Case No. 78701

# In the Supreme Court of Nevada

MOTOR COACH INDUSTRIES, INC.,

Appellant,

vs.

KEON KHIABANI; ARIA KHIABANI, MINORS, by and through their Guardian MARIE-CLAUDE RIGAUD; SIAMAK BARIN, as Executor of the Estate of KAYVAN KHIABANI, M.D.; the Estate of KAYVAN KHIABANI; SIAMAK BARIN, as Executor of the Estate of KATAYOUN BARIN, DDS; and the Estate of KATAYOUN BARIN, DDS,

Respondents.

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91	Plaintiffs' Trial Brief Regarding	03/12/18	33	8018-8025
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	Bicyclists (Including Sudden Bicycle			
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74	Reporter's Transcription of	02/22/18	21	5160 - 5250
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77	Reporter's Transcription of	02/23/18	22	5328 - 5500
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79	Reporter's Transcription of	02/27/18	24	5835 - 6000
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81	Reporter's Transcription of	03/01/18	25	6195 - 6250
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83	Reporter's Transcription of	03/05/18	<b>27</b>	6624 - 6750
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86	Reporter's Transcription of	03/07/18	29	7045-7250
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88	Reporter's Transcription of	03/09/18	30	7424-7500
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89	Reporter's Transcription of	03/12/18	31	7729-7750
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102	Reporter's Transcription of	03/21/18	40	9800-9880
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103	Reporter's Transcription of	03/22/18	40	9881-10000
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112	Special Master Order Staying Post-	04/24/18	42	10372–10374
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that a product liability plaintiff "must still prove his case"); see generally William L. Prosser, 'The 1 Fall of the Citadel, '50 MINN. L. REV. 791, 799 (1966) (strict liability claims evolved from warranty 2 3 claims and, while they eliminated the need for privity of contract, they do not give rise to absolute liability), cited by Shoshone Coca-Cola Bottling Co. v. Dolinski, 82 Nev. 439, 441, 420 P.2d 855, 4 5 857 (1966); Greenman v. Yuba Power Products, Inc., 377 P.2d 897 (Cal. 1962).

6 This basic concept is underscored even by the Nevada Supreme Court's *Stackiewicz*. 7 decision. The Court held that evidence that a product malfunctioned "might properly be accepted 8 by the trier of fact as sufficient circumstantial proof of a defect, or an unreasonably dangerous 9 condition, without direct proof of the mechanical cause of the malfunction." Stackiewicz v. Nissan Motor Corp. in U.S.A., 100 Nev. 443, 450-51, 686 P.2d 925, 929 (1984). Thus, while the plaintiff did not have to provide direct evidence of "the mechanical cause," the Court allowed the plaintiff's claim to proceed only because she had evidence that the product had, in fact, "malfunctioned." Id. It did not excuse plaintiff from proving an actual defect. And it certainly did not reduce the showing that a plaintiff must make when alleging a design defect. Mere injury resulting from contact with a product does not indicate it was defective.

#### A. The Product is Defective Only if it is More Dangerous than the Ordinary Consumer or User Would Already Expect

In Nevada, a product may be deemed defective only if it "fails to perform in the manner reasonably to be expected in light of its nature and intended function and it was more dangerous than would be contemplated by the ordinary user having the ordinary knowledge available in the 20community." Trejo, 402 P.3d at 650 (2017), quoting Ginnis, 86 Nev. at 413, 470 P.2d at 138 (1970). Mere evidence of injury is not evidence of either a malfunction or a design defect without 22 evidence that the coach is unreasonably dangerous under the consumer-expectation test.<sup>5</sup> 23

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<sup>25</sup> <sup>5</sup> See generally Gunlock v. New Frontier Hotel Corp., 78 Nev. 182, 370 P.2d 682 (1962); Cooper Tire & Rubber Co. v. Mendez, 204 S.W.3d 797, 807 (Tex. 2006) ("The inference of defect may not 26

be drawn ... from the mere fact of a product-related accident."); Clement v. Griffin, 634 So.2d 412, 429-30, 441 (La. Ct. App. 1994) ("failure of a tire is not such an unusual event that a defect can be 27 (footnote continued)

Nevada's consumer-expectation test originates from comment i to the Restatement (Second) 1 of Torts § 402A (1965), which explains that a product "must be dangerous to an extent beyond that 2 3 which would be contemplated by the ordinary consumer who purchases it, with the ordinary knowledge common to the community as to its characteristics." (Emphasis added). Comment i 4 5 explicitly acknowledges that unreasonable danger is a relative concept, as "any food or drug necessarily involves some risk of harm." Id. at cmt. i; see also Seattle-First Nat. Bank v. Tabert, 6 7 542 P.2d 774, 779 (Wash. 1975) (en banc); cf. Sea Ray Boats, Inc., 119 Nev. at 107, 65 P.3d at 249 (noting that Allison v. Merck involved a "reasonably or unavoidably unsafe" product). 8

9 The question is *how* potentially dangerous an objective, ordinary consumer contemplates the risks would be—an inherent reasonableness determination—given her general knowledge about the product's "characteristics," including its performance and "nature and intended function." See Ward v. Ford Motor Co., 99 Nev. 47, 48, 657 P.2d 95, 96 (1983); Lenhardt v. Ford Motor Co., 683 P.2d 1097, 1101 (Wash. 1984) (Dimmick, J., dissenting); see also Horst v. Deere & Co., 769 N.W.2d 536, 551 (Wis. 2009) ("ordinary consumer" is an objective standard). What degree of safety the consumer contemplates in regard to a particular product is inherently a reasonableness determination. If the alleged danger or the theoretical "defect" was within the ordinary consumer's contemplation, then the product is not *unreasonably* dangerous.

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## 1. The Ordinary Consumer Test Applies to the Determination of a Defect Regardless of Whether a Bystander May Recover

Assuming the rights of Section 402A extend to non-users, the test for determining the

existence of a defect remains focused on the reasonable expectations of the ordinary *consumer* or 21

- inferred solely form the fact that the accident occurred"); Vineyard v. Empire Machinery Co., 581 23 P.2d 1152, 1154 (Ariz. Ct. App. 1978) ("merely because the use of a product results in injury does not necessarily impose liability upon the manufacturer"); R.W. Bass v. Gen. Motors Corp., 491
- 24 S.W.2d 941, 947 (Tex. Ct. App. 1973) ("[i]t is fundamental that in order to recover in a cause of action based upon strict liability or negligence, more than the accident itself must be proved");
- 25 Kaesik v. John E. Mitchell Co., Inc., 492 P.2d 871, 873 (Colo. Ct. App. 1971) ("[t]o prove a prima
- facie case, the plaintiff had to prove in addition to the happening of the accident that the product 26 was defective").
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user, and not of the bystander. Ewen v. McLean Trucking Co., 706 P.2d 929, 932-33 (Or. 2009); 1 2 *Horst*, 769 N.W.2d at 554. "With respect to determining whether a product is unreasonably 3 dangerous, there are significant differences between a standard based on the expectations of an 4 ordinary consumer and a standard based on the expectations of an ordinary bystander." Horst v. 5 Deere & Co., 769 N.W.2d at 546. "The consumer contemplation test was developed in recognition of the fact that it is reasonable for users and consumers of products to hold certain expectations 6 7 regarding the products they use and the products they buy." Id. at 551. Interestingly, the Horst 8 court recognized that a bystander-expectation test would negate a particular policy underlying the 9 consumer-expectation test which the Nevada Supreme Court recently found to be important—*i.e.*, 10 that the focus be on the expectation of the ordinary user to a general focus on the product, as 11 evaluated by the world at large. Id., Trejo, 402 P.3d at 658 (the appropriate test "focuses on the reasonable expectation of the consumer" rather than "focus on the product itself."). 12

8888-886 (202) 16 In a case similar to this, the Oregon Supreme Court explained how the ordinary *consumer* test still would be used to determine the existence of defect even where the injury is to a pedestrian. In that case, a pedestrian was hit by a truck while crossing a street intersection. Ewen, 706 P.2d 929. The pedestrian's guardian ad litem sued the truck manufacturer alleging that the vehicle had a 17 blind spot that prevented the driver from seeing a pedestrian who was immediately in front of and 18 to the right of the truck. A jury entered a verdict in favor of the pedestrian. The manufacturer, 19 appealed, contending that the jury instructions were erroneous because they defined "user" of a 20product as <u>anyone</u> who may reasonably <u>be expected to be affected</u> by the product, such as a 21 pedestrian. The manufacturer asserted that expectations of the "user or consumer" under products 22 liability law should not be equated to the expectations of a pedestrian. The Oregon Supreme Court 23 agreed with the manufacturer, noting that Oregon has codified the Restatement (Second) of Torts § 24 402A and comment i, which has the "consumer contemplation test." The court reversed the 25 plaintiffs' judgment, holding that it was erroneous to use a pedestrian-contemplation test that 26 includes the perspective of everyone who might be affected by a product. *Regardless of who was* 27 *injured*, the jury still had to determine the reasonable expectation of the consumer or user.

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2. Dangers that Are Inherent or Otherwise Obvious Cannot Be Unexpected

"One of the implications of the consumer contemplation test is that consumers can and do contemplate open and obvious dangers, and are not protected when injured by such dangers."<sup>6</sup> 3 Horst,, 769 N.W.2d at 543; Blue v. Environmental Engineering, Inc., 828 N.E.2d 1128, 1136 (III. 4 5 2005) ("Under the consumer-expectation test, the open and obvious nature of a danger would bar recovery where the injury was the result of the inherent properties of the product which were 6 7 obvious to anyone who came into contact with it."); Tillman v. R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., 871 So. 8 2d 28, 34 (Ala. 2003) (obvious hazards of smoking cigarettes prevented recovery under consumer-9 expectations test); Thongchoom v. Graco Children's Products, Inc., 71 P.3d 214, 218 (Wash. Ct. App. 2003) (baby walker not defective under consumer-expectations test because danger of baby's mobility was obvious); Sacks v. Phillip Morris, Inc., 139 F.3d 892 (4th Cir. 1998) (Md. law) (obvious and commonly known risk that cigarettes may start fires precludes liability under both consumer-expectations and risk-utility tests). Put simply, if the allegedly dangerous aspect of a product is open and obvious, then the "ordinary user" will already expect it and approach the product accordingly.

#### B. As with Any Other Element, Plaintiffs Must Present Proof of the Ordinary Consumer's or User's Reasonable Expectations

"Adoption of strict tort liability as a theory of recovery 'does not mean that the plaintiff is relieved of the burden of proving a case." Trejo, 402 P.3d at 653, quoting Shoshone Coca-Cola Bottling Co. v. Dolinski, 82 Nev. 439, 443, 420 P.2d 855, 857 (1966). This burden includes 20demonstrating that the allegedly defective aspect of the design is not already contemplated by the 21 ordinary consumer, as an *element of plaintiffs' prima facie case*. It is not an affirmative defense. 22

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<sup>24</sup> <sup>6</sup> The Nevada Supreme Court understood this when they reaffirmed Nevada's commitment to the consumer-expectation test a few months ago, as Justice Pickering mentioned in her dissent that 25 many design-defect claims (that might conceivably have merit under a risk-utility analysis) would be foreclosed as a necessary ramification of the consumer-expectation test. Trejo, 402 P.3d at 664 26 (Pickering, J., dissenting).

