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14 CORPORATION d/b/a PARKER'S 55, RICHARD
15 ALEXANDER MURDAUGH, and RICHARD ALEXANDER
MURDAUGH, JR.,

16 Defendants.

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18 The deposition of SERGEANT TROY ANDREW
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24 Carolina, on the 17th day of March 2020,
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1 SERGEANT TROY ANDREW KRAPP,
2 having been produced and first duly sworn as a
3 witness, testified as follows:
4 DIRECT EXAMINATION
5 BY MR. GRIFFITH:
6 Q Sergeant, my name is Mitch Griffith,
7 and I represent Parker's in a lawsuit that has
8 been brought against them regarding an incident
9 that took place on February 23rd/24th, 2019.
10 And I understand that you were involved in the
11 investigation of that accident that occurred at
12 Archers Creek. As we said I'm going to ask you
13 some questions about it. If you don't
14 understand my question, stop me. I'll be happy
15 to go back and repeat them. Okay?
16 A Okay.
17 Q When we ask -- I ask a question, I'd
18 like you to give a verbal response because it's
19 more relaxed than in a courtroom. You may have
20 a tendency to nod your head, shake your shade,
21 say uh-huh or huh-uh, but we can't get it down
22 on the record, so we will not know a week or a
23 month or whenever later if that was a yes or a
24 no. Okay?
25 A Okay.

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1 I believe.
2 A Yes.
3 Q Is that correct?
4 A Seems that way.
5 Q So you're originally from Pennsylvania.
6 What is your educational background? High
7 school?
8 A Twelfth grade.
9 Q Did you go to college or any secondary
10 school?
11 A Never started any, no.
12 Q And after you did that, did you go into
13 the military?
14 A Yes. I went into boot camp about a day
15 and half after I graduated.
16 Q And what branch were you in the
17 service?
18 A Marine Corps.
19 Q And being in Pennsylvania, Parris
20 Island would where been your training?
21 A I was actually my -- oh, I'm sorry.
22 For boot camp?
23 Q Yes, sir.
24 A Yes. Parris Island.
25 Q And then after 16 weeks, is it?

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1 Q If you need a break, like a bottle of
2 water or something like that, let us know. I'll
3 be happy to get it for you.
4 A Thank you.
5 MR. TINSLEY: No cookies.
6 MR. GRIFFITH: They ate all the
7 cookies.
8 BY MR. GRIFFITH:
9 Q Let's start with will you state your
10 full name, please?
11 A Troy Andrew Krapp.
12 Q And you are currently a sergeant with
13 the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office; is that
14 correct?
15 A Yes, sir.
16 Q And Sergeant, where are you originally
17 from?
18 A Originally, from a couple places in
19 Pennsylvania.
20 Q Okay. And as with many people, what
21 brought you down to South Carolina?
22 A Beaufort area was my first duty station
23 when I was in the Marine Corps, and when I got
24 out, I stayed here and settled.
25 Q That is true of many people down here,

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1 A Twelve, 13 weeks.
2 Q Twelve. Okay. What was your MOS?
3 A 0311, which is infantry. I was a
4 rifleman in the infantry. Started out as an
5 automatic rifleman, a SAW gunner, and fire team
6 leader and then squad leader.
7 Q Okay. And I forgot to ask you. How
8 old are you?
9 A I'm now 38.
10 Q And when did you get out of the
11 military?
12 A In -- it was the end of October 2007.
13 Q And after you came out of the Marine
14 Corps, what did you do?
15 A Well, I was out for a couple of months,
16 tried to figure that out, and then I got a job,
17 maybe, three or -- maybe three months after I
18 got out with Garda, which is an armored car
19 service. I did that for about five months until
20 I had gone through the hiring process and
21 started with the sheriff's office in June of
22 2008.
23 Q All right. And was that your first
24 employment as a law enforcement officer?
25 A Yes. Minus I worked for about five



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1 months with the provost marshal's office on the
2 air station back in 2004, and that was right
3 when I first got to Beaufort and they didn't yet
4 know where I was working yet, so they sent me
5 there for a few months.

6 **Q And working for the provost marshal's**
7 **office, would you have any training in criminal**
8 **justice or gone to any -- do they have an**
9 **academy in the military for that?**

10 A Well, for someone like me that wasn't
11 my primary MOS. They had like a three- or
12 four-week rookie school that they did right
13 there at the air station.

14 **Q Okay. But after you hired on with the**
15 **Beaufort County Sheriff's Office, you would have**
16 **gone to the criminal justice academy?**

17 A Yes, I did.

18 **Q Do you remember when you were there?**

19 A It was a nine-week school at that time
20 and I was there from December of 2008 and I
21 graduated in February of 2009.

22 **Q All right. And since you joined the**
23 **Beaufort County Sheriff's Office, have you been**
24 **-- has that been your agency that you have been**
25 **with continuously since then?**

1 A Yes.

2 **Q And just so we can go through a little**
3 **bit, you started, I guess, what, a -- well,**
4 **rookie coming in, just a deputy?**

5 A Just a deputy sheriff, which is sort of
6 unofficially nicknamed a "slick sleeve" because
7 you don't have any kind of rank insignia at that
8 level.

9 **Q All right. And then if -- I guess, if**
10 **Mr. Keener had it right, you then become a**
11 **private first class?**

12 A PFC really stands for patrolman first
13 class.

14 **Q Okay. And that's -- you're basically**
15 **on the road at that time in the car?**

16 A You start on the road as a deputy
17 sheriff. The way we did things back then is you
18 go through a four-week rookie school and then
19 you get assigned to a field training officer,
20 and you're actually working with that FTO on a
21 shift and then you're awaiting your academy
22 date. And once you go to the academy and get
23 certified, then they can do the necessary
24 paperwork at once your evaluated at that -- at
25 our location to release you from the field

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1 training program, and you're definitely out on
2 your own and not being shadowed and all of that.
3 So you really end up on your own after all that
4 is complete prior to being promoted to PFC.

