to get an idea as to -- the
- 4 pictures of the blood didn't depict actual sizes. So he
- 5 wanted to see and take measurements based on pictures of
- 6 the blood on the awning so he can put it to size so that
- 7 it would be more --
- 8 Q. When you say "awning," are you talking about
- 9 the canopy on 7?
- 10 A. The canopy outside that you have seen pictures
- 11 of, I am sure, that those pictures that were all over
- 12 the news. You couldn't really get an idea as to the
- 13 scale of those pictures, so that was something he
- 14 definitely wanted to establish. And he would obviously
- 15 be able to take measurements of the awning. You can see
- 16 lines in the awning. So if you could see a picture,
- 17 maybe you could somehow get it to scale.
- 18 I am sure he has a way of doing that. Those
- 19 were all important things, and he also wanted to test
- 20 the awning for blood because at this point that had all
- 21 been washed away, and he wanted to see if he can go back
- 22 and I think -- whether it be a spray, or do something to
- 23 make that be visible once again.
- Q. Do you know if the FBI made any evidence
- 25 available to Dr. Lee at any time?

- 1 A. Not to my knowledge.
- Q. Do you know whether the Turkish authorities
- 3 provided Dr. Lee with any evidence at any time?
- A. Not to my knowledge.
- g. Other than the information included in the
- 6 December 19th letter, do you know whether Royal
- 7 Caribbean provided any other information to Dr. Lee?
- 8 A. Not to my knowledge.
- 9 Q. Do you know when Dr. Lee conducted his
- 10 investigation, not just the day he boarded the boat but
- 11 at any time, whether any representative of Royal
- 12 Caribbean ever talked to Dr. Lee?
- 13 A. Outside of the time he boarded the ship?
- 14 Q. Yes.
- 15 A. Not to my knowledge.
- 16 Q. The day that Dr. Lee board the ship, did
- 17 someone from Royal Caribbean accompany him?
- 18 A. I believe Captain Wright.
- Q. Was that the captain who was the captain on
- 20 July 5th, 2005?
- 21 A. No. That was -- that is a different type of
- 22 captain. I don't think -- I don't think he was talking
- 23 about the captain who sailed our ship. He has since
- 24 retired from --
- 25 Q. I guess -- was Wright on Brilliance of the

- 1 Seas on July 5th, 2005?
- 2 A. I do not know.
- Q. Do you know whether any other representative
- 4 of Royal Caribbean was with Dr. Lee that day he boarded
- 5 the ship?
- 6 A. I do not recall.
- 7 Q. Were you with Dr. Lee that day?
- 8 A. No. James Walker was with Dr. Lee that day,
- 9 and attorney Rivkind was also -- we had invited attorney
- 10 Rivkind to be a part of this, obviously, as we wanted
- 11 Dr. Lee to be able to share all of his findings and
- 12 information with the Smith family as well.
- Q. Did Mr. Rivkind attend?
- 14 A. Yes, he did.
- Q. Did your mother or father attend?
- 16 A. No, they did not.
- 17 Q. Do you know of anybody else other than
- 18 Mr. Walker and Mr. Rivkind and Captain Wright who was
- 19 with Dr. Lee and his team that day?
- 20 A. I just want to say that I am not certain
- 21 Captain Wright was there, but I believe so. I don't
- 22 want to -- but I believe Mr. Rivkind, Mr. Walker,
- 23 Dr. Lee, and his team of forensic experts were all with
- 24 him, so it was more than just Dr. Lee was there. He
- 25 brought the team.

- Q. Was there a 2-hour limit placed on his visit
- 2 to Brilliance of the seas?
- A. Initially, and then we had it extended to a
- 4 full day.
- 5 Q. Did he use the full day?
- A. Yes, he did.
- 7 Q. Where were you physically the day Dr. Lee was
- 8 on the boat?
- 9 A. Waiting for Jim's phone call.
- 10 Q. You were up in Boston?
- 11 A. I was with my family in Boston.
- 12 Q. You mentioned earlier about a mannequin
- 13 demonstration Dr. Lee had talked about possibly doing,
- 14 correct?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Do you know whether a mannequin was ever
- 17 constructed to replicate George, I guess?
- A. No. These were just some ideas that we had or
- 19 that Dr. Lee had had, but at that time there was media
- 20 and helicopters and all of these other things going on
- 21 and circling the ship, and that might be a very perhaps
- 22 inappropriate scene to be watching on the nightly news,
- 23 is a fake body dropping off the side of a cruise ship.
- 24 I don't think it would be -- it doesn't seem like
- 25 something that would be appropriate, given the amount of

- 1 media attention, and that if something like that was
- 2 going to be conducted, it would be conducted privately,
- 3 but this was a -- this was a different setting. This
- 4 was all types of media, helicopters, and just -- it
- 5 wouldn't have been the appropriate time.
- Q. Was there ever a discussion of doing it at
- 7 another time?
- 8 A. Yes, there was.
- 9 Q. And was Royal Caribbean ever asked if it could
- 10 be done at another time?
- 11 A. No. That was something that Dr. Lee was going
- 12 to be handling on his own. There are other ways for
- 13 Dr. Lee to conduct his investigation without using the
- 14 cruise ship, for example.
- Q. Once he had the height and measurements?
- 16 A. Right. Once you have that, you can do that on
- 17 your own.
- 18 Q. Did he?
- 19 A. I do not recall at this time. However, I do
- 20 know that there are a number of elements that would have
- 21 been difficult to reconstruct, such as, you know, that
- 22 evening, how much was the boat rocking back and forth,
- 23 how much wind, what was the speed of the ship. There
- 24 was a number of things that only Dr. Lee would be able
- 25 to understand in order to be able to replicate.

- I am not sure if he deemed that this was even
- 2 necessary. It was something we had talked about prior
- 3 to his boarding the ship. Since then, you know,
- 4 obviously, his understanding of events and whatever have
- 5 all changed, so I am just talking about our initial
- 6 conversations of things we could possibly do.
- 7 Q. He was never provided by anybody with, say,
- 8 the sheets, blankets, or towels that were in the room
- 9 that morning, was he?
- 10 A. Not to my knowledge.
- 11 Q. Do you know whether he was able to review any
- 12 forensic results from any of the items taken from your
- 13 room?
- 14 A. I think he took his own. I think he took
- 15 some -- for example, he took the rug out of the room.
- 16 Q. Which was still there?
- 17 A. Which was still there.
- Q. My question is, of any of the items --
- 19 A. That had already been taken --
- 20 Q. -- that had already been taken or tested by
- 21 law enforcement, was he allowed to review any of those
- 22 results?
- 23 A. No, not to my knowledge.
- Q. You had a conversation with Dr. Lee that
- 25 night? Did you talk to Dr. Lee directly?