As one appellate court explained: 1

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In order to establish a prima facie case of strict liability in tort the plaintiff must prove the product was in a defective condition unreasonably dangerous to any user or consumer or to his property. "Unreasonably dangerous" has been defined as "dangerous to an extent beyond that which would be contemplated by the ordinary consumer... with the ordinary knowledge common to the community as to its characteristics." To be unreasonably dangerous a defective condition must be hidden or concealed. Whether a danger is open and obvious is the same as the question of whether a danger is concealed or hidden to the user in a given set of facts.

8 FMC Corp. v. Brown, 526 N.E.2d 719, 728 (Ind. Ct. App. 1988), aff'd, 551 N.E.2d 444 (Ind. 1990)

(internal citations omitted). Thus, proving that a product is allegedly "more dangerous than would

be contemplated by the ordinary user" necessarily requires proving that the allegedly dangerous

condition is not already contemplated by the ordinary user.

#### Even Construing the Evidence in a Light Most Favorable to Plaintiffs, IV. the Coach is Not More Potentially Dangerous than Consumers Expect

Motor coaches, like any vehicle and especially large ones, present well-known potential dangers that must be respected. Plaintiffs have presented no evidence that the danger that killed Dr. Khiabani, his impact with the motor coach's tire, was more dangerous than those open and obvious in any coach.

First, plaintiffs ignore the relevant community of consumers and users of coaches, which is a sophisticated class of purchasers and trained drivers. That community is, if anything, more attuned to these inherent dangers and therefore expects them. And given their specialized knowledge, their 20expectations could be established only by expert testimony, which plaintiffs have not offered. In any case, even if lay testimony were sufficient, no witness has attempted to describe their 22 expectations or how the motor coach here fell short.

Second, even if the expectations of passengers or others on the roadway were relevant, 24 plaintiffs again present no evidence of what they are. Plaintiffs gesture toward a body of complex 25 expert testimony about "air blasts," rear-tire "suction," "proximity sensors," and a virtually 26 unknown "S1 Gard"—demonstrated at near-zero speeds. But they cannot escape the reality that 27

1 passengers, pedestrians, and cyclists already expect a high level of danger from proximity to a fast-2 moving motor coach. There is no evidence that the motor coach here fell defectively below those 3 clear-eyed expectations.

#### Α. Plaintiffs Presented No Expectations of the Relevant Community of Consumers and Users, Bus Purchasers and Drivers

A coach, unlike most consumer products, is not available for purchase by ordinary people. It is sold to a specialized subset of common carriers and used only by specially trained drivers with expertise in navigating the vehicle to protect passengers and others on the roadway. It is, therefore, insufficient simply to rely on lay jurors' own expectations—as might be the case for a product that ordinary jurors might purchase or use.

### 1. The Only Relevant Expectations are Those of People who Buy and Drive Motor Coaches

If a bus is a "product" for strict products liability, then the consumers or users whose expectations are relevant to Nevada's test for product defect are those who buy buses or control their operation. Passengers ride coaches, but they are subject to the decisions of the driver, who ultimately decides how to use the vehicle. To the extent that passengers are users, it relates only to those aspects of a coach that affect the passengers' experience.<sup>7</sup>

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## 2. Motor Coach Purchasers and Drivers are a Sophisticated Community with Specialized Knowledge of a Coach's Dangers

Those who purchase and drive motor coaches are a specialized subset of society. Companies such as Ryan's Express have extensive knowledge through their own experience about the dangers

- only the driver's use of the bus is relevant in this case.
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<sup>24</sup> <sup>7</sup> Another way to think about it is that passengers "use" some just some components of the coach the seats, the individual ventilation controls and lights, and (on public transit) straps or other 25 handholds—while the driver "uses" the coach's engine, brakes, and steering controls. While passenger use might be relevant in a case of injury from a broken strap causing a fall, for example, 26

buses pose to their passengers and the public. Drivers of a motor coach require a specialized license and then complete internal training, and the coach company involved in this action trained both in the classroom and on the road. (Deposition of William Bartlett at 41:1-42:5, Ex. A at 2-3.) The nature of their profession, of course, gives them extensive real-world experience in navigating the potential hazards that their vehicle poses to passengers and others on the roadway.

#### 3. Plaintiffs Failed to Produce Expert Testimony on the Sophisticated Expectations of those who Buy and Drive Coaches

Lay jurors do not share this knowledge, training, or experience. That separation from the world of coach purchasers and drivers is critical because it demarcates the line for when expert testimony is critical. In Krause Inc. v. Little, the Nevada Supreme Court excused the lack of expert testimony in a case involving a fall from a ladder, but only because "[t]he average juror is quite familiar with a ladder's functions, and does not require expert testimony to know that a ladder s Vegas, Neva. (702) 938-3838 (702) 938-3838 should not collapse while a person stands on it." 117 Nev. 929, 938, 34 P.3d 566, 572 (2001). The average juror, in other words, is part of the community that buys and uses ladders, so they can be trusted without expert assistance to determine the reasonable expectations of that community. The corollary, however, is that where the average juror is not part of the community of consumers and users, the expectations of that community must be introduced through expert testimony.

18 Here, expert testimony is necessary, not because the consumer-expectations test always 19 requires it, but because the consumers and users of a motor coach whose expectations are relevant 20to identifying a product defect are themselves a group with expertise. The consumers and users of 21 buses form their expectations about reasonable danger with the perspective of their specialized 22 insight into those very dangers, and only an expert can assist the jury in divining those expectations.

23 Plaintiffs presented none. Without admissible testimony on the expectations of the relevant 24 consumers and users, plaintiffs' product-defect claims fail.

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## Even if Admissible, there is No Lay Testimony on these Expectations

Even if a lay witness could testify about the expectations of a motor coach purchaser or driver, none has. Edward Hubbard, the driver, did not testify that the motor coach fell below his expectations of safety in light of his specialized knowledge. At most, he says that he would have taken distance from a cyclist into greater consideration had he known about plaintiffs' "air blast" theory. But that does not establish that he believed the motor coach "failed to perform in the manner reasonably to be expected in light of its nature and intended function and was more dangerous than [he] would contemplate." See Ginnis, 86 Nev. at 413, 470 P.2d at 138. If he expected, in light of his training, that driving along-side a bicyclist could be extremely dangerous (even deadly), as any driver should, the coach was not defective. Indeed, he *did* expect that, which is why he testified that he both understood, and tried to comply with, the guideline of leaving at least a three foot gap between his motor coach and a cyclist.

#### В. Even if Bystanders' Expectations were Relevant, there is No Evidence that the Motor Coach Fell Short

Las Vegas, Nevada 89 (702) 938-3838 91 (702) 938-3838 12 (702) 938 The consumer-expectation test for strict products liability does not take account of the expectations of bystanders such as passengers, other motorists, cyclists, or pedestrians. But even if it did, any reasonable bystander would recognize that riding a bicycle within two-to-three feet of a large motor coach can be dangerous depending on the respective conduct of the coach operator and the cyclist. The motor coach as designed and manufactured here—as opposed to how it was operated—was no more dangerous than that sober expectation.

22 The difference between the motor coach's design and manufacture, on the one hand, and its 23 operation, on the other, is critical. While the distance between Khiabani and the motor coach may 24 have been dangerously close, the danger created by that proximity was the driver's decision to be in 25 that travel lane. It is not a defect in the motor coach itself; the motor coach did not dictate the 26 distance it would keep from a cyclist.

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#### 1. People Expect Coaches or Other Buses to be Boxy

There is no evidence that ordinary people who interact with buses as passengers, drivers, or 3 cyclists expect buses to be anything other than boxy. The shape of the motor coach here is entirely typical. Plaintiff's expert, Dr. Robert J. Cunitz, is in a sense correct that a "fast and close bus is 4 5 [d]angerous as it threatens the stability of the bicyclist and, if the bicyclist falls, poses an additional threat of running over the fallen bicyclist with its rear wheels." (Cunitz Report, Ex. G at 40.) The 6 7 problem for plaintiffs is that this is a known, expected danger inherent in any "fast and close bus." 8 Cyclists reasonably do expect that passing vehicles—whether large ones or small ones—represent a 9 hazard. There is no evidence that any alleged "air blasts" caused by this bus are more dangerous than disturbances that cyclists already expect, and indeed there can be no such evidence beyond 10 11 rank speculation of what Dr. Khiabani was thinking in the moments before the accident.

#### 2. **People Expect Vehicles May Have Blind Spots**

A driver's vision is finite, so any mirror in any vehicle inevitably sacrifices the driver's view of one thing for another, obscuring what otherwise would have been in the driver's vision. In addition, all vehicles have to have structural components such as pillars for the safety and integrity of the vehicle. Changing or eliminating a pillar to clear the driver's vision can make the coach more dangerous in other ways.

18 Regardless of whether ordinary people recognize the reasons for these necessary 19 compromises, they understand that vehicles have blind spots. (Nevada Driver's Handbook at 42, Ex. D at 25.) The ordinary consumer is unaware of proximity sensors,<sup>8</sup> much less expects them on 2021 a standard bus or coach. Ordinary people understand the considerable dangers posed by blind 22 spots. By definition, a vaguely defined "blind spot" does not make a motor coach more dangerous 23 than would be reasonably anticipated in any vehicle.

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- <sup>8</sup> It is undisputed that even MCI, an industry leader, was unaware that effective and appropriate proximity sensors were available for its coaches in 2007, when it sold this coach. (Hoogestraat 26 Deposition at 69:14–70:16, Ex. C at 18-19.) 27

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Here, in addition, Edward Hubbard admitted that he was able to see Khiabani as Hubbard
 passed him. (Edward Hubbard Deposition at 26:1-25, Ex. H at 43.) He attempted to keep a three to-four-foot distance as he passed him. (*Id.* at 32:11-15, Ex. H at 44) Hubbard even tried to swerve
 away when he saw Khiabani closing in on the bus. (*Id.* at 115:21–117:3, Ex. H at 45-47.) It is
 complete speculation that some alteration of what plaintiffs perceive to be a "blind spot" would
 have made any difference here.

# 3. People Expect Injury and Death from Falling in the Pathway of a Large Vehicle

Most critically, ordinary people *expect* any vehicle to cause some and potentially catastrophic injury when someone, for whatever reason, ends up in its pathway. The danger from the motor coach here presented exactly the danger that ordinary people expect, no more.

The danger of a large vehicle tire is open and obvious. And it is undisputed that the vast majority of private bus manufacturers like MCI do not use the S-1 Gard to conceal that potential danger. (Deposition of Transcript of Mark Barron at 38:8-12, Ex. F at 34.) No buses or coaches in Nevada use the S-1 Gard.