5 **Q And after PFC, lance corporal, is that**
6 **the next rank?**

7 A Yes, sir.

8 **Q And then, I guess, a corporal?**

9 A Yes, sir.

10 **Q And after corporal is a sergeant?**

11 A Yes, sir.

12 **Q And you are currently a sergeant?**

13 A Yes, I am.

14 **Q And how long have you been a rank of**
15 **sergeant?**

16 A Right about this time of the year.

17 It's now been two years that I've been a
18 sergeant.

19 **Q And just briefly from a layman, what**
20 **does a sergeant do that your deputy PFCs don't**
21 **do?**

22 A Well, in my -- in my field, my
23 particular job description at the sheriff's
24 office, which I'm in the enforcement division,
25 so that means I'm on the road or I'm on patrol

1 part of the shift, a 12-hour employee. A

2 sergeant is specifically in patrol acts as an
3 assistant supervisor, so I might be supervising
4 a particular area or maybe just roaming all
5 over, but being an assistant supervisor, the
6 actual shift supervisor, and then in the

7 supervisor's absence, then I can fill in for any
8 given shift as the supervisor. So most of my
9 duties would be checking everybody's
10 administrative work, approving reports, and
11 sending them up onto the investigations so they
12 can look at them and assign cases or approve
13 those. And really just being around, help
14 answer any questions the junior officers may
15 have with any situation they're dealing with.

16 **Q Okay. All right. You were -- you were**
17 **on duty the night of February 23rd/24th, 2019;**
18 **is that correct?**

19 A Yes, sir.

20 **Q Okay. And you were involved in some**
21 **form of the investigation of an incident that**
22 **took place at Archers Creek or Malecon Drive or**
23 **R.C. Berkeley Bridge to Parris Island?**

24 A Yes, I responded there.

25 **Q Okay. Do you recall where you were**



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1 **when you responded?**
 2 A I was at the law enforcement center at
 3 2001 Duke Street when I heard the call
 4 dispatched.
 5 **Q Okay. Being a sergeant at the time,**
 6 **why did you undertake going to the scene?**
 7 A Well, anything that I -- anything that
 8 sounds like it could be some sort of event that
 9 may take multiple officers, if I'm available, I
 10 would respond to that or -- and again, I don't
 11 recall the exact circumstances of what calls
 12 were happening at the time. If nobody was
 13 available, of course, I would respond, and if
 14 nothing -- if I don't have anything else going
 15 on, I may respond to anything at all just to
 16 assist or be a back-up officer whoever was
 17 dispatched to the call.
 18 **Q Okay. Now -- and the way you phrased**
 19 **it, I want to make sure I understand. If you**
 20 **respond to the call, who -- how do you -- how**
 21 **does the sheriff's office decide whose "call it**
 22 **is"?**
 23 A It's usually -- there is no written
 24 rule that I've ever seen. But it is usually
 25 whoever is first on scene. Or it may be who

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1 **Q Was there something that prompted you**
 2 **to go, such as difficulty in locating the**
 3 **accident scene?**
 4 A There was, but I didn't initially -- as
 5 soon as the call came out, I wasn't initially
 6 aware that there was any confusion about the
 7 location. It seemed clear to me because I was
 8 told something to the effect, and again, I
 9 didn't listen to the transmissions, but the
 10 Parris Island Bridge, so I immediately envisaged
 11 the Bell Bridge and I recall telling dispatch
 12 that I was en route to the Bell Bridge.
 13 **Q Okay.**
 14 A And I felt that I was probably one of
 15 the closer units being that I was just down on
 16 the other end of Ribaut, so I told dispatch I
 17 would head that way.
 18 **Q So you recall you were in the car when**
 19 **you heard the call come through?**
 20 A I don't know if I was in the car or
 21 walking to the car. I was somewhere near the
 22 LEC.
 23 **Q When you say "the other end of Ribaut,"**
 24 **you mean up by the LEC?**
 25 A Yes. Down towards Boundary Street, so

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1 conducts interviews with the subjects of the
 2 call at the scene. Unless there's some sort of
 3 circumstance happening pertaining to this, it
 4 probably wouldn't happen too often when one
 5 person conducts a bunch of the interviews and
 6 someone else does no interviews and the person
 7 who didn't talk to anybody writes the original
 8 report, and that's like -- I'm saying it's
 9 not -- that's not a -- it's not a set-in-stone
 10 thing, but typically, that's the type of common
 11 sense that I try to see -- make sure that it
 12 happens.
 13 **Q Okay. All right. Do you recall when**
 14 **you -- you got the call, did you immediately go**
 15 **or was there a reason -- was there something**
 16 **that prompted you to go, like, everything that**
 17 **sort of come out, was there a problem finding**
 18 **the location between the Bell Bridge versus the**
 19 **R.C. Berkeley Bridge?**
 20 A Yes. When the call came out, and I
 21 don't recall, again, without listening to radio
 22 transmissions if the call came to me or someone
 23 else, but I remember telling dispatch that I
 24 would be en route, and I don't -- yes. What was
 25 the first part of the question?