- 1 A. I talked to Jim, who had spent the day with
- 2 Dr. Lee.
- Q. What was your understanding of what Dr. Lee
- 4 had done that day on the boat?
- A. My understanding is that he took a full day,
- 6 and one of the things that pops into my memory as being
- 7 significant was that on the balcony area in our room, he
- 8 had found something on a partition, whether it is some
- 9 sort of bodily fluid. It could have been blood, semen,
- 10 spit, or whatever, but he did find something, some sort
- 11 of smear, on a partition.
- Q. When you say "partition," is that the clear
- 13 plastic partition on the railing?
- 14 A. It divides each balcony. Partitions divide
- 15 each balcony, so we don't see our neighbors and our
- 16 neighbors don't see us. There is a plastic -- I believe
- 17 it is rounded partition, and that is where I believe
- 18 Dr. Lee had found something of significance.
- 19 Q. Do you know if that was towards Hyman's room
- 20 or in either direction of the partition?
- 21 A. I do not recall at this time.
- Q. What else, if you recall, had Dr. Lee done or
- 23 looked into that day he was on the boat? Do you recall?
- 24 A. I think he was able to get a walking tour of
- 25 the ship and the different areas of significance, such

- 1 as where I was found, and he also -- I just know it was
- 2 more specific to our room was where they spent a
- 3 significant amount of time, but they also spent time on
- 4 the awning, obviously, wanting to collect or see if they
- 5 can take measurements, and that was -- but that was the
- 6 most significant thing that they had found.
- 7 Q. A couple specific questions. Do you know for
- 8 a fact as to whether they measured the height of the
- 9 railing on the balcony to your room?
- 10 A. I believe so.
- 11 Q. Do you know whether they specifically measured
- 12 the height from the top of that railing to the 7th floor
- 13 canopy, where the blood stain was found?
- 14 A. I believe so.
- Q. Do you know whether they specifically measured
- 16 the width of the canopy on the 7th floor where the blood
- 17 was found?
- 18 A. I believe so.
- 19 Q. Do you know whether they took any measurements
- 20 relative to the blood stain and the edge of the canopy
- 21 on the 7th floor?
- 22 A. I believe at that time there was no visible
- 23 stain per se, but they had taken a number of
- 24 measurements on the awning, so from the pictures, they
- 25 were trying to recreate or just put it to scale. So

- 1 yes, they were taking all sorts of measurements.
- Q. Did you ever have a discussion with Dr. Lee or
- 3 someone who worked with him regarding any measurements
- 4 relative to the blood stain on the edge of the canopy?
- 5 A. The first time I met with Dr. Lee, we did
- 6 discuss the blood stain on the canopy. We looked at
- 7 some photos that looked like up close. He was trying to
- 8 tell us different scenarios about, you know, how a
- 9 person could fall or where they could fall, and you
- 10 know, obviously, at that time, we were trying to figure
- 11 out if in fact George had sustained any injuries before
- 12 he had gone out onto the canopy, and Dr. Lee --
- 13 obviously, that was something he was trying to
- 14 determine, which obviously was made difficult because
- 15 that blood was no longer there, so it may not contain --
- 16 it may not contain like, you know, a fragment from a
- 17 piece of cartilage.
- Say if you broke your nose before going
- 19 overboard. All these minuscule things that could be
- 20 found in blood were no longer, so hence why he was
- 21 trying to do the best he can to recreate that scene.
- Q. Did he find any evidence of blood on the
- 23 carpet that was still in the room?
- 24 A. I know he took the carpet and I am not sure
- 25 what he specifically found on that carpet. I do know

- 1 that the FBI now has that carpet.
- Q. Did Dr. Lee find any evidence of any possible
- 3 injuries being sustained by George in the room or on the
- 4 balcony or in the bathroom or anything in your cabin
- 5 confines?
- 6 A. Did he find any --
- 7 Q. Evidence of any possible injury to George
- 8 anywhere in the 9062, meaning in the bathroom, the room,
- 9 the balcony, anything like that?
- 10 A. I think that is what he was trying to
- 11 determine. At this point it is inconclusive whether or
- 12 not he sustained --
- MR. BROWN: His question is just do you
- 14 know if he found any --
- Q. Anything that suggested that, whether it be
- 16 blood or anything like that?
- 17 A. No, nothing that Dr. Lee was able to
- 18 conclusively determine that George was before he had
- 19 gone overboard.
- 20 Q. Were you ever made -- I know it is hard to
- 21 talk about it, the blood stain on the canopy, but there
- 22 is one edge of the blood stain in towards the ship and
- 23 there is the blood stain ends at the edge of the canopy,
- 24 going overboard. Does that make sense to you?
- 25 A. Yes, vaguely recall -- I vaguely recall the

- 1 shape more so. I recall consistency of the blood stain.
- Q. Probably a hard question 2 under. Do you have
- 3 any sense of the distance from the inner edge of the
- 4 blood stain, meaning where the blood stain starts, in
- 5 toward the ship, toward and to the edge of the canopy,
- 6 overboard, meaning was it 5 feet, 15 feet? Do you --
- A. Not at this time, but I believe width-wise,
- 8 somewhere in and around -- you know, 10 feet is the size
- 9 of the awning wide. When I say "give or take," that
- 10 could be give or take 4 feet, but I do not recall at
- 11 this time. I did recall when I went over this with
- 12 Dr. Lee at that point in time, specifically I knew how
- 13 many feet wide the canopy was. Sitting here today, I do
- 14 not recall.
- Q. Did Dr. Lee ever opine as to how George may
- 16 have gotten from your balcony to the canopy below?
- 17 A. Did he ever what?
- 18 Q. Opine, give an opinion?
- 19 A. I don't know that -- I don't know that he
- 20 would give opinions. I think he was more thinking of
- 21 you know, possibilities. It is certainly a high
- 22 balcony, so falling over it -- I think it was obvious
- 23 that falling over it, you can't run into it and fall
- 24 over, so it was clear that you would either have to get
- 25 up on it to go over --

- MR. BROWN: But did Dr. --
- A. These were some of the things that Dr. Lee --
- Q. Discussed with you?
- A. That we discussed that, you know --
- 5 MR. KELLY: I was going to ask her.
- 6 A. That you would have to -- you could step up on
- 7 something and get onto it. George was very strong. It
- 8 is a possibility that he could have, you know, taken his
- 9 arms and maybe hoisted himself up onto it.
- 10 Q. Did you ever see George do that while you were
- 11 on that boat?
- 12 A. No.
- Q. Did you ever see him sit on that balcony?
- A. No, never, and I would not have let him sit on
- 15 that balcony if I ever saw it. He certainly would have
- 16 gotten reprimanded if I had ever seen that because it is
- 17 not something anyone should ever do.
- 18 Q. I think you testified Friday that George used
- 19 to sit out there sometimes?
- 20 A. Sit in a chair or stand have a cigar and a
- 21 drink, and he would do that as I was inside. One or two
- 22 times we sat out there together, just relaxing, but he
- 23 spent more time than me I would say out on the balcony.
- Q. Visualizing what he saw out there on the
- 25 balcony, do you recall where he would be facing when he