And as the S-1 Gard's promotional video demonstrates, its function is for public transit (i.e. buses that make many stops around town), not long-haul motor coaches like MCI's coach. (See S1GARD.COM (video demonstration of S-1 Gard), available also at https://youtu.be/PA2JV5ypIj8.) 19 Although no studies so proved in 2007, such a guard may protect *passengers* at the point of 20embarking and disembarking for a transit bus that makes quick and frequent stops. Even then, its 21 use is too infrequent for people to make its absence unreasonably dangerous. (Barron Depo. at 22 112:11-12, Ex. F at 37.) Because it is not intended to protect nonpassengers in the bus's orbit when 23 it is moving at high speeds, the S-1 Gard is relatively useless for a motor coach that loads its 24 passengers in one place and then travels directly to a destination. And the S-1 Gard is only effective 25 under certain circumstances. There is no reliable evidence here, for example, that Dr. Khiabani 26 would have escaped his fate even if an S-1 Gard had been properly installed. (See Funk Depo. at 27 82:9-15, Ex. I at 49.)

1 People simply don't expect coaches to have an S-1 Gard; they understand that the 2 consequences of falling into or under the tires of a large vehicle could be severe.

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#### C. **Plaintiffs' Claim Lies Elsewhere**

Plaintiffs may be right that the motor coach should never have been so close to Dr. Khiabani. Perhaps the driver of the bus, who admits seeing Dr. Khiabani, should have given him a

6 wider berth. Perhaps the civil engineer placed the bike lane uncomfortably close to the travel lane. 7 Once Dr. Khiabani and the motor coach came into such close contact, however, the accident that

ensued was exactly the tragedy ordinary people expect can happen.

9 Plaintiffs' litigation-driven efforts to further improve the design of the motor coach are laudable, but those efforts do not set the standard or dictate what ordinary people expect. There is no legally cognizable defect.

# Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, the Court should grant summary judgment in favor of MCI on all of plaintiffs' claims premised on liability for alleged product defects. As a matter of law, the motor coach was not defective.

DATED this 1st day of December, 2017.

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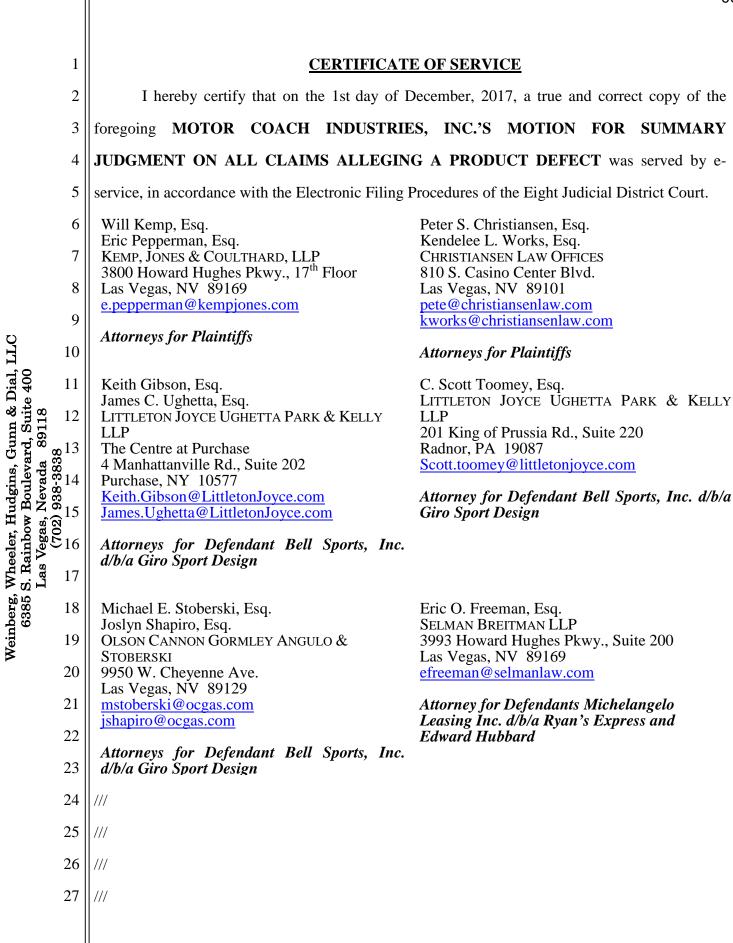
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DISTRICT COURT

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KEON KHIABANI and ARIA KHIABANI, ) minors by and through their natural) mother, KATAYOUN BARIN; KATAYOUN ) BARIN, individually; KATAYOUN BARIN) as Executrix of the Estate of ) Kayvan Khiabani, M.D. (Decedent), ) and the Estate of Kayvan Khiabani, ) M.D. (Decedent), ) Plaintiffs, )Case No. )A-17-755977-C )Dept. No. vs. )XIV MOTOR COACH INDUSTRIES, INC., a ) Delaware corporation; MICHELANGELO ) LEASING, INC. d/b/a RYAN'S EXPRESS,) an Arizona corporation; EDWARD HUBBARD, a Nevada resident; BELL ) SPORTS, INC. d/b/a GIRO SPORT ) DESIGN, a California corporation; ) SEVENPLUS BICYCLES, INC. d/b/a PRO CYCLERY, a Nevada corporation; ) DOES 1 through 20; and ROE ) CORPORATIONS 1 through 20, Defendants.

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VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION OF WILLIAM BARTLETT

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2017

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1	BY MR. KEMP:	
2	Q. All right. Now, earlier we talked about	
3	classroom training for Veolia and CUSA and Coach	
4	America and C America. Do you remember?	
5	A. CUSA. Yes, sir.	
6	Q. Would I be correct that neither Ryan's	
7	Express or Michelangelo had a classroom training	
8	program for either new hires or people that had a	
9	commercial driver's license?	
10	A. No.	
11	Q. I would not be correct?	
12	A. You would not be correct.	
13	Q. Okay. They did have training?	
14	A. Yes, sir.	
15	Q. Okay. Tell me about that.	
16	A. We had a classroom training program that I	
17	put together that included, after the hire-on	
18	process, three days approximately of classroom	
19	training and another five or six days in skills	
20	testing and road on-course testing.	
21	Q. Three days of classroom and how much of	
22	skills testing?	
23	A. Well, after the classroom, we went through	
24	basic skills where we set up cones and drive around	
25	the cones and get the maneuvering to be proper.	

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	1 Q.	And this was both at Ryan's Express and	
	2 Michelan	gelo?	
	3 A.	Yes, sir.	
	4 Q.	Same basic program at each?	
	5 A.	Yes, sir.	
	6 Q.	Okay. Where was the classroom at?	
	7 A.	The classroom is above our shop at Gowan	
	8 Road for	Las Vegas. Each location had their own	
	9 training	location had their own training area.	
1	0 Q.	When you're saying "each location," you're	
1	1 talking	about Torrance and Phoenix?	
1	2 A.	Yes, sir.	
1	3 Q.	Let's focus on Las Vegas.	
1	4 A.	Okay.	
1	5 Q.	So in Las Vegas the area designated as the	
1	6 classroo	m was located at Gowan Road?	
1	7 A.	Yes.	
1	8 Q.	When it wasn't being used for a classroom,	
1	9 what was	it used as?	
2	0 A.	It was empty.	
2	1 Q.	And who was the trainer? Who taught the	
2	2 training	?	
2	3 A.	Robert Garcia was the trainer at that	
2	4 location	•	
2	5 Q.	During the entire time period that you were	

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	1	Q.	And this is something that's commonly known		
	2	in the i	ndustry? That there's a potential for		
	3	right-si	ded blind spots?		
	4	Α.	Every large commercial vehicle has a blind		
	5	spot, ye	s has several blind spots.		
	6	Q.	Okay. And you've known this since you've		
	7	been inv	olved in the transportation industry?		
	8	Α.	That's correct.		
	9	Q.	And the rock-and-roll technique is to try		
	10	to elimi	nate the blind spot a little bit?		
	11	Α.	That and other techniques.		
	12	Q.	Okay. What kind of car do you drive?		
	13	Α.	I drive a Jeep.		
	14	Q.	What year?		
	15	Α.	'15.		
	16	Q.	Does that have a proximity sensor in it?		
	17	Α.	No.		
	18	Q.	Do you know what a proximity sensor is?		
	19	Α.	It tells you when something is close to		
	20	you.			
	21	Q.	Have you been in cars where, if there's		
	22	somethin	g on your right or left, a red light or		
	23	somethin	g pops up in the rearview mirror?		
	24	Α.	Back-up proximity, yeah.		
	25	Q.	Okay. Have you seen buses with proximity		

# EXHIBIT B

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To:

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### REPORT:

RE: KHIABANI/HUBBARD, ET. AL. OUR FILE NUMBER: 17-0803 DATE OF INCIDENT: 04/18/17

October 6, 2017

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Re: Khiabani/Hubbard, et. al. Our File No. 17-0803 Date of Incident: 04/18/17

Dear Mr. Pepperman:

Pursuant to your request, we have evaluated a commercial vehicle-bicycle accident that occurred at approximately 10:36 a.m. on April 18, 2017 in Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada. The event began in the southbound lanes of S. Pavilion Center Dr. at the intersection with Griffith Peak Dr. and involved a 2008 MCI J4500 bus and a Scott Solace 10 Disc bicycle. At the time of the accident, the MCI bus was being driven by Edward Hubbard and the bicycle was being ridden by Kayvan Khiabani. Dr. Khiabani received fatal injuries as a result of the accident.

### Purpose:

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The purpose of this report is to present the findings of our reconstruction including vehicle dynamics and speeds.

### Procedure:

Relative to this incident, we have reviewed the provided documents referenced in Attachment 1.

In addition to the materials listed above, Ponderosa Associates inspected, scanned and photographed the accident scene on August 9, 2017. Ponderosa Associates also inspected, scanned and photographed the 2008 MCI bus and Scott bicycle at 412 E. Gowan Rd., North Las Vegas, NV on August 9, 2017.

We have also gathered information regarding the involved vehicles through a VIN decode and through vehicle specification research. Additionally, we have generated various scene and vehicle diagrams and calculations regarding the subject accident.

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### **Background:**

According to the accident report, on April 18, 2017 at approximately 10:36 a.m. Dr. Khiabani was riding his bicycle in the designated bike lane southbound on S. Pavilion Center Dr. approaching the intersection with Griffith Peak Dr. He entered the intersection and contacted the MCI bus as it was traveling southbound in the righthand (number 2) travel lane. The attached aerial photo identifies the area of the event. (Attachment 2)

The Traffic Crash Report Scene Information Sheet indicates that the event involved one vehicle and one non-motorist on a two-way, not divided asphalt paved roadway. The lighting and environmental conditions at the time of the accident were classified as daylight with clear weather and dry roadway conditions. The overall geometry of the road for southbound vehicles at the area of the event was straight and relatively level. A raised concrete curb center median separates the southbound and northbound travel lanes.

### Vehicle:

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<u>2008 MCI J4500 Motor Coach</u>: The 2008 MCI is a commercial bus, rear-wheel drive vehicle with a Vehicle Identification Number of 2M93JMHA28W064555 and date of manufacture of September 2007.

The exterior of the vehicle shows evidence of a sideswipe contact mark along the right side just behind the right front wheel well. (Attachment 3)

<u>2017 Scott Solace 10 Disc</u>: The 2017 Scott Solace bicycle is a 52cm frame with a serial number of SGR01F25216020236B. (Attachment 4) Inspection of the bicycle identified abrasions to the left front brake hood, the outside edge of the left pedal, the left side of the rear of the seat, and the left rear axle quick release skewer. The bicycle did not appear to be damaged by being run over by the bus. The damage identified during the inspection was consistent with the damage photographed by the Las Vegas Police Department.