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1 what I would think of as a general
 2 straight-shot.
 3 **Q Okay.**
 4 A So --
 5 **Q Do you recall then were you the first**
 6 **to arrive on the scene?**
 7 A I want to say that I thought I was
 8 going to be the first and then I was exiting the
 9 car. I think Keener just appeared behind me.
 10 So I want to say he pulled up right behind me
 11 and that was after we discovered where it was --
 12 where we were supposed to be. Because I
 13 remember driving across the Bell Bridge and I
 14 don't know if it was me or someone else. We
 15 were trying to figure out is this the right
 16 bridge and then, of course, we located everybody
 17 down by the R.C. Berkeley.
 18 **Q And just to sort of refresh your**
 19 **memory --**
 20 A Okay.
 21 **Q -- I'm going to show you what is**
 22 **Keener's in-car dash cam.**
 23 A Yes, sir.
 24 **Q And this is about the 14-minute mark of**
 25 **the video we've been given by the sheriff's**



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1 department.
 2 A Okay.
 3 Q And I believe this is --
 4 (Video played.)
 5 BY MR. GRIFFITH:
 6 Q I think this is pulling up to the area
 7 right now. Is that your car?
 8 A Yes. Yes. And that would have been me
 9 that walked away from the area of the door to
 10 left.
 11 Q So he pulled right behind you or
 12 shortly after you arrived?
 13 A Yes.
 14 Q All right.
 15 A I don't know what that is. I don't
 16 recall seeing if PMO or somebody else was over
 17 there. I'm not sure what those light ares. I
 18 don't recall.
 19 Q I think he indicated he thought it was
 20 PMO --
 21 A Okay.
 22 Q -- on the bridge with the spotlight.
 23 A That could be. I don't recall looking
 24 up or it registering they were on scene when I
 25 got there.

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1 Q So you understand, I've got just a
 2 Google Earth overview of the --Archers Creek.
 3 A Mm-hmm.
 4 Q R.C. Berkeley Bridge, Malecon Drive
 5 North. This is marked as Exhibit 3 and we
 6 started with Mr. Jack Keener's deposition.
 7 North, so that we would know that is back toward
 8 Port Royal/Beaufort, correct --
 9 A Okay.
 10 Q -- leading up?
 11 If I could get you to sort of put on
 12 here where you recall pulling up and parking and
 13 just draw maybe something like a -- we can use
 14 an arrow showing the direction or something.
 15 A Okay. Well, give or take, I would say
 16 that I was either right here or just a little
 17 shy of it. That would be my best guess because
 18 I know I had to walk this way to get towards
 19 this landing drive area. And these people would
 20 have been standing somewhere in that area.
 21 Q Okay. And I'm going to see if I can
 22 clear up one thing for you. I see that you got
 23 yourself back here right about the entrance
 24 to -- I believe, Jack called it "the old
 25 bridge."

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1 Q That's fine. As we saw you in the
 2 video, you were walking, it looks like, crossing
 3 the street?
 4 A Yeah, and looks like two people
 5 standing to the left right there.
 6 Q Okay. I'm going to take a closer look
 7 because you're eyes are better than mine.
 8 A It might clear up when you get a little
 9 bit closer.
 10 Q Okay.
 11 A To the best of my recollection, I know
 12 there was a male there. Because I remember a
 13 male being there. The best I can recall there
 14 was a male and female. I don't recall if I
 15 looked at the female, but I'm sure the one's a
 16 male.
 17 Q All right. And in any event, you got
 18 out of your car because looking at these dash
 19 cameras, it is sometimes are a little bit hard
 20 to make out.
 21 A Sure.
 22 (Whereupon, Defendant's Exhibit
 23 Number 3 was marked for
 24 identification.)
 25 BY MR. GRIFFITH:

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1 A Okay.
 2 Q Takes you down to the -- you drew
 3 yourself going to --
 4 A I'm sorry.
 5 Q Just looking at the video.
 6 A You're right. Which is my mistake.
 7 But you're right. I wasn't paying attention to
 8 that. But yes, you're right. I stayed in the
 9 right-hand lane of travel.
 10 Q Okay.
 11 A And just stopped and got out, I
 12 believe.
 13 Q Okay. If I could, I'm just going --
 14 A Yeah. Of course. Sorry about that.
 15 Q -- mark over the old one. Okay?
 16 A All right.
 17 Q And in that, if you put a -- two X's
 18 where we see the individuals there
 19 approximately, and I'm just trying to get an
 20 idea of locations.
 21 A Okay. Well, I would say that they were
 22 not in the roadway. Best I can recall, they
 23 were in -- off to the side around that area,
 24 which would be the entrance to that old bridge
 25 drive.



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1 Q Okay. All right. And you got out of
2 your car, you crossed over and you went to them;
3 is that correct?
4 A Yeah, I walked toward them. I don't
5 recall stopping and having any kind of
6 conversation with him. I know that the male
7 subject either spoke to me or Keener, but I
8 think we were just at that point sort of being
9 directed to make sure we were going in the right
10 direction to wherever the boat was. I honestly
11 can't remember who or if anybody really
12 concentrated on any injuries. They were
13 standing there and we were trying to get to
14 wherever the boat was. And allegedly someone
15 was missing, so we were trying to get to the
16 scene itself.
17 Q Okay. Do you recall if maybe they
18 directed -- did you walking by and said where'
19 the accident or did they direct you or anything?
20 A The best of my recollection is that
21 either we or me or Keener was directed by the
22 male subject to continue on and Jack and I
23 jogged down this way.
24 Q Okay.
25 MR. TINSLEY: Mitch, if I can?