- 1 sat out there?
- A. Well, really, out. He would just face out.
- 3 It is just a lot of ocean everywhere.
- Q. Did you ever see him with his feet up on the
- 5 railing?
- 6 A. No.
- 7 Q. Do you recall, if you do, when he stood up on
- 8 that balcony where that rail would come to him on his
- 9 body?
- 10 A. Yes. It came to below his chest and about
- 11 8 inches higher than his hip, but just like right under
- 12 his chest.
- Q. What about you? Do you recall where it came
- 14 up?
- A. Well, I am barely 5'5", so it came, you
- 16 know -- if I didn't have high-heeled shoes on and I was
- 17 just standing flat, it would have come to like about
- 18 under my shoulder.
- 19 Q. Like your armpit?
- 20 A. Right.
- Q. And Dr. Lee gave -- did he give any opinion as
- 22 to in what manner George may have fallen from your cabin
- 23 balcony to the canopy below, meaning was there any
- 24 trajectory distance or was it a straight fall down or
- 25 things of that nature?

- 1 A. He certainly had different ideas about
- 2 trajectory and speed of the ship and other things that
- 3 would have been relevant to figuring out how someone
- 4 would have fallen. These are things we just talked
- 5 about in conversation. I do not recall specifically at
- 6 that time, but I do know that it would have made a
- 7 difference how the ship was moving.
- .8 Q. In terms of rocking?
- 9 A. Both.
- 10 Q. What, and speed?
- 11 A. Speed, rocking back and forth. I don't know
- 12 if you have ever been on a cruise ship before, but it
- 13 sways. Sometimes it can sway and can really like knock
- 14 you into a hallway, and that when it is rough seas, and
- 15 sometimes it could sway and it might be a little
- 16 tipping. You feel it mostly when you get on the ship,
- 17 but it is certainly there. I had gotten, you know,
- 18 seasick, as I had mentioned, so I felt it, obviously,
- 19 more than other people. But I remember walking down a
- 20 hallway, and sometimes you almost feel like you are
- 21 going to fall into the wall at times.
- Q. Do you recall the sea conditions the night of
- 23 July 4th, when you were on the boat?
- 24 A. I do not recall.
- Q. Do you recall anything of the early morning of

- 1 July 5th, the sea conditions when you were on the boat?
- 2 A. We were docked.
- Q. Do you know when you docked that day or night?
- A. I do not recall.
- Q. Were you docked there all day from -- you were
- 6 at Mykonos that day, correct?
- 7 A. We were at Mykonos, and then the ship sailed
- 8 that evening, so it sailed to Kusadasi. I do not know
- 9 what time we arrived at Kusadasi.
- 10 Q. Do you know whether you were docked by the
- 11 time you went to the casino?
- 12 A. I don't believe so. I believe it made the
- 13 trip during the evening. I believe it was still
- 14 sailing. No, I take it back, definitely weren't docked.
- 15 We were definitely still going because it was sometime
- 16 early that next morning when we docked. I have a vague
- 17 memory of specific times, but it was early in the
- 18 morning when we docked but after the time that George
- 19 was supposedly -- the time they believed George went
- 20 overboard, so during the time that George went
- 21 overboard, the ship was still traveling to Kusadasi,
- 22 according to --
- Q. 4:30 in the morning it was still --
- 24 A. Still traveling.
- Q. Did you ever see any of the photographs

- 1 Dr. Lee took, or did he take photographs, first of all?
- 2 A. Dr. -- I do not recall at this time. I know
- 3 he took a lot. I do not recall at this time.
- Q. As a result of his investigation, did Dr. Lee
- 5 clarify any of the events of that early morning for you
- 6 in terms of what might have happened to George?
- 7 A. As a result of our talking about what else he
- 8, would need, he did clarify only that there was still a
- 9 lot of information that he needed and wanted, such as,
- 10 you know, all passenger locklink records.
- 11 Another thing I think we had talked about on
- 12 Friday was just passenger statements, and we have been
- 13 told that there was over a hundred passenger statements
- 14 that would -- you know, obviously, that were relevant,
- 15 and that would be helpful to us in this investigation.
- 16 Obviously, we want to see those statements. We do not
- 17 have those statements at this time, the cruise
- 18 statements as well. We do not have those statements at
- 19 this time. And those about 100 statements were taken
- 20 after this event, and those people now are not just from
- 21 the United States. Obviously, they are from all over
- 22 the world, so a lot of that discovery that even RCL did
- 23 after this incident we do not have at this time. So
- 24 obviously, Dr. Lee would benefit from that.
- Q. Is it your understanding that if this matter

- 1 was litigated, not settled, that you would be entitled
- 2 to all those statements?
- A. That would probably be the one thing we --
- 4 passenger statements or cruise statements, we would not
- 5 be entitled to that.
- Q. And why do you say that?
- 7 A. Because those are just the facts.
- Q. And if this matter were to be litigated rather
- 9 than settled, is it your understanding that you would or
- 10 would not get any videotape that existed in the cruise
- 11 line's possession?
- 12 A. I am fully aware that we could litigate this
- 13 case and we could take it to trial, and we could go and
- 14 would do all this, and we may be able to get some of the
- 15 information that we will be receiving from RCL with
- 16 regard to the settlement. And I do know, however, that
- 17 there is no guarantee, and there is certainly -- you
- 18 can't sit here and tell me that there is a guarantee of
- 19 a win or a loss and that any of this information will be
- 20 made available to your family.
- It is certainly a scary thought. I don't
- 22 think you could or should bet your house on that. It is
- 23 very difficult to walk away from a guarantee of all the
- 24 information you had been asking for and then some. So I
- 25 am not sure if I answered your initial question, but --

- 1 Q. No.
- 2 MR. KELLY: Could you read the question
- 3 back, please?
- 4 (Question read.)
- A. We could probably still get some video if we
- 6 sued them. I mean, we could ask for all those things,
- 7 but there is no guarantee as to what they would -- what
- 8 they would turn over.
- 9 Q. Have they guaranteed you that they would turn
- 10 over any videotape they have of that morning from
- 11 July 5th?
- 12 A. Yes.
- Q. Have they guaranteed you they would turn over
- 14 all the passenger statements?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Now --
- MR. BROWN: I mean, are you going to
- 18 define the term "guaranteed"? I mean, you know,
- 19 promise?
- Q. In what manner have they given these things to
- 21 you?
- THE WITNESS: Thanks a lot.
- 23 A. If you look back at the settlement, it
- 24 promises all of these things, that we will be able to
- 25 review all of those things that we had listed out on

- 1 Friday, and that this information would also be turned
- 2 over to Dr. Lee so that he can continue on with his
- 3 investigation, and also, this information can be used
- 4 with regard to my fiduciary responsibility. If there is
- 5 a criminal case sometime in the future or we believe
- 6 that we have found something or we have information that
- 7 implicates somebody criminally, then we can also use
- g this information in that case.
- 9 Q. This is all information that the cruise line
- 10 was already required to turn over to the FBI, wasn't it?
- 11 A. Sorry. Repeat your question.
- 12 Q. You indicated earlier that the FBI had
- 13 requested all existing relevant information from the
- 14 cruise line during the course of its investigation, had
- 15 you not?
- 16 A. Yes.
- Q. And as far as you know, has the FBI received
- 18 that information?
- 19 A. I believe so.
- Q. And with regard to what you, as both George's
- 21 wife and the executrix --
- 22 A. PR, personal representative, either.
- Q. You are relying on the terms of the written
- 24 settlement agreement in terms of what you would be
- 25 provided down the road by Royal Caribbean?