#### Scene:

S. Pavilion Center Dr. in the southbound direction has two through lanes, a left turn lane for Griffith Peak Dr., and a right turn lane to enter the Red Rock Casino, Resort & Spa. A designated bike lane runs parallel and to the right side of the number two through lane. A future left turn lane that is striped with white chevrons exists between the number one through lane and the left turn lane. At the intersection the roadway has a white stop bar and there is a designated cross walk. (Attachment 5) The posted speed limit in the area of travel is 30 MPH. During our inspection, photographs were taken and detailed measurements of the scene were recorded using a Faro 3D scanner. (Attachment 6) Eric Pepperman Kemp Jones & Coulthard October 6, 2017 Page 3 of 10

The Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department investigation included photographic documentation and measurements of the scene geometry and evidence. (Attachment 7) The scene survey and the final police report have not yet been received at the time of this report. Additional photo alignment work was performed using the on-scene photography to determine evidence locations on the roadway that included scrapes, gouges and a blood stain. (Attachment 8)

### **Accident Reconstruction:**

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Accident Dynamics: The Red Rock Casino Resort Spa was equipped with a video surveillance camera that was mounted at the northeast corner of the parking structure and was focused on the intersection. The camera recorded the traffic traveling southbound on S. Pavilion Center Dr. and portions of the event. Due to palm fronds partially blocking the view the entire event was not visible. (Attachment 9) As the MCI bus enters the intersection it is in a slight left steer moving away from the bike lane. Contact occurs between the left handlebar of the bicycle and the bus in the intersection just east of the bike lane into the #2 lane of travel. (Attachment 10) The bus continued southbound and partially ran over Dr. Khiabani's helmet and head prior to coming to a controlled stop along the right shoulder of S. Pavilion Center Dr.

Following contact, the left side of the bicycle contacts the roadway leaving the identified evidence and Dr. Khiabani is struck by a right rear tire. Dr. Khiabani and the bicycle come to rest in the #2 lane. Analysis of the event indicates that the bus was traveling approximately 25 MPH at the time of contact.

As noted above, subsequent to contact with the right side of the bus Dr. Khiabani and his bicycle upset. The bicycle was on its left side and left side components of the bicycle created scratches to the pavement as described above. The bicycle was not run over by the bus other than some possible interaction with left side of handle bar and the brake and shift assembly at that position. Dr. Khiabani's body interacted with the pavement and possibly the right underside of the bus. As the bus continued southbound at least one of the rear tires partially passed over Dr. Khiabani's head. Dr. Khiabani was wearing a bicycle helmet which was partially crushed as a result of the tire interaction.

A safety device known as an S1 Gard (http://s1gard.com/) was available to have been attached to the bus in front of the rear axles. Had such a device been present it would have interacted with Dr. Khiabani's helmet prior to him being engaged by the rear tire(s). The closing speed of the S1 Gard to Dr. Khiabani's helmet would have been below the speed of the bus which was approximately 25 mph.

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#### **Conclusions/Opinions:**

Based upon my training, education and experience, and our examination and analysis of the subject accident, I have reached the following conclusions:

- The speed of the 2008 MCI bus was approximately 25 mph at the time of contact with the bicycle.
- The first known contact between the bicycle and the bus was evidenced by a rubber smear that occurred just behind the right front (#1) wheel well of the bus. The likely source of the smear was the brake hood at the left side of bicycle handle bar.
- The location of the first documented contact between the bicycle and the bus was east of the bike lane into the #2 travel lane while the bus was swerving away from the bike lane.
- The closure speed between the S1 Gard, had it been in place, and Dr. Khiabani's helmet was less than 25 mph.

The opinions and findings expressed in this report are based upon the information available at the time of this writing. Should additional information become available in the future, the opinions and findings expressed in this report are subject to change.

Please contact me if you have any additional questions or concerns regarding this matter.

Sincerely, PONDEROSA ASSOCIATES, LTD.

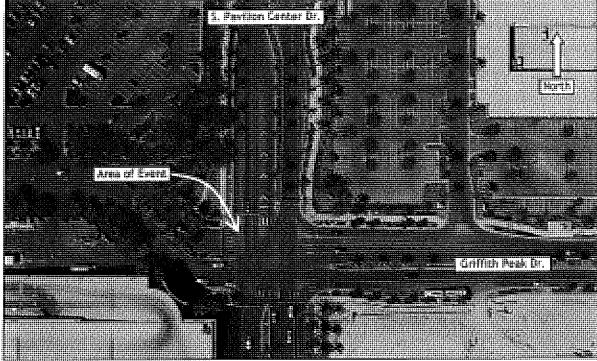
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Attachment 1. Documents Reviewed:

- State of Nevada Traffic Accident Report, Scene Information Sheet, Date Reviewed April 21, 2017
- The deposition of Aaron Bradley, Erika Bradley, Shaun Harney, Edward Hubbard, Zach Kieft, Samantha Kolch, Robert Pears, Michael Plantz, and Luis Fernando Sacarias Pina
- A cell phone video taken at the time of the event
- 41 photographs of the of the helmet 6-20-17; BELL 000259 299
- 53 photographs of the scene, bicycle and associated evidence 7-18-17; BELL 000300 352
- Clark County Coroner Medical Records
- Clark County Coroner Medical Records produced by subpoena, P01220 P01259
- Amended Complaint And Demand For Jury Trial dated June 6, 2017
- Notice of Rule 34 Inspection of Subject Bus
- Red Rock Casino security video taken during the event
- Clark County Coroner investigation photographs, 193 each
- Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department investigation photographs, 159 each
- MCI bus inspection photographs, 4 each

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Astachment 2. Aerial photo of the location of the event.



Attachment 3. Contact mark located on the right side of the MCI bus.

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Attachment 4. 2017 Scott Solace 10 Disc post-accident photograph

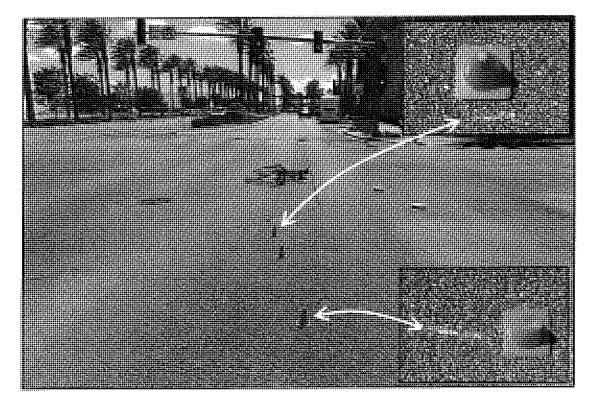


Attachment 5. Southbound S. Pavilion Center Dr.

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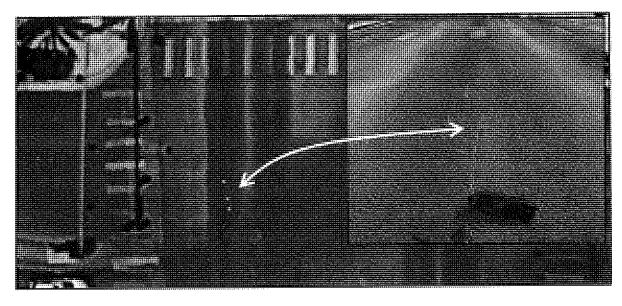


Attachment 6. Ponderosa scene scan



Attachment 7 Scene investigation photo

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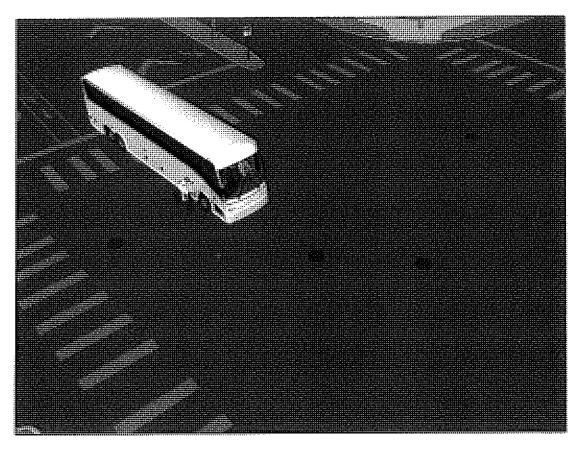


Attachment 8 Ponderosa evidence diagram



Attachment 9 Red Rock Casino Resort & Spa security video screenshot

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Attachment 10 Graphic by Fat Pencil Studio

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#### DISTRICT COURT

#### CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

KEON KHIABANI and ARIA KHIABANI, ) minors by and through their natural) mother, KATAYOUN BARIN; KATAYOUN ) BARIN, individually; KATAYOUN BARIN) as Executrix of the Estate of ) Kayvan Khiabani, M.D. (Decedent), ) and the Estate of Kayvan Khiabani, ) M.D. (Decedent), ) Plaintiffs, )Case No. )A-17-755977-C )Dept. No. vs. )XIV MOTOR COACH INDUSTRIES, INC., a ) Delaware corporation; MICHELANGELO ) LEASING, INC. d/b/a RYAN'S EXPRESS,) an Arizona corporation; EDWARD HUBBARD, a Nevada resident; BELL ) SPORTS, INC. d/b/a GIRO SPORT ) DESIGN, a California corporation; ) SEVENPLUS BICYCLES, INC. d/b/a PRO CYCLERY, a Nevada corporation; ) DOES 1 through 20; and ROE ) CORPORATIONS 1 through 20, Defendants.

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VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION OF VIRGIL HOOGESTRAAT

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

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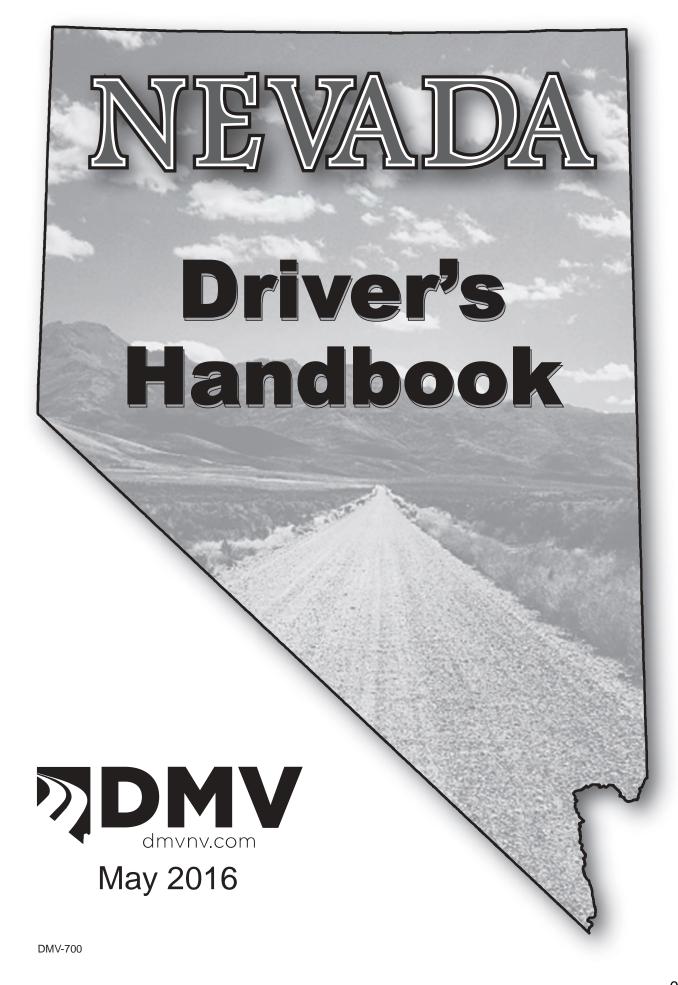
Page 69 maybe it's wrong because no one is right all the 1 2 time. There's been a suggestion in January 2017 that's a standard feature. Is that --3 4 It may be today because it was launched as Α. 5 an option to see what customer interest was and it 6 may evolve to standard because they're all taking it 7 anyway. Okay. So would it be fair to say that 8 0. 9 customer interest in the Wingman collision mitigation system has been good? 10 11 It has been growing, yes. They can still, Α. I'm sure, insist it be taken off if it is standard, 12 13 but acceptance has been improving. 14 Q. All right. Prior to 2014, did Bendix supply the brakes for the J series? 15 16 Α. No. 17 Who supplied the brakes prior to 2014? 0. The brakes were supplied by Meritor. 18 Α. And was that true back to when the J series 19 Ο. first came out? 20 21 Α. Yes. 22 Q. Does Meritor also make a collision mitigation system? 23 24 They have a joint venture with WABCO. Α. 25 Okay. Is there a reason why the Meritor Q.