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1 later sitting on the ground on the bank over
2 here that we were trying to convince him to get
3 in the ambulance to get warm and he didn't want
4 to leave his girlfriend. And he was making
5 reference to Mallory. It's not the male who I
6 came to understand was Mallory's boyfriend. It
7 was a different male.
8 Q Okay. And I'm going to bump it back 10
9 seconds again, and that was at 4:18 and now
10 14:08 going to 14:18, so see we can see it.
11 (Video played.)
12 BY MR. GRIFFITH:
13 Q See those two people and we see you
14 walking there?
15 A Yeah.
16 Q It appeared to me they were holding
17 hands?
18 A It did look like that. I don't recall
19 that, but it did look like that in the video.
20 Q Okay.
21 A I don't know where Mallory's alleged
22 boyfriend -- I don't know where he is right now.
23 I don't recall seeing him as I walked to the
24 scene.
25 Q Okay. Now -- but you cross the street

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1 MR. GRIFFITH: Sure.
2 (Video played.)
3 THE WITNESS: Now, I think if it's
4 in motion, you probably see a little
5 bit of movement there. That's -- going
6 to see that's two people.
7 MR. TINSLEY: No. I can see those
8 are two people -- I'm sorry. Do you
9 know if that's -- the sex of those two
10 people?
11 THE WITNESS: I am for sure it was
12 a male.
13 MR. TINSLEY: Did he have clothes
14 on?
15 THE WITNESS: I can't remember if
16 he had any clothes that was not on. I
17 can -- I know we might not be to it. I
18 can tell you -- I can tell you who it's
19 not. I remember another male being on
20 the scene, and it was not the same male
21 that we dealt with later.
22 BY MR. GRIFFITH:
23 Q Well, tell us who it's not then.
24 A It is not -- and I don't know if this
25 is on the audio. It's not the male that was

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1 past the two individuals?
2 A Yes.
3 Q As we're talking about on Exhibit 3 --
4 A Yes, sir.
5 Q -- you went down the old road bend or
6 whatever towards the river --
7 A Yes, sir.
8 Q -- or Archers Creek?
9 All right. Did you continue all the
10 way down there?
11 A Yes. We -- I recall myself and
12 Corporal Keener walking all the way down here
13 until we actually made contact. Walking right
14 here was a little rough. You had to watch your
15 step. Until we made physical contact with the
16 boat was on this side of the bridge on the bank.
17 Q How about drawing sort of a rectangle
18 in there where the boat was -- approximately,
19 where the boat was?
20 A Approximately, I would say right here
21 with the front faced this way.
22 Q Okay. Did you pass anybody else, any
23 of the other individuals from the boat, do you
24 recall?
25 A I don't recall passing anyone else from



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1 that point until we actually got to the boat.
 2 **Q When you got to the boat, was there**
 3 **anybody in the boat?**
 4 A There was one female sitting in the
 5 boat.
 6 **Q Did you talk to her?**
 7 A Yes. I don't -- I don't recall
 8 initially what was said. It was probably pretty
 9 brief because -- and I don't know in real time
 10 how long it took. But I know we knew time was
 11 of the essence, so myself and Corporal Keener,
 12 if we did stop, it was very brief because he and
 13 I were walking, I guess, it would be southwest
 14 -- yeah, southwestward along the shore.
 15 **Q Under the bridge?**
 16 A Under the bridge looking for any sign
 17 of a missing person or listening for any sign of
 18 a missing person. I don't know how far we got,
 19 but I recall that it was getting -- the pluff
 20 mud was getting too difficult to stand in or
 21 walk in or move and eventually after we had
 22 quite a bit of mud from the waist down, we
 23 headed back toward the boat.
 24 **Q All right. And then when you headed**
 25 **back toward the boat, did -- were you involved**

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1 her.
 2 **Q Okay. After you spoke to her, what was**
 3 **-- did you wait with her until EMS arrived?**
 4 A Yes. I was either next to her, me
 5 standing outside of the boat, or I was very
 6 close in the general area until EMS got there.
 7 I don't -- I don't know if I stepped away to do
 8 anything. I don't recall. I just remember
 9 while EMS, fire personnel were dealing with her
 10 and getting her ready to get her out of the
 11 boat, I recall she asked where I was and I told
 12 her I was still standing there. But I was there
 13 as they were evaluating and getting ready to
 14 take her.
 15 **Q Did you have any conversation with Ms.**
 16 **Doughty about what happened?**
 17 A I don't recall having any specific
 18 conversation about the incident itself or what
 19 led to the incident. I'm sure that if I did
 20 recall having a conversation about that, I would
 21 have included it in my supplemental report, but
 22 I -- the only thing I recall is trying to keep
 23 her calm in reference to her injury and the
 24 things she was saying about being in pain.
 25 **Q Okay. And after the EMS treated her**

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1 **in the investigation then?**
 2 A I wasn't involved in the investigation,
 3 the best I can recall. I know when I got back
 4 to the boat. I don't know -- I don't know -- I
 5 don't recall where Keener went or who he was
 6 dealing with. But I know for a time I stayed at
 7 the boat and I was speaking with the female who
 8 was in the boat, and based on my supplemental
 9 report, I see that she was identified as Morgan
 10 -- not sure how to pronounce her last name --
 11 Doughty. I'm not sure. But she was sitting in
 12 the boat.
 13 There seemed to be what I considered a
 14 substantial amount of blood around her that
 15 seemed to be coming from -- belonged to her, and
 16 I don't recall the injury, but there was some
 17 sort of evident injury or swelling or something
 18 to the area of one of her hands and she was --
 19 she was very loud and upset and it really seemed
 20 like due to either the shock of the incident or
 21 her injury itself or the pain, it was causing
 22 that in my opinion. She seemed to be on the
 23 borderline of frantic or in shock, so I stayed
 24 there and spoke to her assuring her that the EMS
 25 was on the way to get her checked out and treat