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A. Yes.
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        Q. So when you say -- when you talk about being
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   guaranteed or what you would get, it is based on that
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   written settlement agreement we have marked as an
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   exhibit?
        A. Right, assuming that all parties act
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   ethically, what they promise is what they should
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   deliver.
                  MR. KELLY: Want to take a break now for
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   lunch?
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                  (Lunch recess: 12:44 to 1:37 p.m.)
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        Q. Jen, earlier we were looking at Exhibit
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   Number 5, I believe, the locklink records, Exhibit 5?
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        A. Yes.
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             And I believe we had only gotten to Number 9
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   on the records, July 5th?
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- Q. Do you know whether or not you had been
- 4 approached by those three crew members yet or not at
- 5 that time?
- A. I do not know.
- 7 Q. Do you know whether you started your massage
- 8 earlier than your 10 o'clock appointed time?
- 9 A. I believe from what I was told that I arrived
- 10 early and that I was taken early.
- 11 Q. Do you have any recollection of even arriving
- 12 at the spa that morning?
- 13 A. I have vague memories now of arriving at the
- 14 spa and even more vague of the actual massage, actually,
- 15 don't remember the massage itself. As I say, perhaps I
- 16 was a bit groggy that morning, but I do remember being
- 17 approached by the men in white uniform, and that was a
- 18 very vivid next memory.
- 19 Q. And you had finished with your massage at that
- 20 point?
- 21 A. I don't remember the start or end of the
- 22 massage.
- Q. Did Dr. Lee ever issue or give you any sort of
- 24 written report whatsoever?
- 25 A. I do not recall if he did. My counsel would

- 1 have that.
- Q. Do you have that?
- A. I try not to keep such records just hanging
- 4 around the house. I don't know.
- 5 Q. You do not know?
- 6 A. I do not know. I prefer to keep anything that
- 7 is confidential nature in an appropriate location.
- Q. So you don't know whether or not you have a
- 9 written report of Dr. Lee's?
- 10 A. I do not recall.
- 11 Q. Do you know whether the -- first of all, do
- 12 you know whether attorney Rivkind ever gotten any report
- 13 from Dr. Lee?
- 14 A. I believe attorney Rivkind -- we allowed him
- 15 access to the same information with regard to Dr. Lee,
- 16 and I know attorney Rivkind again was there on the ship
- 17 that day. And findings that day were all relayed to
- 18 attorney Rivkind, similar as they had been relayed to
- 19 attorney Jim Walker, and the three of them had had,
- 20 obviously, discussions regarding his findings.
- 21 Q. Do you know whether the Smiths ever received
- 22 any written information regarding Dr. Lee's
- 23 investigation?
- 24 A. I do not know what attorney Rivkind relayed to
- 25 his clients. I would assume he would relay information

- 1 he gathered to them.
- Q. You had, I believe, mentioned that you took a
- 3 polygraph examination. Is that correct?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. Could you tell me when you took that
- 6 examination?
- 7 A. Yes. About a month after I had returned home,
- 8 around August 5th.
- 9 Q. That is a very specific date. Is that the
- 10 date you think you took --
- 11 A. I remember it was -- I remember it was almost
- 12 a month, so it is around -- give or take a day or two,
- 13 around August 5th.
- 14 Q. How did it come about that you took the
- 15 polygraph examination?
- 16 A. I volunteered to take a polygraph examination
- 17 with the FBI.
- Q. Who did you volunteer this to?
- A. Sean O'Malley, as well as Erin, the other FBI
- 20 agent that was here during those two days of interviews.
- Q. Was that the first time the topic of a
- 22 polygraph came up?
- 23 A. I do not recall when it first came up. I do
- 24 recall asking or hoping that that same tool could be
- 25 used to speak with the last individual seen with George.

- 1 Q. Who first brought up the subject of a
- 2 polygraph, if you recall?
- 3 A. I do not recall.
- Q. Do you recall who you first spoke to about
- 5 taking a polygraph exam, whether it was Sean or the
- 6 other agent?
- 7 A. I believe both agents. I can't remember for
- 8 sure if it was one or the other, but I talked with Sean
- 9 about that.
- 10 Q. Where did you take the examination?
- 11 A. I took the examination at the FBI headquarters
- 12 in New Haven.
- Q. Did you have any discussions with anybody
- 14 immediately prior, like in the day or two before the
- 15 exam, about taking the examination?
- 16 A. No. As I said on Friday, I believe I was
- 17 asked the same question. No, there was no statements
- 18 given prior to the polygraph examination or whatever,
- 19 polygraph test.
- 20 Q. Did anybody explain to you the process that
- 21 would be involved in taking the test?
- 22 A. Yes, the polygraph expert.
- Q. Do you recall his name?
- 24 A. It escapes my memory, not at this time.
- Q. Did you talk to him prior to the day you

- 1 actually took the exam?
- 2 A. No.
- Q. Tell me the conversation you had with him that
- 4 day before you took the exam?
- 5 A. It is actually not separate from the exam. It
- 6 is all-inclusive. They test your susceptibility to the
- 7 polygraph test.
- Q. Did they do some false questions or something
- 9 ahead of time?
- 10 A. Yes. They do a lot of that to figure out if
- 11 you are susceptible or not.
- 12 Q. If you can just think back and tell me the
- 13 best you can recall of that day, arriving up there for
- 14 the polygraph, the process you went through?
- A. Yes. They had first given me something of a
- 16 polygraph pretest.
- Q. Who is "they"?
- 18 A. The polygraph expert. For example, he writes
- 19 down Numbers 1 through 7. You would pick a number, and
- 20 only I would see it, and I would keep that number. And
- 21 as we would go through, he would say, "Is your
- 22 number" -- say if my number was 3, he would say, "Is
- 23 your number 1?" And I would say, "No." He would say,
- 24 "Is your number 2?" And I would say, "No."
- As we even approached Number 3, there would be