Page 70 system was not used prior to 2014 for the 2013, 1 2 2012, and back models? Objection. Foundation. 3 MR. RUSSELL: 4 THE WITNESS: It wasn't available. 5 BY MR. KEMP: 6 Q. Okay. For buses. 7 Α. Was it available for trucks? 8 Ο. I'm sure it was. 9 Α. But not for buses? 10 Ο. 11 It's very common that they will make Α. 12 something available for trucks before they make it 13 for buses. 14 Q. Why is that, if you know? I just know that we are always behind 15 Α. trucks as far as getting products like that. 16 17 0. Is there a reason for that? 18 Α. I can guess. 19 MR. RUSSELL: Foundation. 20 BY MR. KEMP: 21 Well, what's your conjecture? Q. 22 Α. Volume. So they sell more trucks than buses, so 23 Ο. 24 trucks is the target market for these safety upgrades? 25

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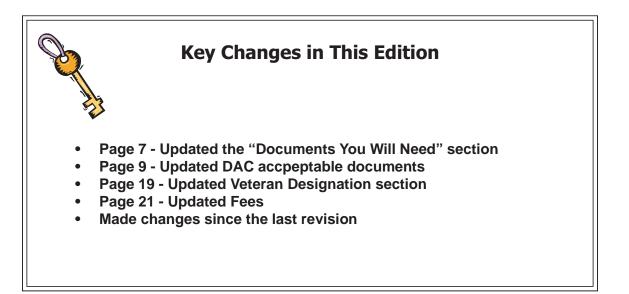
## NEVADA DRIVER'S HANDBOOK

## DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES 555 Wright Way Carson City, Nevada 89711-0400

This handbook has been written in an informal style for easy reading. As you read, you will find information on the knowledge, skills, abilities and attitudes you need to drive safely.

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However, this handbook does not give the exact wording of traffic laws and it does not discuss all of them. For specific laws, please refer to the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS). NRS copies are available in the public libraries and online at *leg.state.nv.us/law1.cfm* 



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## **S**ignaling, Turning, Lane Changes and Passing

## Signaling

Using signals to tell others that you are going to change lanes, turn, slow down, stop or park is not just common courtesy, it is also the law. Most vehicles have turn signal lights and brake lights are required equipment. Hand and arm signals can also be used.

## Note: If the turn signals or brake lights on your car are temporarily out of order, you need to use the following hand signals:



- Left turn Extend left arm horizontally out of open window
- Right turn Extend left arm, with elbow bent upward, at about a 90-degree angle
- Slowing or stop Extend left arm downward, with palm of hand to the rear

### Turning

To make safe and legal turns, you must:

- Make sure you are in the correct lane well ahead of time
- Look ahead, behind and to each side of your vehicle
- · Be aware of other drivers and pedestrians
- Signal your turn at least 100 feet ahead (about 10 car lengths) on city streets and 300 feet (30 car lengths) on open highways
- Watch for and obey traffic signals, signs and pavement markings that direct your movement
- Allow time and space to make your turn safely slow down
- Yield the right-of-way to pedestrians and other traffic
- Steer through the turn and accelerate to the speed of traffic
- Be sure your turn signal is off after you enter the flow of traffic

Note: Many crashes are caused by drivers making turns. When turning, be especially aware of pedestrians and bicyclists, as well as other vehicles. Before making your turn, look one more time in each direction.



When *turning right*, you must be in the extreme right-hand travel lane or a lane designated for right turns. If a single lane is provided to be used only for turning, you may only enter the lane if you are making a right turn, and may not travel through an intersection while driving in the right-turn lane. Turn into the right-hand lane of the roadway you are entering or the lane designated for the turn. If you then need to change lanes, signal and proceed carefully to the next lane when you are well away from the intersection.

When *turning left*, keep your wheels pointed straight ahead until you begin to actually complete the turn. On a two-way road, use the lane just to the right of the center line and complete the turn into the traffic lane closest to you going in your intended direction. Do not attempt to change lanes until you can do so safely.

## Lane Changes

When you want to change lanes:

- Use your rear and side-view mirrors to check traffic
- Signal 100 feet (10 car lengths) on city streets, 300 feet (30 car lengths) on highways or freeways before changing lanes
- Check blind spots by looking over your shoulder and change lanes when traffic is clear
- Do not change lanes in an intersection

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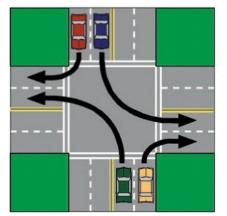
### **U-Turns**

In Nevada, U-turns are generally allowed on any road when they can be made safely. They are specifically not allowed:

- When prohibited by a traffic sign or signal
- In a business district, except at an intersection or an appropriate opening on a divided highway
- On curves
- Near a grade where there is less than 500 feet of visibility in both directions

You should also be aware that local authorities and the Nevada Department of Transportation may prohibit U-turns at any location within their respective jurisdictions.

Nevada law prohibits the operator of a vehicle from making a U-turn in a school zone except when there are no children present, it is a day when no school is in session, on school days from half an hour after schools ends to a half hour before the next school session begins or when the signs/lights designate that the school zone is currently not in effect.







## SHARING THE ROAD



Over 200,000 crashes occur between cars and commercial vehicles each year. Many of these crashes could be avoided by keeping these points in mind:

- Large commercial vehicles cannot maneuver like a car or other smaller vehicles.
- Large commercial vehicles have much larger blind spots than smaller vehicles.
- Large commercial vehicles take more time and space to slow down or stop.
- Most crashes between large commercial trucks and smaller cars are caused by the car drivers.
- In commercial vehicle and small car accidents, the people in cars are much more likely to be killed or injured than the driver of the commercial vehicle.

### What is a No-Zone?

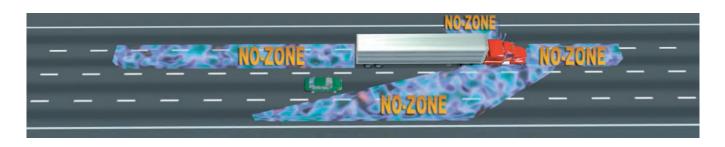
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The "No-Zone" is the area around large commercial trucks or buses where cars "disappear" into blind spots. If truck drivers cannot see you, the possibility of a collision is greatly increased. These blind spots are the Side No-Zone, Rear No-Zone and Front No-Zone areas. The right-side blind spot is doubly dangerous because trucks and buses make wide right turns!

### **Side No-Zones**

Do not "hang out" on either side of trucks or buses!

Trucks and buses have big No-Zones (blind spots) on both sides. They are much larger than your car's blind spots. If you cannot see the driver's face in the side view mirror, he or she cannot see you. If that driver needs to swerve or change lanes for any reason, the chances of a collision are greatly increased.





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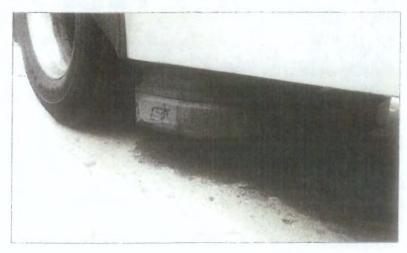
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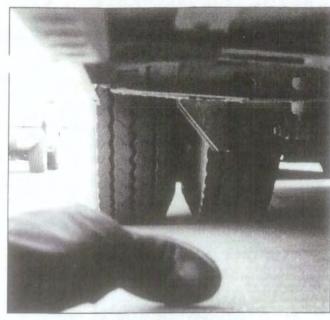
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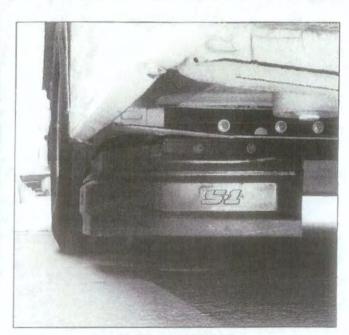
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### **MAJOR TRANSIT FLEETS WORLDWIDE RETROFITTING WITH THE S-1 GARD**

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- · Riverside TA (Riverside, CA)
- Santa Clara Valley TA (San Jose, CA)
- · Montebello Bus Lines (Montebello, CA)
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- · SDMTS (San Diego, CA)
- · AC Transit (Oakland, CA)
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- OTS (Honolulu, Hawaii)

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#### Bus OEMs including:

- New Flyer Industries
- · Gillig Corp.
- Daimler Buses
- North American Bus Industries (NABI)
- Volvo Buses
- Veolia Transportation
- Fiba Canning
- Orion Bus
- ElDorado National
- MAN Bus (Sweden)
- ... As well as major theme parks and international airport shuttles.



Dedication Ceremony, City of Santa Monica



PTS representative inspecting installation on buses in Stockholm

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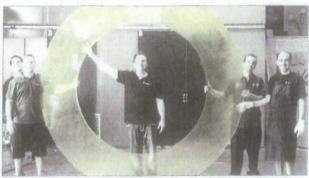
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COUNTY OF CLARK, NEVADA

KEON KHIABANI AND ARIA KHIABANI, MINORS BY AND THROUGH THEIR NATURAL MOTHER, KATAYOUN BARIN, ET AL.,

Defendants.

VS. MOTOR COACH INDUSTRIES, INC., A DELAWARE CORPORATION, ET AL.,

Defendants.

VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION OF MARK B. BARRON, a witness herein, noticed by Kemp, Jones & Coulthard, at 523 West 6th Street, Los Angeles, California, at 2:18 p.m., on Tuesday, September 26, 2017, before Jana Ruiz, CSR 12837.