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1 **and took her away, was she one of the first**
 2 **people to leave in the ambulance?**
 3 A That, I don't know.
 4 **Q Okay.**
 5 A Because I don't recall following her
 6 with EMS all the way back up here at that point.
 7 I don't -- I don't remember making that walk as
 8 she was leaving. Now, I came up there later,
 9 but I don't remember -- I don't remember
 10 actually me physically watching her get in an
 11 ambulance, and I just -- I don't remember
 12 actually seeing that with my own eyes. So I'm
 13 guessing just from the best of my recollection
 14 that I stayed in that general area for a little
 15 while. I remember at some point after they took
 16 her, I did walk up here across the bridge and
 17 checked the opposite shoreline, which again,
 18 would be that southwest direction, which would
 19 be the opposite side of the water that Corporal
 20 Keener and I initially walked along.
 21 **Q When you walked up there, did you have**
 22 **any interaction with any of the other passengers**
 23 **on the boat?**
 24 A Not interaction with me. I remember --
 25 and I don't recall the name, but I remember the



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1 young man that everyone is identifying as later
 2 -- identifying later as Mallory's boyfriend. I
 3 remember standing -- much later after we were on
 4 scene before he had gone anywhere or moved too
 5 much, I remember standing near officers who were
 6 standing near him. But I don't recall speaking
 7 to anybody else or them speaking to me.
 8 **Q Okay. All right. Did you overhear**
 9 **anything that Mallory's boyfriend may have said?**
 10 A I over -- I did not -- I don't recall
 11 overhearing him say anything. I recall
 12 conversations on scene later just hearing third
 13 party from other officers who were on the scene.
 14 **Q Okay. Well, tell me what you recall**
 15 **hearing from other officers and which officers,**
 16 **if you recall.**
 17 A I don't recall what officer.
 18 **Q Okay.**
 19 A But I know overhearing other officers
 20 speak about whatever had transpired before I got
 21 back to that location. I was hearing things and
 22 I don't remember exact quotes, but I was hearing
 23 things that were to the effect of Mallory's
 24 boyfriend appearing to be -- become angry and he
 25 could become aggressive toward another male over

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1 clothing as Keener and I began running toward
 2 the boat and again once we got to the boat. I
 3 don't recall anybody claiming to be an occupant
 4 other than Morgan who was sitting in the boat.
 5 **Q All right. Did you -- after you and**
 6 **Keener came back, you stayed at the boat for a**
 7 **period of time; is that correct?**
 8 A A period of time, yes, sir. I don't
 9 know if it was five minutes or 20 minutes, but
 10 yes, I was down there for a while.
 11 **Q Do you know if you were near Keener**
 12 **when he was interviewing the -- I believe, he --**
 13 **he identified them as the two people standing**
 14 **beside the road. Do you recall being there near**
 15 **him at the time?**
 16 A I don't recall it. I mean, I can't say
 17 I wasn't, but I don't have a memory of
 18 overhearing it. Like I said, I haven't reviewed
 19 my audio.
 20 (Video played.)
 21 BY MR. GRIFFITH:
 22 **Q That was from Keener's car. Or from**
 23 **his mike that was on him that relayed back to**
 24 **his car.**
 25 A Yes, sir.

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1 the fact that he was mad at that other male for
 2 driving the boat, or, I guess, I should say
 3 because he was the driver of the boat.
 4 **Q Okay. Did you ever -- did you ever see**
 5 **the other male that they were talking about?**
 6 A I don't recall. I guess, I hadn't -- I
 7 felt I hadn't personally had eyes on everybody
 8 that was an occupant in that boat, and so I was
 9 picturing the male that I initially walked past,
 10 but I can't really back that up with anything
 11 because I didn't speak to him. I didn't get to
 12 his name or identify who was standing there. I
 13 just remember seeing him.
 14 **Q Okay.**
 15 A And I can't recall what that person was
 16 wearing.
 17 **Q Okay. All right. Do you recall ever**
 18 **seeing a male who was just in boxer shorts?**
 19 A I don't recall that, no.
 20 **Q That had been something that would have**
 21 **stuck out in February standing out on the creek,**
 22 **wouldn't it?**
 23 A You're probably right about that.
 24 **Q Yeah.**
 25 A But I don't recall examining anyone's

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1 **Q Do you recall being near that --**
 2 A I don't.
 3 **Q -- conversation?**
 4 A I don't recall it. I recognize
 5 Corporal Keener's voice. I really don't recall
 6 the -- or recognize the other person's voice.
 7 **Q Okay.**
 8 A Obviously, I've heard that name, Mr.
 9 Murdaugh, but I don't recall standing there
 10 during the conversation.
 11 **Q All right. Listen just a little bit**
 12 **more.**
 13 (Video played.)
 14 BY MR. GRIFFITH:
 15 **Q Do you remember that part where he says**
 16 **I'm going to where -- where Keener says I'm**
 17 **going to go get that one you dropped back on the**
 18 **ground back there?**
 19 A I don't remember.
 20 **Q And something about you picked it up?**
 21 A Yeah. Who is he talking to? He's
 22 talking to Mr. Murdaugh picked it up or somebody
 23 else picked it up?
 24 **Q It sounded as if he told Mr. Murdaugh**
 25 **he was going to pick up the phone Murdaugh**



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1 dropped.
2 A Okay.
3 Q And as he went to get it, he said
4 something about you picked it up or like
5 somebody else picked it up and handed it to him
6 or --
7 A Under the bridge.
8 Q I thought he just said right over
9 there?
10 MR. TINSLEY: Well, it can't be
11 under the bridge because it's
12 recording. He testified that when he
13 came back on the road, which would be
14 consistent with the recording about of
15 that.
16 THE WITNESS: Mm-hmm.
17 BY MR. GRIFFITH:
18 Q My assumption is somewhere on this road
19 because it was picking up radio in the back, so
20 his dash cam or L3 could pick it up.
21 A Okay.
22 Q I didn't know was that you that said
23 he's already got it because at this point in
24 time, obviously, a few more people are there,
25 but I couldn't tell?