- 1 certain changes or whatever that could take place,
- 2 whether it be in my pulse, in my breathing. There is
- 3 three different things that they are monitoring, I
- 4 think, like the sweat of your fingertips, your pulse,
- 5 and your breathing.
- Q. And how long did that process last for, the
- 7 preliminary?
- 8 A. Well, they found I was extremely susceptible
- 9 and that --
- 10 Q. To the readings? I'm sorry.
- 11 A. To the readings, so that I was a good
- 12 candidate, so to speak.
- Q. Were any FBI agents present in the room when
- 14 this was being conducted the preliminary?
- 15 A. No. They were where -- or I found out after
- 16 Sean was going to be watching from one of those two-way
- 17 mirrors or two way -- I don't know, mirrors or windows.
- Q. Did you see Law and Order, the interrogation
- 19 room windows?
- 20 A. Yes. I think it was Meet the Fockers. It was
- 21 not like that. That is the only time I have sort of
- 22 seen that. They were behind the screen or whatever it
- 23 was, window, and they had flown up two experts from
- 24 Washington DC. Sort of like the head of that area of
- 25 the FBI was flown in to conduct this because it was a

- 1 high profile case, so they weren't just going to use any
- 2 Joe Schmo. It was going to be like their top dog to do
- 3 this.
- Q. You said two people. Was there someone
- 5 working with him, two polygraph people?
- 6 A. No. It was Sean O'Malley and the expert
- 7 behind, so not in the room watching, and there was a
- 8 polygraph, the expert, just me and him in the room.
- 9 Q. Were the readings being displayed in the room
- 10 you were in; do you know, or were they in a separate
- 11 room?
- 12 A. I think he was -- I think he was conducting it
- 13 right there, the guy that was conducting the test. I
- 14 could be totally wrong, but I had the impression that he
- 15 was looking or viewing at something right there. He
- 16 could show me -- for example, we reviewed my test
- 17 together and he could go over how it all worked.
- 18 Q. Now, he reviewed your preliminary test to
- 19 determine your --
- 20 A. To explain how the process worked.
- Q. So he reviewed, first of all -- if I can
- 22 interrupt, he reviewed your susceptibility level to the
- 23 exam?
- A. If you could even call it a level, but yes, he
- 25 reviewed that I -- when we approached my number, what

- 1 question he had asked when, and he showed how -- and I
- 2 was amazed that it really does work, so it was sort of
- 3 an amazing tool.
- Q. Did he afterward review the results of the
- 5 regular test you took also?
- A. I believe so. I think it was -- if he had any
- 7 follow-up questions, everything was good. He just said
- 8 everything looked -- everything went well. Everything
- 9 looks good. I guess it was one of those things where
- 10 everyone was kind of -- it was very emotional, and he
- 11 just said at the end how sorry he was. And clearly, he
- 12 had kind of just relayed that, you know, he knows it is
- 13 difficult to go through this process, and he was very
- 14 sorry, and that I had done a good job and that, you
- 15 know, George would be proud of me, and you know, just it
- 16 is going to take some time, grieving that you and your
- 17 family are going to go through. But he certainly
- 18 relayed his sympathies.
- 19 Q. Did he use the word "deception" at all in
- 20 terms of reviewing your results, like "lack of
- 21 deception" or "no deception," or things like that? Did
- 22 he ever use that word in terms of describing the
- 23 results, not that you were, just in terms of a general
- 24 level in any way?
- 25 A. No, I do not recall.

- 1 Q. How long was the actual exam itself?
- 2 A. Oh, it was a couple of hours.
- Q. Do you recall at all what the questions you
- 4 were asked were?
- A. A few questions, and generally, it was just
- 6 recounting and retelling the whole story as you remember
- 7 it best with regard to honeymoon, with regard to what I
- 8 had witnessed throughout the honeymoon with regard to
- 9 any drinking up to that night, events I remembered.
- 10 Clearly, the major questions that they had asked, do I
- 11 know what happened or did I -- you know, did we fight
- 12 ever, anything like that, with regard to was I happy
- 13 going into the marriage, were we happy on our honeymoon,
- 14 were we getting along, just everything, anything and
- 15 everything that you can think of asking somebody that
- 16 was the wife of somebody who had just gone overboard you
- 17 would have asked.
- Q. Did they ask you the last thing you remember
- 19 from that night?
- 20 A. I believe I had just told them whether or not
- 21 they had asked me. It was, you know, that I was at that
- 22 revolving bar, and same thing, I just felt like I was
- 23 tired and I just had to leave. And then he asked me
- 24 again, similar to you, what is the first thing that you
- 25 remember when you woke up, and I relayed to them what it

- 1 was like to get that news from the three men.
- Q. Did you basically recount to them the events
- 3 as you told them to me here during the deposition?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. Did they ever give you any written report or
- 6 readings from the exam you took?
- 7 A. No.
- Q. They just discussed them with you that day?
- 9 A. It was clear that they were very pleased with
- 10 the results.
- 11 Q. Did they ever discuss them with you other than
- 12 that day?
- 13 A. No. I don't think there was a need to.
- Q. Did you ever ask them if they were going to
- 15 take anybody else's polygraph?
- 16 A. Interestingly enough, they had asked a
- 17 question, "What would you do" -- "Where would you go or
- 18 what would you do if you were us?" And I said, "I would
- 19 do this, what you are doing with me today." I said,
- 20 "Please go and do this to all those boys last seen with
- 21 George."
- Q. And did they have a response to that or --
- 23 A. They kind of smiled and said -- shook their
- 24 heads in agreement that that makes perfect sense.
- Q. Did anybody ever tell you that they requested

- 1 polygraphs from any of those four boys?
- 2 A. I can't guess. I would only hope that they
- 3 were requested. I don't know if they were successful in
- 4 getting all the boys to take polygraph tests.
- Q. Did someone tell you from the FBI that they
- 6 were going to ask the boys to take polygraphs?
- 7 A. They couldn't tell me that. I asked them to
- 8 do it.
- 9 Q. Did they ever tell you that any of them had
- 10 refused to take polygraphs?
- 11 A. They couldn't specifically share that
- 12 information with me.
- MR. BROWN: Is that a "no"?
- A. I believe I was asking all sorts of questions
- 15 about that. I really wanted --
- MR. BROWN: But he is asking did they say
- 17 anything to you.
- 18 A. No. They couldn't -- no. It was definitely a
- 19 one-way street.
- 20 Q. They didn't tell you one way or another
- 21 whether they even asked the boys to take polygraphs?
- 22 A. No, but it was my understanding that --
- MR. BROWN: You already answered that
- 24 part. You already answered it.
- THE WITNESS: Okay.