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Page 38 15:25 1 the bus. Q. But they could put the S-1 Gard as standard 2 3 equipment? If it's specified by the contractor, the 4 Α. 15:25 5 operator. 6 Q. And could they also put it on the bus as standard equipment --7 Yes, they could. 8 Α. -- even if it's not specified by the operator? 9 Q. 15:25 10 Yeah. Α. 11 But -- yeah, private contractors could. Yes, they could, but they don't. 12 13 0. In your experience, why don't they include 14 S-1 Gards as standard equipment on the buses they 15:25 15 manufacture? Because they want to sell the bus at a low 16 Α. 17 cost, and any extra features -- video cameras, bike 18 racks, S-1 Gards -- are extra equipment that needs to be 19 specified by the end user, the contractor or the bus 15:25 20 operator, the company that operates the buses, the 21 private buses. They would have to specify that special mirror. 22 In Europe, they had mirrors that turned. They don't come 23 standard on motor coaches. 24 15:26 25 Q. So if I understand you correctly, you're saying

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16:29	1	Q. And the others are not?
	2	A. Yeah.
	3	It's extra paperwork they have to do to get the
	4	funding. It's called procurement. You can't just write
16:29	5	a check. They have to get the money from the feds. So
	б	there's a procurement.
	7	Q. So does the federal government, then, assist
	8	the agencies in acquiring the S-1
	9	A. Yes.
16:29	10	Q. How do they assist?
	11	A. Well, transit properties nationwide lose money
	12	every year, and the only profit they make is from fare
	13	box and advertising. That money goes into a special
	14	account for injury claims.
16:29	15	So they lose money every year. So the federal
	16	government pays, because they want people to go to work,
	17	to get tax revenue. So they're big, the federal
	18	government's big, on city transportation for riders for
	19	job operation.
16:30	20	Q. Okay.
	21	So the federal government will actually pay transit
	22	authorities to buy the S-1; is that right?
	23	A. Yes.
	24	Q. So it's no cost to the transit agencies, just
16:30	25	the paperwork?

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	16:30	1	Α.	Yes.
		2	Q.	And even then, some transit agencies don't do
		3	it?	
		4	Α.	Difficult, yes.
	16:30	5	Q.	Okay.
		б	Do	you market your product to actual governmental
		7	agencies	?
		8	Α.	Yes.
		9	Q.	Whom do you market to? Can you describe?
	16:30	10	Α.	Government agencies?
		11	Q.	Yes.
		12	Α.	Well, it would be the transit properties are
		13	governme	nt agencies.
		14	Q.	You sell to the FBI?
	16:30	15	Α.	I see, like military and
		16	Q.	That's right.
		17	Α.	No, no.
		18	Q.	Okay.
		19	But	you do sell to those that can go to the federal
	16:30	20	governme	nt to get funding for the equipment that you
		21	sell?	
		22	Α.	Yes.
		23	Q.	If someone wanted to buy one of your equipment,
		24	an S-1 G	ard, how do they go about doing that?
	16:31	25	Α.	Well, they would contact our company, and then

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16:53 1	Q. And why have they made the decision, do you
2	know
3	A. Well, they have them on all their other buses.
4	Q. Why do they put the S-1 Gard on their coaches,
16:53 5	do you know?
6	A. All their buses?
7	Q. Yes.
8	A. Well, they're in they're in the tourists,
9	and people come from all over the world. They got bike
16:53 10	paths, and they're proactive. They're safety-conscious.
11	Some people aren't. Some agencies, 50 percent, are
12	wanting to do it, and other half, roughly, don't.
13	Q. Now, does Santa Monica run coaches like fixed
14	stops, like a transit bus?
16:54 15	A. No.
16	Q. But they do run coaches where there's a lot of
17	people?
18	A. Yeah.
19	Santa Monica, yeah, there's a lot of foot action.
16:54 20	They collect them on Ocean Avenue, the tourists, and
21	they take them out. They have about, I believe,
22	10 percent of their fleet is from MCI.
23	Q. So they made the decision they needed the
24	S-1 Gard for their application?
16:54 25	A. Well, they have them on the rest of their

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#### Expert Witness Report of Robert J. Cunitz, Ph.D. CHFP

Khiabani v Motor Coach Industries, Inc.

#### October 5, 2017

#### I. <u>Background</u>

I am president of Consumer Usage Laboratories that specializes in evaluating human factors and psychological issues as they relate to product safety and product safety labeling and warnings. I received my Ph.D. in Psychology from the University of Maryland in 1970, was head of the Human Factors Section at the National Bureau of Standards and thereafter became Board Certified as a Human Factors Professional in 1993. My experience is more fully set forth in my Curriculum Vitae attached hereto as Exhibit A. The history of cases in which I have provided testimony is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

#### II. Materials Reviewed

- a. Amended Complaint and Demand for Jury Trial
- b. Giro Owner's Manual
- c. Accident Video 20170418\_103810
- d. AMR Medical Records with Declaration of COR
- e. Behind The Scenes Bell Helmets Test Lab Video
- f. CCFD Medical Records.
- g. Charles W. Powell Eng. Report Darrington v. Giro Sports Design-200S
- h. Clark County Coroner Medical Records Produced by Subpoena
- i. Clark County Coroner's Photos Scene
- j. CycleEye alerts bus driver\_x264 Video
- k. Death Certificate P00001
- I. Duluth Barge heading out. (Soaking a few bystanders)-ASJ7p6xVTbY Video
- m. GIRO + MIPS Video
- n. James Green Report on S1 Guard
- o. P-01216 (1-180) Caldwell Inspection Photographs taken 8-9-17
- p. P003S3-P00382 Photos of Helmet taken by KJC
- q. Pedestrian and Cyclist Detection System\_short\_x264 Video
- r. Red Rock Video
- s. Traffic Crash Report unredacted
- t. UMC Medical Records with COR Cert
- u. Volvo Cyclist Detection With Full Auto Brake\_x264 Video
- v. Deposition of Aaron Bradley with Ex 0001
- w. Deposition of David Dorr with Exhibits
- x. Deposition of Brad Ellis
- y. Deposition of Erika Bradley with Exhibits
- z. Deposition of Christopher Groepler with Exhibits

- aa. Deposition of Edward Hubbard
- bb. Deposition of Jeffrey Justice
- cc. Deposition of Zach Kieft
- dd. Deposition of Samantha Kolch
- ee. Deposition of Luis Sacarias
- ff. Deposition of Terry McAfee
- gg. Deposition of Robert Pears with Exhibits
- hh. Deposition of Michael Plantz with Exhibits
- ii. Deposition of Shaun Harney with Exhibits
- jj. Deposition of Mary Witherell with Exhibits
- kk. Deposition of William Bartlett with Exhibits
- II. Report of Robert E. Breidenthal

#### III. Factual Background

On April 18, 2017, Dr. Kayvan Khiabani was riding his bicycle southbound in a designated bicycle lane on S. Pavilion Center Drive near the Red Rock Resort and Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada.

At approximately 10:34 AM, as he approached the intersection of S. Pavilion Center Drive and Griffith Peak Drive, Dr. Khiabani was overtaken by a large tour bus on his left side. The bus was a 2008, full-size Motor Coach Industries, Inc. Model J4500. The subject bus was designed and manufactured with limited driver ability to visualize the right side of the bus and without proximity sensors or sufficient visual aids to alert the driver to the proximity and location of adjacent pedestrians and bicyclists. At the time, the bus was owned and operated by Defendant Ryan's Express (Michelangelo) and was being driven by their employee, Edward Hubbard. At the time that it overtook Dr. Khiabani, the bus was traveling at sufficient speed to pass the bicycle and was traversing out of the right-hand turn lane and crossing over the designated bicycle lane from the right side of Dr. Khiabani to his left side. As it crossed the designated bicycle lane to overtake Dr. Khiabani on the left, the bus and Dr. Khiabani's bicycle collided, apparently behind the area of the bus's right front wheel.

David Dorr, a Motor Coach Industries sales and service manager for almost two decades, was unaware that a J4S00 model bus at 35 to 45 mph would generate substantial disturbances of the air around the front edge and sides of the bus ("air blast") sufficient to be dangerous to bicyclists in the proximity of the bus. Neither the Purchase and Sales agreement for the bus nor other associated documents warned about this phenomenon. Ryan Express's General Manager, Christopher Groepler, and its Safety Director, William Bartlett, were also unaware of this "air blast" danger and were not otherwise warned of the issue. Mr. Bartlett did not cause their drivers to be trained with respect to this danger. Importantly, their driver, Edward Hubbard had no knowledge of the problem and has testified in his deposition (pp. 80-83) that had he known of the danger, he would have driven his bus differently and given bicyclists much wider clearance from the side of any bus that he was driving.

The report of Robert E. Breidenthal described the physics and aerodynamics that generate these "air blast" forces and the effects such forces would have on a bicyclist being passed in close proximity by a square fronted bus at speed. His report makes clear the nature and extent of the danger to bicyclists.

#### IV. Opinions and Conclusions

- a. The J4500 Motor Coach industries bus at foreseeable speeds represents a known or knowable threat to bicyclists being passed in close proximity. Based on the report of Robert E. Breidenthal, the lateral forces created by the movement of the bus through air are substantial and rapidly changing in direction from outward to inward as the bus passes. Breidenthal concludes that such forces increase with the square of the speed.
- b. As a Human Factors Professional, it is my opinion that such forces would be surprising and so rapidly changing that even skilled bicyclists would be challenged beyond human capabilities and response times to adapt to being strongly pushed sideways away from the bus and almost instantly later being pulled in the opposite direction towards the side and then rear wheels of the bus.
- c. The Danger created represents a combination of Hazard and Risk. Specifically, the Hazard is the air blast forces first pushing away from and then rapidly reversing towards the side of the bus. The faster the bus moves through the area, the greater the forces generated. The Risk is related to a bicyclist's proximity to the moving bus. Risk is lessened the further the passing bus is from the bicyclist. At some distance, the Risk disappears. So, simply, the faster the bus moves, the greater the Hazard. The closer it is to a bicyclist, the greater the Risk. A fast and close bus is Dangerous as it threatens the stability of the bicyclist and, if the bicyclist falls, poses an additional threat of running over the fallen bicyclist with its rear wheels.
- d. Since, it is clear from the Breidenthal report that the Danger can be mitigated if substantial clearances are maintained while passing a bicyclist. A bus's distance and speed with respect to a bicyclists being passed by the bus is controlled primarily by the knowledge, training and thus the behavior of the bus driver.
- e. It is my opinion, within a reasonable degree of scientific certainty, that if safe passing speeds and clearance distances are to be maintained, the bus driver must be adequately warned and trained. Since the danger is not obvious, appropriate warnings and training materials must be provided by the manufacturer to bus purchasers and operators who then can pass the information on to their drivers.
- f. The driver, ultimately, must have this information and must know how to pass safely.
- g. In the present case, as the sales manager for the manufacturer, the general manager and safety director of the operator, and the driver of the bus were unaware of the nature and extent of the Danger, the Hazard should have been Identified by the manufacturer, the Risk evaluated, and warnings issued.