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1 Q Okay. And so in any event, you recall
2 at some point in time you came back up the road?
3 A Yes, sir. At some point I came -- I'm
4 almost sure after they had gotten Morgan out of
5 there that I had come back up this way towards
6 where my vehicle was, and from there I went over
7 the main road, across the bridge, and I left the
8 Parris Island side of the bridge to the shore
9 opposite of where the -- Corporal Keener and I
10 had initially walked in the pluff mud, and I
11 went down that shore. Probably a similar
12 distance as Corporal Keener and I did on this
13 side, and I didn't find, see, or hear anybody or
14 anything -- any evidence of the incident on that
15 side.
16 Q Walk the shore also, is what -- what
17 you're saying?
18 A Yeah. Walk the shore up here and I
19 recall looking around on this side of the --
20 east side of the bridge on that side. Just next
21 to the bridge and then I came back across.
22 Q Okay.
23 A And that was by foot. I walked it.
24 Q Okay. And you said at some -- was it
25 after that you had the interaction with the

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1 A Yeah. I don't remember if I would have
2 picked anything up and handed it to anybody, but
3 I can tell you as we talk about something like,
4 that somewhere up here, which I may have seen,
5 as I was either before or after crossing the
6 bridge to the other shore, it seemed like there
7 was some sort of staging area, like, there was a
8 shirt or something. Somewhere up here maybe not
9 on the bridge, but in this general area,
10 probably 10 or so yards from being on the bridge
11 itself. I don't remember handling it and I
12 don't remember if there were numerous items. I
13 don't have any kind of photograph of it or
14 anything like that. I recall there was a
15 possibility of maybe a piece of clothing like a
16 shirt, and I couldn't describe it.
17 Q When you say a "staging area," you're
18 talking --
19 A I don't know if someone set their shirt
20 or if maybe set their shirt and something else.
21 I just recall seeing something in the area of
22 this guardrail area.
23 Q All right.
24 A I don't have a recollection of picking
25 it up or handing it to anyone though.

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1 other deputies about Mallory's boyfriend?
2 A The best I recall, I feel like it was
3 because it was more so during a time when I
4 believe Master Sergeant Jason Malphrus showed up
5 at some point. It just seemed like -- it seemed
6 like everything was kind of -- we were there to
7 assist, but I know Port Royal, his team, was
8 already on scene to investigate the missing
9 person. DNR had been notified or was on scene
10 to investigate the collision. PMO was on scene.
11 And we were over in this general area where my
12 vehicle -- I initially pulled up. That was the
13 main area where most of the emergency vehicles
14 were. And again, like I said, on this eastern
15 bank of the road north of the old bridge road
16 that leads down there to the bottom of the
17 bridge, that's where the gentleman was who I
18 perceived -- what I heard to be Mallory's
19 boyfriend.
20 Q And when you saw him, he was sitting
21 down on the ground?
22 A When -- I don't know -- I know at some
23 point he was from -- either what I recall or saw
24 at some point, he was either standing or sitting
25 in that general area.



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1 Q Okay.
 2 A And I don't know if I saw it or was
 3 just told, but at some point, I believe,
 4 somebody was trying to convince him to sit in
 5 the rear seat of the patrol vehicle to get warm,
 6 and what I know for a fact when I was there, he
 7 was sitting there huddled on a blanket on the
 8 grass, and people were trying to convince him to
 9 get in the ambulance or, you know, ride with
 10 somebody, anything to get him out of the cold
 11 and get him checked out by EMS personnel, which
 12 he didn't seem to want to do. I recall whatever
 13 -- whatever I heard him saying, it was to the --
 14 it was to the effect he did not want to leave
 15 the scene until Mallory was found.
 16 Q Did Beaufort County Sheriff's Office
 17 assist in clicking evidence?
 18 A Not to my knowledge. I don't recall
 19 anybody turning in evidence. The best of my
 20 knowledge, the report would have been what we
 21 call an "assisting another agency report," where
 22 we're documenting what we did and we're
 23 documenting what other agencies responded and
 24 what their purpose was. And like I said, if
 25 Port Royal was responding and investigating a

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1 A -- what day of the week was the
 2 incident and also would that have made that
 3 completed?
 4 Q That's going to be difficult, but I
 5 believe the incident was -- 23rd was a Saturday.
 6 MR. TINSLEY: The 24th.
 7 MR. GRIFFITH: No. It was Friday
 8 night, Saturday.
 9 MR. TINSLEY: The 24th is the day
 10 of the incident.
 11 MR. GRIFFITH: Right.
 12 MR. VAUX: That is Sunday morning.
 13 BY MR GRIFFITH:
 14 Q The 23rd is Saturday. The incident
 15 when you arrived would have been on the 24th?
 16 A Early Sunday.
 17 Q Early Sunday morning.
 18 A Okay.
 19 Q And your report looks like it was
 20 posted on the 27th, so that would have been
 21 Wednesday at about --
 22 A 8:01 -- or completed at 8:01.
 23 Q p.m.?
 24 A 2001. Yes, sir.
 25 Q Okay.