- Q. When was the last time you discussed any
- 2 aspect of the lawsuit with any of the Smith family?
- 3 A. The last time or the first time.
- 4 Q. Last time?
- 5 A. Directly?
- Q. Both. First of all directly, yes?
- 7 A. They decided to get their separate counsel, I
- 8 believe, back in November of 2005. They told me that
- 9 they have decided that as they have different objectives
- 10 in their dealing with RCL, that it would be best if I
- 11 get my own counsel and they get their own.
- 12 Q. Did you already have counsel at that point?
- 13 A. No, I did not.
- 14 Q. Did they retain Mr. Rivkind before you
- 15 retained Mr. Walker; do you know?
- 16 A. I believe --
- MR. BROWN: You don't have to know
- 18 everything.
- 19 A. I am not sure exactly at what point they
- 20 retained their attorney.
- Q. Did they tell you what their objectives were
- 22 in retaining separate counsel?
- 23 A. No. They had gone back and forth with some
- 24 different ideas, and ultimately they had gone back on
- 25 what they had initially said, that they were seeking

- 1 perhaps a larger firm. That was one of their
- 2 objectives, was they want to seek a really huge firm
- 3 because their objective was to sink the cruise industry.
- 4 And as I told you I believe on Friday, the first mention
- 5 of any lawsuit was from Mr. Smith saying, you know, he
- 6 believed he could sue the cruise line for a hundred
- 7 million dollars or something of that nature.
- 8 It was certainly a slow progression with
- 9 regard to figuring out who was going to hire whom, and I
- 10 am not sure what their specific objectives were or how
- 11 they have changed over time. They ended up not going
- 12 with a larger firm, and they ended up going with
- 13 attorney Rivkind.
- Q. Who at the Smith family told you they were
- 15 going to pursue different objectives than yours?
- 16 A. Bree Smith first alluded to it, and then
- 17 Maureen Smith I believe sent a final actual e-mail that
- 18 said since we have different objectives, that we want to
- 19 be separate.
- Q. Did she -- do you recall if she said in that
- 21 e-mail what their objectives were?
- 22 A. That is an exhibit we gave to you today. I
- 23 don't know if you had time to read it early. It might
- 24 have been a little lengthy, but in one of those e-mails
- 25 she specifically addresses the issue of hiring separate

- 1 counsel, and that was first brought up by the Smith
- 2 family.
- 3 Q. It was the December 2nd e-mail I think?
- 4 A. December 2nd, okay.
- Q. After that e-mail -- we will check in a minute
- 6 what the date is.
- 7 A. Sure.
- Q. -- did you ever have any other discussions
- 9 with any member of the Smith family regarding a lawsuit?
- 10 A. No, but Mrs. Smith did write that, and in a
- 11 later e-mail she did say that they are not together with
- 12 me and that this will not affect their lawsuits because
- 13 they are suing separately, but that morally they are not
- 14 with me.
- 15 Q. Did they ever express to you -- "they" meaning
- 16 the Smiths -- ever express to you what they thought your
- 17 objective or objectives were in terms of a lawsuit?
- A. No, but I do believe that Bree or the Smith
- 19 family had their idea in their mind that perhaps I had
- 20 wanted to prematurely settle this case because I maybe
- 21 wasn't willing to, you know, take this all the way to
- 22 the end, which is completely not true. Clearly --
- MR. BROWN: You answered the question.
- 24 Let him ask.
- Q. Was it your understanding that Mr. Walker and

- 1 Mr. Rivkind were working together with the same
- 2 objectives at some point?
- A. In the beginning, regardless of all the unfair
- 4 and maybe insensitive things that were thought, assumed,
- 5 or said regarding myself with the Smith family, we knew
- 6 that the underlying objective was that we were going
- 7 after Royal Caribbean because we felt -- or I at least
- 8 even felt at that time that even our fighting or even
- 9 the maybe insensitivity to each other at that time was
- 10 in part due because of the cruise line, because they had
- 11 caused this tragedy, which was now causing some negative
- 12 feelings between us, which I thought was a tragedy
- 13 within the tragedy.
- Q. Do you recall approximately what date it was
- 15 you made the decision that you were going to settle any
- 16 claims you might have against Royal Caribbean?
- 17 A. The settlement actually didn't occur until
- 18 less than a week before the eve of -- you know, the last
- 19 day we could actually file suit. We had or --
- MR. BROWN: You answered the question.
- 21 Q. So just short of a year of George's
- 22 disappearance is when you decided --
- 23 A. We were -- we were thoroughly ready and
- 24 prepared to sue Royal Caribbean within a week before we
- 25 had settled this case.

- 1 Q. In your mind, was it settled just based on a
- 2 discussion you had with your counsel, meaning did you
- 3 just talk through the terms with him or were you
- 4 actually presented with a written settlement agreement
- 5 that you made a decision on prior to the one you are
- 6 running?
- 7 A. Can you pick apart -- this is kind of a loaded
- 8 question. I am not sure which parts I can answer due to
- 9 the mediation laws in Florida. Are you talking about --
- 10 Q. Let me see if I can -- strike that question.
- 11 Just before the year end, you made a decision that you
- 12 were going to settle your claims rather than file a
- 13 complaint, correct?
- A. "Your claims" being the estate's claims?
- Q. Yes, any that you as George's wife or his
- 16 personal representative of the estate -- whatever claims
- 17 you might have been able to prosecute, you decided to
- 18 settle instead, correct?
- 19 A. Before, yes.
- Q. Before the year ran. The question is, when
- 21 you made a decision to settle, was that based simply on
- 22 conversations or did you have a written proposal in
- 23 front of you to settle it?
- A. He made the decision to settle? Was it based
- 25 on conversations with Jim?

- Q. Yes, or was it based on a combination of
- 2 conversations with Mr. Walker and a document you
- 3 reviewed?
- 4 A. Document from --
- MR. KELLY: Could we go off the record a
- 6 minute?
- 7 (Off the record discussion.)
- Q. When you made the decision to settle your
- 9 potential claims, was it based on any written document
- 10 or just conversations with your counsel?
- 11 A. It was not based on any written document at
- 12 that time.
- Q. When was the first time you saw a written
- 14 document after you had made the decision to settle?
- MR. WALKER: Want to go off the record
- 16 again?
- MR. KELLY: Let me ask another question,
- 18 see if it helps.
- 19 Q. Was it after the one-year time period had
- 20 expired that you first saw the written settlement
- 21 proposal?
- 22 A. I don't remember the specific date when all
- 23 the details were ironed out and hammered out.
- 24 MR. KELLY: Off the record for a minute.
- (Off the record discussion.)