- h. Within a reasonable degree of scientific certainty in my field of Human Factors, it is my opinion that the failure of Motor Coach Industries, Inc. to warn of the Hazard and the means to reduce Risk, created an unreasonable Danger on the highways where it is foreseeable that buses will be passing bicyclists such as Dr. Khiabani.
- i. This Danger was, in my opinion, a substantial cause of his injuries and death. Had adequate warnings and training materials been provided by the manufacturer, the bus driver, Mr. Hubbard, has testified that he would have given bicycles greater clearance during passing maneuvers and Dr. Khiabani would not have been exposed to the oncoming Danger.

I expect to testify concerning the principles and uses of warnings as described in *Warnings: A Human Factors Perspective*, attached as Exhibit C. I also expect to review the results of other expert reports and testimony as it is made available to me.

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Robert J. Cunitz, Ph.D. CHFP

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DESIGN, a California )	
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1	Q. So when you went down Pavilion, you
2	completed your turn, you saw the bike in the bike
3	lane ahead of you?
4	A. Right. Yes, sir.
5	Q. And he remained in the bike lane?
6	A. Again I yeah I continued on,
7	sir. I continued on, straight down Pavilion.
8	Q. Did you pass the bike?
9	A. I did.
10	Q. Where were you when you passed the bike?
11	A. As I'm turning here (indicating), as I'm
12	turning onto Pavilion, I would say I guess a little
13	bit a little bit where the bus stop is, there's a
14	bus there's a city bus stop, maybe somewhere in
15	that area is where I passed him, and then just
16	continued to straight down Pavilion.
17	Q. Okay. So as you're going down Pavilion,
18	before you get to the bus stop area, you did
19	overtake the bike in the sense that you passed him?
20	A. Correct. I stayed in my lane and just
21	continued forward down Pavilion.
22	Q. When you passed him, did you see him to
23	your right?
24	A. I did. I did see him, yes. He was to
25	my right. And I just continued on and went down.

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and I continued straight on Pavilion, and there's a -- there's a cutoff for where the city bus parks at or picks up at. And as I'm scanning my mirrors, that's when I don't -- he was not in my vicinity anymore. And as I continued down Pavilion, like I already said, that's -- you know.

Q. So as you're going down Pavilion, you
did see the bike in the bike lane and you overtook
him and passed him in your lane?

A. In my -- correct. I was in my lane.
Q. When you're in your lane and you're
looking at the bike, are you able to control the
lateral separation between your bus and the bike?
A. Yes. I'm 3 to 4 feet away, as I was

15 trained to be.

Q. After you overtake and pass the bike,does he leave your field of vision?

18 A. Right, correct. I'm just doing, I'm -19 right. I don't --

Q. Because you're looking ahead?

A. Right. And not just ahead. I'm trained to look ahead and I'm trained to look at my mirrors and scan, and that's what I was doing. There was no bike anywhere in my -- in that next, you know, however many feet it is. I'm not familiar with

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Page 115 1 see him? 2 (Indicating.) He was coming into that Α. 3 area right here. 4 MR. STEPHAN: You have to put it down. 5 THE WITNESS: (Indicating.) 6 BY MR. KEMP: 7 Q. And when you say "that area right here" --8 MR. STEPHAN: What exhibit number? 9 BY MR. KEMP: 10 I'm having a tough time seeing where you 11 0. 12 put the bike. 13 MR. KEMP: First of all, let's get a 14 picture here. 15 MR. FREEMAN: It's turned around, too. 16 MR. KEMP: Yeah, before we start taking 17 pictures, let's get the --18 (Exhibit H marked. Photo taken by videographer.) 19 BY MR. KEMP: 20 21 Now, when we're in position H, how fast Q. 22 are you going? 23 At this time, I'm -- like now I'm Α. 24 going -- I'm veering over --25 No. Right at the time when you first Q.

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000046 001567 Page 116 see the bike. 1 2 I'm hitting -- right when I'm seeing the Α. 3 bike, I'm hitting my brakes and going that way. 4 But before you hit your brakes --0. I was about 25 or less. 5 Α. 6 Q. Now, you said you first saw the bike --7 and I think you told previous counsel that you don't know where the bike hit the bus? 8 9 I'm sorry? Α. Do you know how --10 Ο. I don't know. 11 Α. So you don't know if he hit the front of 12 Q. the bus, the side of the bus? 13 14 Well, I know -- I don't know. I don't Α. This is the front, right here. So I know he 15 know. 16 didn't hit this, because I went like that 17 (indicating). Okay. So it did not hit the front of 18 Ο. the bus? 19 20 Α. No, sir. 21 And you don't think it hit the back of Q. 22 the bus? I don't know. 23 Α. 24 All right. Now, so let's put it back to Ο. where you first saw the bike, before you took -- I 25

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1	guess you're saying you took evasive maneuvers,		
2	right?		
3	A. I did. (Indicating.)		
4	Q. Okay. That's the approximate point that		
5	you think you first saw the bike?		
6	A. Yes.		
7	Q. Okay. And we've already established		
8	that you didn't see the bike from the 300-foot mark		
9	to that. Where do you think the bike came from?		
10	A. I don't know. I I don't know.		
11	Q. And since you were traveling about		
12	25 miles an hour, do you think the bike was going		
13	faster than that?		
14	A. Again, I don't know, sir.		
15	Q. You've already said you were past the		
16	bike, so he had to catch you from behind?		
17	A. I don't know. I don't know.		
18	Q. Why don't you sit down, sir. Okay.		
19	Now, what is your understanding of what		
20	the law is in Nevada when a motor vehicle, including		
21	buses, is overtaking a bicycle?		
22	A. That you must give it 3 feet and as		
23	you pass it, you must give it 3 feet.		
24	Q. Do you have any other understanding?		
25	A. Sorry?		

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(Decedent), and the Estate of Kayvan	*
Khiabani, M.D. (Decedent),	*
Plaintiffs,	* Case No.
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Defendants.	*
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A Yes, sir.

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2 Q And what type of brain injury do you think 3 it would have been severe enough to cause?

A That would depend on the specific
hypothetical in question. It's intentionally left
vague here, because I didn't -- I don't know enough
details about how this guard would be set up in this
hypothetical to give precise opinions.

9 Q So the guard could have saved him and he 10 would have had minor brain injuries, or it could not 11 have saved him and he could have had major brain 12 injuries. Is that what your opinion is?

A At this point my opinion is that the guard, as set up according to manufacturer instructions, would miss the head and wouldn't prevent any injuries at all.

Now if I were to be presented with a different kind of configuration then I could analyze that in more detail. But I can't analyze it in a vacuum.

Q So as we sit here today you don't have an opinion as to what would have happened if the guard had hit him; correct?

A That's correct. Because I've not seen a
design expressed in any detail where that would happen.
Q Okay. And on the last few pages of Exhibit

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23	Arizona corporation; EDWARD HUBBARD, a	COACH WAS DEFECTIVE BASED ON
	Nevada resident; BELL SPORTS, INC. d/b/a	ALLEGED DANGEROUS
24	GIRO SPORT DESIGN, a Delaware corporation;	"AIR BLASTS"
~~	SEVENPLUS BICYCLES, INC. d/v/a PRO	
25	CYCLERY, a Nevada corporation, DOES 1	
26	through 20; and ROE CORPORATIONS 1 through 20,	
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Defendant Motor Coach Industries, Inc. ("MCI"), by and through its attorneys of record, hereby requests that the Court preclude Plaintiffs from claiming or arguing that the subject motor coach was defective by claiming that it produced or caused unreasonably dangerous wind blasts, suction, or turbulence when moving. This motion is made on the grounds that there is no evidence that the subject coach at the time of the accident produced an air displacement that caused or contributed to cause Dr. Khiabani to lose control of his bike so that he fell, or that the moving bus produced a negative force (suction) sufficient to pull Dr. Khiabani into the side of the bus.

8 This Motion is based upon EDCR 2.47, the attached Declaration of Howard J. Russell,
9 Esq., the following Memorandum of Points and Authorities, the pleadings and papers on file
10 herein, and any argument presented at the time of hearing on this matter.

DATED this 7<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2017.

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#### MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

#### **Introduction**

Of the various matters and facts that will be debated in this matter, one that experts from both sides and the investigating police officer all agree on is this: The accident at issue occurred when Kayvan Khiabani left his designated bicycle lane and veered his bicycle into the travel lane of the subject motor coach. At this point, no one reasonably disputes this. (*See* Report of Caldwell, attached hereto as Exhibit "1"; Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department Report, attached hereto as Exhibit "2"; Report of James Funk, attached hereto as Exhibit "3".

Plaintiffs have been trying to find a reason why Dr. Khiabani's bicycle left the bicycle lane, and have landed on a theory that is wholly speculative. Plaintiffs contend that the subject coach displaced air as it passed Dr. Khiabani with such force that it threw him off-balance, while at the same time the rear tires of the coach created suction which pulled him into the side of the coach. This is Plaintiffs' <u>theory</u>. No one has testified (or ever will testify) that this is actually what occurred, or that any supposed "air blast" effect is the reason that Dr. Khiabani diverged from his bicycle lane, into the coach's lane of travel. MCI has explained in its Motion for Summary Judgment why, even giving credence to this theory, this "air blast" effect did not render the subject coach defective or unreasonably dangerous in the eyes of the average consumer. But beyond that, there is simply no evidence to support this theory.

Plaintiffs must be precluded from claiming that the subject motor coach produced or caused unreasonably dangerous wind blasts, suction, and turbulence (referred to as "air blasts" by Plaintiffs' experts) when moving because there is no evidence to support that claim. Plaintiffs must be precluded from claiming the subject coach was defective by creating a dangerous air blast because there is absolutely zero evidence that any air displaced by the coach caused Dr. Khiabani to lose control of his bicycle so that he fell, or that the moving coach produced such a strong negative force (suction) to pull Dr. Khiabani into the side of the coach. Consequently, such claim is irrelevant. This theory is based on speculation, and must be excluded.

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#### **Statement of Facts**

2 Plaintiffs' expert witnesses claim that a passing MCI J4500, traveling at 25 miles per hour, 3 would create substantial lateral aerodynamic forces, which they call "air blasts," that will cause a nearby cyclist to be forced out of control, and then be subject to being forcibly drawn into an 4 5 uncontrollable collision with the coach due to resulting suction from the rear tires. (See e.g., Robert 6 E. Breindenthal report dated 10/04/2017, attached as Exhibit "4"). A correlated claim is that the 7 specific shape of the subject coach is defective, in that it contributed to the formation of a 8 dangerous "air blast." (See id.). These claims are meritless and based on incorrect assumptions and 9 speculation.