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1 missing person and DNR was investigating a boat
 2 collision, I don't -- I wouldn't see -- I
 3 wouldn't see collecting evidence and I don't
 4 recall collecting evidence.
 5 Q When you got to the boat and looked in
 6 the boat, did you see any clothes in the boat?
 7 A I don't remember seeing any clothes.
 8 Q And I ask because there's ample
 9 testimony that there was one person from the
 10 boat walking around in his boxer shorts, and I
 11 was just wondering if you saw his pants.
 12 A Unless that is what I remember seeing
 13 up top. But I don't recall seeing anything that
 14 I identified as pants.
 15 Q Okay. Or a jacket?
 16 A Not that I can identify as.
 17 Q Okay. Your report, it's called a
 18 supplemental report and it was created or, I
 19 guess, created or at least posted on your -- the
 20 sheriff's software three days after the incident
 21 on February 27th, 2019. Why the delay in
 22 posting that?
 23 A What -- would you mind -- would you be
 24 able to tell me what day of the week it was --
 25 Q Sure.

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1 A Yeah.
 2 Q And my question is why did it take
 3 three days to do a report or --
 4 A Well, I can tell you that typically I
 5 try to put a date up here at the top of the
 6 report directly under my name when I start it.
 7 That may or may not match when it -- it's
 8 finished. I can see on your copy of my report
 9 that I don't see a date -- a start date listed.
 10 Unless there's a way that the system can report
 11 that, I don't know what day it was generated.
 12 If this incident occurred early Sunday morning,
 13 unless I was on leave, which again, I don't
 14 recall. I would have to look, but unless I was
 15 on leave -- the way our shift's rotation is I
 16 would have worked Sunday night into Monday
 17 morning, then I would have been off work Monday
 18 and Tuesday and I would have returned Wednesday
 19 night, which is when this -- the supplemental
 20 report was completed, Wednesday evening.
 21 Q Okay. Do you recall if somebody told
 22 you after the fact later that you need to go
 23 ahead and put a report in since you're assisting
 24 an agency? Would it be standard for you to do a
 25 report?



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1 A I would not -- well, it would be
2 standard an assisting other agency report to be
3 completed.
4 **Q Sure.**
5 A I can tell you that, typically, when
6 there is an -- if I can use an example for a
7 different type of incident: If there's a
8 traffic collision and it resulted in a fatality,
9 we -- if available, we always try to get highway
10 patrol to investigate the collision because they
11 have gone through more in depth training in
12 investigating collisions, and so if it's
13 involving a fatality, we for sure like to get
14 their involvement. But we always do an
15 assisting another agency report even though
16 we're not investigating and we're not charging
17 anyone with anything in that traffic wreck. If
18 it's, you know, so serious to potentially
19 involve a fatality or some other serious injury
20 that could either lead to fatality or serious
21 injury, we typically complete an assisting
22 another agency report to explain our actions,
23 our role, in response to the scene.
24 I don't recall if I was told on a
25 specific day to do a supplemental report, but I

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1 A Yes. I don't recall what area he was
2 assigned to, so I don't know if I was
3 specifically his area supervisor that night, but
4 he was one of my junior officers, so I would
5 have been in charge of him.
6 **Q Okay. All right. And, I guess, from**
7 **what I understand then, when an officer or a**
8 **deputy writes a report, it goes up the chain of**
9 **command and you made a comment a minute ago, you**
10 **are now reviewing a lot of reports?**
11 A Yes, sir.
12 **Q I guess, you review them for -- make**
13 **sure the proper information is contained. Would**
14 **you have reviewed his report in this particular**
15 **incident?**
16 A I very well could have. Whether or not
17 I'm the one that did, I don't remember. There
18 was -- there would have been at least myself and
19 the -- at the time, Staff Sergeant Malphrus and
20 potentially another sergeant, which at that
21 particular day, I don't recall who that would
22 have been, but at any given time, we typically
23 had a staff sergeant and two sergeants per shift
24 unless somebody was on leave. I don't remember
25 if there was anybody else beside myself and

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1 can tell you from my own feelings of how I like
2 to tell people under my charge and for me
3 personally, I think it is good practice to
4 complete a supplemental report when you're on
5 scene if it is something or going to be a
6 potentially serious major incident.
7 **Q And this would have been potentially -**
8 **missing person from a boating accident would**
9 **potentially be a serious incident?**
10 A Yeah. In my opinion very much so
11 because you're looking at the possibility of a
12 fatality.
13 **Q Which could lead to some criminal**
14 **charges as well as civil charges?**
15 A Absolutely. Absolutely. And even if
16 they're not from or our agency. Again, I would
17 I also tell my guys it is best practice to
18 document what you did and what you -- what you
19 observed.
20 **Q And do it as quickly as you can while**
21 **it's still fresh in your mind?**
22 A Sure. Sure.
23 **Q And as the sergeant in this particular**
24 **time, Keener would have been reporting to you;**
25 **is that correct?**

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1 Malphrus.
2 **Q But Malphrus showed up, right?**
3 A Yes.
4 **Q Would he had been a reviewing officer**
5 **for all these reports?**
6 A Yes. He has the same access that I do.
7 So he and I can see any given report and send it
8 up to northern investigations for the
9 investigators to review. If one of us reviewed
10 a report and sent it on up, then the other may
11 not have seen it, if it was approved by someone
12 else.
13 We don't have anything in place that
14 says that every report he reads I have to put
15 eyes on it too. So if my supervisor read a
16 report and sent it up, then I may have never
17 seen it. Now, the reports do have an approval
18 history where it will record who read it and
19 sent it up. I don't know if that's displayed.
20 **Q Can you look in what is Exhibit 1 and**
21 **see if it's in there, the approval report?**
22 A Okay. It's typically -- well, I can
23 tell you, like, on my computer screen, it is a
24 little drop-down that you can click on and it
25 will show the date and time and name of who sent