- 1 Q. Did there come a time prior to the one-year
- 2 date of George's disappearance that you saw proposed
- 3 written terms of a settlement?
- A. Yes, an e-mail that Jim Walker had prepared
- 5 roughly outlining the terms of the agreement, which he
- 6 had sent to attorney Rivkind.
- Q. And those rough terms that you saw in that
- 8 June 29th e-mail, did they ultimately end up in some
- 9 form in the full settlement agreement you later signed?
- 10 A. Yes.
- Q. And is it your understanding that Mr. Rivkind
- 12 received those same rough terms on June 29th of 2006?
- 13 A. Yes.
- Q. Did you ever -- you personally ever discuss
- 15 potentially settling your claims as personal
- 16 representative and wife of George Smith with any member
- 17 of the Smith family before entering into that agreement?
- 18 A. Personally?
- 19 Q. Yes.
- 20 A. At this time they had already been refusing to
- 21 communicate with me.
- 22 Q. That is a "no"?
- 23 A. That is a "no."
- Q. Do you know or was there some time that you
- 25 heard, either through media reports or someone else or

- 1 whatever, that the Smiths had been made aware of the
- 2 basic terms of the settlement that you had reached with
- 3 Royal Caribbean?
- A. Yes. I believe Bree Smith and members of the
- 5 Smith family -- or at least Bree was on TV, and I think
- 6 she was discussing the settlement agreement, and might
- 7 have been on Nancy Grace, and was basically undermining
- 8 the settlement agreement by calling it a sellout and
- 9 that it was all about money, and basically more or less
- 10 of the same, that it was a very shameful thing that I
- 11 had done. And for whatever reason, they seemed
- 12 displeased with the settlement agreement, and I believe
- 13 before they had even seen the settlement agreement or
- 14 specifically had time to go over the terms, had already
- 15 decided that it wasn't good enough.
- Q. Do you know whether this show, the Nancy Grace
- 17 Show, was prior to the one-year period elapsing?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. And earlier -- I am not sure if it was during
- 20 my questioning or not -- there was mention of a very
- 21 hurtful Nancy Grace show that had been on the air. Was
- 22 this the show that was being referred to?
- 23 A. There were many hurtful Nancy Grace shows, so
- 24 I do not know which one you are referring to.
- Q. It was referenced earlier. You don't know?

- 1 A. There is literally a number of Nancy Grace
- 2 shows that were extremely outrageous and hurtful, so I
- 3 am not sure which one. No, I don't think I referenced
- 4 this particular show yet. This was after. The ones
- 5 prior I think I mentioned in this deposition were all on
- 6 different dates and were negative in other ways.
- 7 MR. KELLY: Off the record.
- 8 (Off the record discussion.)
- 9 Q. The number of Nancy Grace shows you just
- 10 referenced as being hurtful, do you know who was on
- 11 those shows at different times?
- 12 A. I know Bree was on. I know Mr. Smith had been
- 13 on, saying things that -- I have no morals or values and
- 14 things with regard to this settlement. Understandably,
- 15 they are grieving and have been grieving, and many of
- 16 the negative things that were said I understand maybe
- 17 have been said out of grief.
- 18 Q. I am not going to mark this as an exhibit.
- 19 This is the December 2nd --
- 20 A. Okay, I have a copy.
- Q. You can keep yours.
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. That is an e-mail from Maureen Smith; is that
- 24 correct?
- A. Yes. I had called -- are we on the record?

- l Q. Yes.
- A. I had called their house.
- MR. BROWN: Let him --
- MR, KELLY: I was just going to ask her
- 5 the genesis to the content to all that.
- Q. First of all, before you do that, is this
- 7 basically the breaking point of the relationship between
- 8 you and the Smiths, around this time period?
- 9 A. No. I mean, the first time I had knowledge
- 10 that, you know, Bree Smith may have had something
- 11 against me was when I know that she had called the FBI
- 12 on me way back in October, October -- somewhere around
- 13 the 9th or 10th. This was the first time we were
- 14 discussing what would be likely to come out if I was
- 15 deposed, if we had sued Royal Caribbean, and it was
- 16 regarding the prescription drugs. And she thought it
- 17 odd that I didn't want to be deposed.
- She had formed her own conclusions with regard
- 19 to why and was missing the bigger picture, was mainly
- 20 about like America and everybody else seeing that this
- 21 was a piece of it, and at that time, all of the news
- 22 with regard to the drinking and possible accident, so we
- 23 just didn't want to tarnish his name any further. So at
- 24 that time she called Sean O'Malley and said, "I spoke
- 25 with Jennifer, her father, "whoever, "that day, and she

- 1 doesn't want to be deposed. I find that very odd," or
- 2 something of that sort.
- The reason I know that is because every step
- 4 of the way I was always in contact with the FBI. And I
- 5 had called Sean and said, "Just to let you know, this is
- 6 what is going on." I said, "I know they don't know
- 7 about the polygraph test and everything else, but Bree
- 8 said to my father, you know, 'I find it quite odd that
- 9 Jennifer doesn't want to be deposed, 'so if she calls or
- 10 somebody calls" -- and said, "I am just giving you the
- 11 background what has been going on."
- 12 And he goes, "Jennifer, I already know." He
- 13 was letting me know he had already received that call.
- Q. Did you yourself ever tell any member of the
- 15 Smith family that you had ever taken a polygraph exam?
- 16 A. No, and I was told specifically not to tell
- 17 anybody about that from the FBI, specifically Sean
- 18 O'Malley, and the reason being is because, you know,
- 19 things that were sensitive to this case could not be
- 20 aired on nightly news or television shows. And there
- 21 were times when Mr. Smith had already at this point
- 22 called a show. He had a few drinks and was -- basically
- 23 had said some things or called a news show. And Bree
- 24 was trying to keep everything controlled over there, but
- 25 there was no guarantee that things that went into --

- 1 things that they learned would stay private or
- 2 confidential.
- Q. As you sit here today, do you know whether or
- 4 not the Smiths know that you have taken a polygraph
- 5 examination?
- A. Well, I have come out publicly with that
- 7 information, so now they should know.
- Q. Was that at the time of the press release on
- 9 the settlement?
- 10 A. No. That was a long time ago. After I had
- 11 received those e-mails, the ones specifically on
- 12 December 24th from Maureen, I had started getting some
- 13 nasty e-mails from her. I forwarded them to the FBI.
- One specific e-mail, which I don't believe is
- 15 even in there, I had asked Sean O'Malley for help,
- 16 because I said it was seemingly unfair that I was trying
- 17 to help them, and this was causing a huge problem
- 18 between our families. Why can't they know at this point
- 19 not only about the polygraph test, because now they
- 20 were -- not only were they undermining the case with
- 21 their, you know, brewing animosity towards me, because
- 22 there we are blaming the cruise line for everything, but
- 23 it was like a perfect storm was happening, and now they
- 24 are sort of shifting blame around. So the lawsuit
- 25 itself at this point and everything else that we had

- 1 been working towards with regard to safety and security
- 2 changes on cruise ships, all of that was sort of being
- 3 undermined by the fact that the families seemed
- 4 adversarial towards one another.
- Q. Anytime between June 29th, 2006, when the
- 6 rough terms of the settlement were agreed to, and
- 7 July 5th, 2006, do you know if Mr. Rivkind indicated any
- 8 sort of displeasure or not accepting of the terms of
- 9 your settlement to either you or Mr. Walker?
- 10 A. I do recall him saying that this was a
- 11 sellout. I am not sure what day he said -- that was in
- 12 and around the time that this case was settled, and he
- 13 had been --
- Q. Do you know if that was in an interview or an
- 15 e-mail?
- A. I believe that was in newspaper articles, so I
- 17 think it was written. In and around when this case was
- 18 settled, he called it a sellout. I think at this time
- 19 too, the Smiths had filed their own lawsuit, and he had
- 20 already made some negative remarks about me in the media
- 21 as well. And he just seemed to be maybe a negative
- 22 character at this point.
- Q. Do you know if he put any written objectives
- 24 in an e-mail or correspondence or anything to your
- 25 counsel prior to July 5th, 2006 with regard to the