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1 it to who or who sent it to what section. I
 2 don't know if that would have been -- because
 3 this is -- this is the layout of what, I
 4 believe, the public usually sees. I don't know
 5 if it is part of that in reference to what I'm
 6 looking at.
 7 MR. TINSLEY: Who would be the
 8 person at the sheriff's office that
 9 would know that we could ask questions
 10 about those sort of things?
 11 THE WITNESS: There probably -- I
 12 would say that I believe it would
 13 definitely start with somebody in that
 14 records office to find out if they've
 15 been told that -- they're authorized to
 16 do that upon request. Because what I
 17 see on my computer screen is obviously
 18 laid out a little differently than that
 19 is handed to somebody when they get a
 20 copy.
 21 MR. TINSLEY: But like Michael
 22 Hatfield, could we -- could we question
 23 him or request copies of what you're
 24 talking about?
 25 THE WITNESS: I'm sure he would

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1 can figure out which face goes with who.
 2 **Q They're not with the sheriff's**
 3 **department?**
 4 A No. No. To my knowledge, they're Port
 5 Royal officers.
 6 **Q Right. And you pointed out in here you**
 7 **did not conduct any interviews of the events**
 8 **leading up to the boat accident?**
 9 A Okay.
 10 **Q I mean, it's there highlighted.**
 11 A Yes, sir.
 12 **Q Was there a reason you did not?**
 13 A Again, my main concentration -- when I
 14 was in contact with somebody was Ms. Morgan
 15 Doughty on the boat, my primary concern at that
 16 moment was how excitable she seemed to be
 17 getting from being in pain and I was hoping that
 18 my presence was going to calm her down a little
 19 bit until EMS could get to her. Once I was, you
 20 know, being told that DNR was notified, Port
 21 Royal Police was investigating, something -- PMO
 22 was in the area, and it became clear to me that
 23 it wasn't going to be ours, as in the sheriff's
 24 office. At that point, I wouldn't have started
 25 asking people.

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1 have an answer for you about it. I
 2 don't know what that answer is. I
 3 can't comment on that. But he's the
 4 chief deputy. He would have knowledge.
 5 MR. TINSLEY: Okay. Sorry, Mitch.
 6 MR. GRIFFITH: That's all right.
 7 MS. BOWER: Maybe you have do it
 8 through a 30(b)(6).
 9 BY MR. GRIFFITH:
 10 **Q I'm about through. I was just sort of**
 11 **jumping around a little bit at that point in**
 12 **time. But you already, I think, answered most**
 13 **of what I was going to ask you. So if there was**
 14 **a Jambriska and Domino there --**
 15 A Yes, sir.
 16 **Q -- that did reports, you may or may not**
 17 **have reviewed those reports?**
 18 A May or may not.
 19 **Q You have to see the drop-down?**
 20 A It would be in the approval history if
 21 I did, yes, sir.
 22 **Q Okay. And do you know Reynard,**
 23 **McKinney, and Heany, which may be with Port**
 24 **Royal?**
 25 A I know those names. I'm not sure if I

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1 (Whereupon, a short break was
 2 taken from 4:49 p.m. to
 3 4:50 p.m.)
 4 BY MR. GRIFFITH:
 5 **Q And one of the other comments you noted**
 6 **no statements were made by Morgan Doughty or**
 7 **others that she was ever operating the boat.**
 8 **Was there any indication or someone made --**
 9 A That was just something I wanted to
 10 make clear in the supplemental report that I
 11 knew for a fact that in my presence she or --
 12 nor anybody else ever accused or indicated that
 13 he was a driver.
 14 **Q Okay. And that's all the questions I**
 15 **have. Thank you very much.**
 16 A Thank you, sir.
 17 CROSS-EXAMINATION
 18 BY MR. TINSLEY:
 19 **Q Really only have one. You're never**
 20 **going to know anymore than what is written in**
 21 **this supplement going forward. Do you agree?**
 22 A I agree.
 23 **Q And you're never going to testify to**
 24 **anything that -- attributed any statement to any**
 25 **person that is not outlined in this statement,**



<p style="text-align: right;">Page 50</p> <p>1 any of those kids. Is that fair? 2 A That's fair. 3 Q Okay. That's all the questions I have 4 for you. 5 MS. BOWER: No questions. 6 (SIGNATURE WAIVED.) 7 (Whereupon, the deposition of 8 Sergeant Troy Krapf was concluded 9 at 4:51 p.m.) 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 51</p> <p style="text-align: center;">C E R T I F I C A T E</p> <p>1 2 3 STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA: 4 BEAUFORT COUNTY: 5 6 I, Amanda Bowen, Court Reporter and Notary 7 Public in and for the above county and state, do 8 hereby certify that the foregoing testimony was 9 taken before me at the time and place 10 herein-before set forth; that the witness was by 11 me first duly sworn to testify to the truth, the 12 whole truth, and nothing but the truth, that 13 thereupon the foregoing testimony was later 14 reduced by computer transcription; and I certify 15 that this is a true and correct transcript of my 16 stenographic notes so taken. 17 I further certify that I am not of counsel to 18 either party, nor interested in the event of 19 this cause. 20 21 <u><i>Amanda Bowen</i></u> 22 Amanda Bowen 23 Court Reporter 24 Notary Public 25 Beaufort, South Carolina</p>
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