- 1 settlement?
- 2 A. With regard to this particular settlement that
- 3 we keep --
- 4 Q. Yes, the rough terms. The rough terms came
- 5 out June 29th. I am asking between June 29th and
- 6 July 5th, did Mr. Rivkind put in writing any objections
- 7 or displeasure with the settlement terms?
- 8 A. I do not recall at this time.
- 9 Q. Did you and George own any real property after
- 10 you are married or before you got married?
- 11 A. Yes.
- Q. At the time of his disappearance, I guess?
- 13 A. Yes.
- Q. What was that?
- 15 A. We owned Newport, Rhode Island, the place we
- 16 were going -- we were trying to at one point move there,
- 17 and --
- 18. Q. Is it a house?
- 19 A. It is a house. It is a small house.
- Q. Did you and George purchase it together?
- 21 A. We purchased it together.
- Q. And what was that purchase price?
- A. Three forty-nine.
- 24 Q. And --
- A. And we also purchased -- my parents helped us

- 1 purchase something in Cromwell, Connecticut prior to
- 2 that to help us like just financially. We purchased a
- 3 home here. My dad is a builder. He fixed it up for us
- 4 so we could sell that and make some money on it so that
- 5 we could -- you know, my parents just wanted us to sort
- 6 of have some money for future, so just investing-wise,
- 7 so we could buy a home some day.
- 8 Q. What happened with the property in Rhode
- 9 Island?
- 10 A. The property in Rhode Island was rented. We
- 11 were never able to move into it because we couldn't get
- 12 jobs. We ended up renting it. It certainly --
- 13 Q. Have you ever sold it or is it still --
- 14 A. It has been sold.
- 15 Q. When was it sold?
- 16 A. It was sold this past fall.
- 17 Q. Did you as personal representative participate
- 18 in the closing?
- 19 A. It actually has nothing to do with the estate.
- 20 Q. It was in your --
- 21 A. It was in my name solely, so it is kind of
- 22 irrelevant, but it really just -- I guess it is kind of
- 23 irrelevant. It doesn't really have much to do with the
- 24 estate.
- Q. How much was that house sold for?

- 1 A. It was sold for 399. In the meantime, I
- 2 was -- obviously, it wasn't rented the whole time, so
- 3 there was, of course, mortgages and fixing it up and
- 4 whatever. So obviously, I didn't -- it was sold for
- 5 399, but that is not what was --
- Q. What about the Cromwell property? Was that
- 7 sold?
- 8 A. That was sold.
- 9 Q. When was that sold?
- 10 A. That was sold -- the address was I think
- 11 Shelley Place. I think it was sold sometime the year
- 12 before. My dad sort of just fixed it up for us so that
- 13 we could buy it and then like flip it.
- Q. Was that sold prior to George's disappearance
- 15 or after?
- 16 A. Well before.
- 17 Q. Well before?
- 18 A. It was kind of a project. It was fun to do.
- 19 It is something that my parents liked to do. It was
- 20 kind of exciting for George and I. We were right in
- 21 there, or I was painting and doing everything, so it was
- 22 something we probably would have done in the future with
- 23 my family.
- Q. Did George have any life insurance policies?
- 25 A. No.

- 1 Q. Other than this lawsuit potentially being
- 2 resolved for the estate, were there any other assets of
- 3 the estate of George Smith?
- A. No. We were pretty much two young kids just
- 5 starting out, and we really didn't have very many
- 6 assets.
- 7 MR. BROWN: The question was, were there
- 8 any other assets, not was there any other significant
- 9 assets.
- 10 A. He had an old car that was sold for maybe 7,
- 11 8, 9,000, that after this had happened, we had gone
- 12 through the probate and it is now sitting in the estate.
- Q. Is there an estate checking account?
- A. Yes, there is.
- Q. Is there any money in that?
- 16 A. Yes. There is the money from the sold car and
- 17 there is probably -- the estate itself right now holds
- 18 anywhere between \$15 and 19,000. It is not a
- 19 significant estate. There is not any real value to it.
- MR. KELLY: Why don't we take a 5-minute
- 21 break.
- 22 (Recess: 2:19 to 2:24 p.m.)
- Q. With your understanding of the Brilliance of
- 24 the Seas, the cruise ship you were on, you have an
- 25 understanding of where the blood stains were on the 7th

- 1 level canopy; is that correct?
- 2 A. I have seen pictures of them.
- Q. Do you have any understanding as to whether
- 4 there is any pitch or tilt to that canopy one way or
- 5 another, either in toward the boat or away from the
- 6 boat?
- 7 A. I do not recall at this time. I believe there
- 8 are some slight rounding or something that goes on
- 9 towards the -- towards the end. I know there is
- 10 something that almost looks something like a gutteral
- 11 looking thing. You will have to see the pictures. I
- 12 believe they are all included in that December 13th
- 13 package.
- 14 Q. I am asking you your understanding of the
- 15 shape of the canopy?
- 16 A. I don't recall specifics at this time. It
- 17 looks mostly flat. The edges may have some -- a little
- 18 bit, you know, of roundedness to them.
- 19 Q. Do you have any understanding as to whether
- 20 there is any access out to the 7th level canopy?
- 21 A. I do not know. I know that Dr. Lee was able
- 22 to get down on it, so there is certainly access, and
- 23 they -- obviously, the crew can probably figure out how
- 24 to get to it to clean it, but it is not something that
- 25 regular passengers would know how to get to.

- 1 Q. You have no knowledge of a door there or
- 2 something on the 7th level?
- 3 A. No.
- Q. And as you sit here today, Jen, based on all
- 5 your conversations with counsel, the FBI, Dr. Lee,
- 6 anybody else you dealt with, have you yourself formed
- 7 any opinion as to what happened to George in terms of
- 8 disappearance?
- 9 A. I mean, it could be -- 50/50. It could be, I
- 10 mean, accident, foul play, murder. It could be any of
- 11 those things. You can't rule out any of those things.
- 12 I think it would be unfair to rule out any of them one
- 13 way or another.
- Q. Would it be fair to say, just based on what
- 15 you have said, "50/50," that it is as likely that his
- 16 disappearance was related to foul play as it was an
- 17 accident?
- 18 A. I think that is a fair assessment.
- MR. KELLY: I have no further questions.
- MR. BROWN: Okay.
- 21 (Deposition concluded: 2:27 p.m.)

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