Although it is a fact that all moving vehicles displace air, Plaintiffs' aerodynamics expert testified that to accurately determine the magnitude of vehicular displacement and the area that is affected one must measure the following: 1) the corner radius of the vehicle; 2) the speed of the bus; 3) the speed of the bicycle; 4) the ambient wind speed; 5) the wind's direction; 6) and the proximity of the coach to the bicycle. (Deposition of Robert E. Breidenthal, attached hereto as Exhibit "5", at 30:15-32:24). Interestingly, Mr. Breidenthal had no actual values for any of these factors. Instead, he testified that he based his opinions on assumptions. Specifically, he testified he assumed the following:

The frontal area of the cyclist is 5.4 square feet; •

A ground speed of 8 miles an hour for the cyclist;

An ambient wind of 6 miles an hour from the cyclist's right;

That the plausible deflection angle is 30 degrees due to the displacement of the coach;

A coach ground speed of 25 miles an hour;

23 Local flow speed at the point where the flow is deflected 30 degrees at 40 miles an hour; 24 (Id., at 20:10-21:6). He did not base the assumptions on anything specific other then his unrelated 25 experience and what Plaintiffs' counsel told him. (Id., at 21:7-21). Mr. Breidenthal did not do any 26 work, testing or analysis to confirm that any of his assumptions were correct. (*Id.*, at 21:22-22:19). 27 Further, Mr. Breidenthal:

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- *did not* inspect the subject coach (*id.*, at 10:24-11:3);
- *did not* inspect the subject bicycle (*id.*, at 11:7-11:8);
- *did not* reconstruct the event itself (*id.*, at 11:9-11:15);
- *did not* do any testing of the aerodynamics of the actual coach involved or of any coach of the same model (*id.*, at 16:8-16:22);
- *did not* know the lateral separation between the bicycle and the coach; thus, he *estimated* based on what seemed reasonable to him (*id.*, at 14:10-15:15);
- *did not* have access to any wind tunnel studies or information from any source about the coach involved (*id.*, at 16:23-17:3); and,
- *did not* request that any testing be performed even though he believed testing would be good. (Id., at 17:4-11).

#### Argument and Citation of Authority

#### I. Legal Standard for Motions in Limine

Pursuant to EDCR 2.47, "[u]nless otherwise provided for in an order of the court, all motions in limine to exclude or admit evidence must be in writing and filed not less than 45 days prior to the date set for trial and must be heard not less than 14 days prior to trial." The trial court has broad discretion in determining the admissibility of evidence and such discretion will not be reversed on appeal absent palpable abuse. Sheehan & Sheehan v. Nelson Malley & Co., 121 Nev. 481, 492, 117 P.3d 219, 226 (2005).

20 The scope of a motion *in limine* is rather broad, applying to "any kind of evidence which 21 could be objected to at trial, either as irrelevant or subject to discretionary exclusion as unduly prejudicial." Clemens v. Am. Warranty Corp., 193 Cal. App. 3d 444, 451, 238 Cal. Rptr. 339, 342 22 23 (Ct. App. 1987). "The usual purpose of motions in limine is to preclude the presentation of 24 evidence deemed inadmissible and prejudicial by the moving party. A typical order in limine 25 excludes the challenged evidence and directs counsel, parties, and witnesses not to refer to the excluded matters during trial. Motions in limine serve other purposes as well. They permit more 2627 careful consideration of evidentiary issues than would take place in the heat of battle during trial.

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They minimize sidebar conferences and disruptions during trial, allowing for an uninterrupted flow 1 2 of evidence." R & B Auto Ctr., Inc. v. Farmers Grp., Inc., 140 Cal. App. 4th 327, 371-72, 44 Cal. Rptr. 3d 426, 462 (2006) citing Kelly v. New West Federal Savings, 49 Cal.App.4th 659, 669-70, 56 3 Cal.Rptr.2d 803 (1996). Such a motion can also be advantageous in avoiding what is obviously a 4 5 futile attempt to "unring the bell" should the court grant a motion to strike during proceedings before the jury. Blanks v. Shaw, 171 Cal. App. 4th 336, 375, 89 Cal. Rptr. 3d 710, 741 (2009) 6 7 (citation omitted).

#### Claims That The Subject Motor Coach Was Defective By Creating Dangerous Air II. **Blasts Must be Excluded**

Pursuant to NRS 48.015, relevant evidence is "evidence having any tendency to make the existence of any fact that is of consequence to the determination of the action more or less probable than it would be without the evidence." While relevant evidence is generally admissible, such evidence is inadmissible "if its probative value is substantially outweighed by the danger of unfair prejudice, of confusion of the issues[,] or of misleading the jury." NRS 48.025(1); NRS 48.035(1). Conversely, irrelevant evidence is always inadmissible. NRS 48.025(2). The trial court enjoys broad discretion in determining the relevancy and admissibility of evidence. Prabhu v. Levine, 112 Nev. 1538, 1548, 930 P.2d 103, 110 (1996) (citation omitted); Castillo v. State, 114 Nev. 271, 277, 956 P.2d 103, 107–08 (1998) (citation omitted).

19 Here, there is absolutely zero evidence that alleged air blasts caused Dr. Khiabani to lose 20 control of his bicycle. To this day, no one-not Plaintiffs, not their counsel, and not their experts-can 21 explain with any probability why Dr. Khiabani bicycle moved into the coach's travel lane. There are myriad possibilities, but no one will ever be able to determine this to a degree of what is more 22 23 likely than not. The "air blast" theory is just that-a theory. Plaintiffs cannot establish that any such 24 claimed "defect" in the aerodynamics of the coach caused this accident to occur, and as such, the 25 "air blast" theory is pure speculation.

26 Thus, any claim that the subject coach was defective because it displaced air while moving 27 is irrelevant and as such, inadmissible. See NRS 48.025(2). Further, allowing such testimony to

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support this claim will serve only to confuse witnesses and jurors, and would be unfairly prejudicial 1 2 to MCI. As such, these claims must be excluded.

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And Plaintiffs cannot salvage this theory through their expert. During his deposition, Mr. Breidenthal candidly admitted that to accurately determine the magnitude of vehicular displacement and the area that is affected one must measure a number of factors (*i.e.*, radius of the coach, coach speed, bicycle speed, wind speed, wind direction, proximity of the coach to the bicycle). He also admitted that he assumed all the values corresponding to these factors. Consequently, Mr. Breidenthal's opinions associated with air displaced by the moving coach are speculative and inadmissible. See Collins v. Union Fed. Sav. & Loan Ass'n, 99 Nev. 284, 302, 662 P.2d 610, 621 (1983) (holding that a party "is not entitled to build a case on the gossamer threads of whimsy, speculation and conjecture."). Mr. Breidenthal cannot base his opinion on speculation and as such, cannot offer opinions on any purported "air blasts".

#### Conclusion

88888-14 86 (15 Based on the foregoing, MCI requests that Plaintiffs be precluded from claiming that the 15 subject motor coach was defective by producing dangerous "air blasts" because there is no evidence to support that claim. Such claim would be irrelevant, speculative, and prejudicial to MCI and must 17 not be allowed at trial.

DATED this 7<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2017.

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# **DECLARATION OF HOWARD J. RUSSELL, ESO.**

- 1. I am Howard J. Russell, Esq. I am over the age of 18 and competent to testify to the matters herein.
- 2. I am counsel of record for Motor Coach Industries, Inc. ("MCI") in this matter and have personal knowledge of the matters set forth herein.
- On December 7, 2017, pursuant to EDCR 2.47, 1 emailed Plaintiffs' counsel a proposed list of motions in limine that MC1 sought to resolve prior to seeking Court intervention.
- 4. On December 7, 2017, 1 had a telephone conference to discuss these proposed motions with Plaintiffs' counsel, Kendelee Works, Esq.
- 5. We discussed these proposed motions, and the issues raised, in good faith, but we could not reach agreement on these issues, thereby necessitating the motions.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of December, 2017.

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7 I have personal knowledge of the matters contained in this declaration and am competent to 8 testify regarding them.

The exhibits below are true and correct copies as noted:

<u>Exhibit</u>	Description
1	Report of Robert Caldwell dated 10/06/2017
2	Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Report, LVMPD 13-92
3	Report of James Funk, PhD dated 10/19/2017
4	Report of Robert Breidenthal dated 10/04/2017
5	Deposition of Robert Breidenthal, 11/03/2017

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

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### **<u>REPORT</u>**:

### RE: KHIABANI/HUBBARD, ET. AL. OUR FILE NUMBER: 17-0803 DATE OF INCIDENT: 04/18/17

October 6, 2017

Prepared by:

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Re: Khiabani/Hubbard, et. al. Our File No. 17-0803 Date of Incident: 04/18/17

Dear Mr. Pepperman:

Pursuant to your request, we have evaluated a commercial vehicle-bicycle accident that occurred at approximately 10:36 a.m. on April 18, 2017 in Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada. The event began in the southbound lanes of S. Pavilion Center Dr. at the intersection with Griffith Peak Dr. and involved a 2008 MCI J4500 bus and a Scott Solace 10 Disc bicycle. At the time of the accident, the MCI bus was being driven by Edward Hubbard and the bicycle was being ridden by Kayvan Khiabani. Dr. Khiabani received fatal injuries as a result of the accident.

#### Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to present the findings of our reconstruction including vehicle dynamics and speeds.

#### Procedure:

Relative to this incident, we have reviewed the provided documents referenced in Attachment 1.

In addition to the materials listed above, Ponderosa Associates inspected, scanned and photographed the accident scene on August 9, 2017. Ponderosa Associates also inspected, scanned and photographed the 2008 MCI bus and Scott bicycle at 412 E. Gowan Rd., North Las Vegas, NV on August 9, 2017.

We have also gathered information regarding the involved vehicles through a VIN decode and through vehicle specification research. Additionally, we have generated various scene and vehicle diagrams and calculations regarding the subject accident.

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#### **Background:**

According to the accident report, on April 18, 2017 at approximately 10:36 a.m. Dr. Khiabani was riding his bicycle in the designated bike lane southbound on S. Pavilion Center Dr. approaching the intersection with Griffith Peak Dr. He entered the intersection and contacted the MCI bus as it was traveling southbound in the righthand (number 2) travel lane. The attached aerial photo identifies the area of the event. (Attachment 2)

The Traffic Crash Report Scene Information Sheet indicates that the event involved one vehicle and one non-motorist on a two-way, not divided asphalt paved roadway. The lighting and environmental conditions at the time of the accident were classified as daylight with clear weather and dry roadway conditions. The overall geometry of the road for southbound vehicles at the area of the event was straight and relatively level. A raised concrete curb center median separates the southbound and northbound travel lanes.

#### Vehicle:

2008 MCI J4500 Motor Coach: The 2008 MCI is a commercial bus, rear-wheel drive vehicle with a Vehicle Identification Number of 2M93JMHA28W064555 and date of manufacture of September 2007.

The exterior of the vehicle shows evidence of a sideswipe contact mark along the right side just behind the right front wheel well. (Attachment 3)

2017 Scott Solace 10 Disc: The 2017 Scott Solace bicycle is a 52cm frame with a serial number of SGR01F25216020236B. (Attachment 4) Inspection of the bicycle identified abrasions to the left front brake hood, the outside edge of the left pedal, the left side of the rear of the seat, and the left rear axle quick release skewer. The bicycle did not appear to be damaged by being run over by the bus. The damage identified during the inspection was consistent with the damage photographed by the Las Vegas Police Department.

#### Scene:

S. Pavilion Center Dr. in the southbound direction has two through lanes, a left turn lane for Griffith Peak Dr., and a right turn lane to enter the Red Rock Casino, Resort & Spa. A designated bike lane runs parallel and to the right side of the number two through lane. A future left turn lane that is striped with white chevrons exists between the number one through lane and the left turn lane. At the intersection the roadway has a white stop bar and there is a designated cross walk. (Attachment 5) The posted speed limit in the area of travel is 30 MPH. During our inspection, photographs were taken and detailed measurements of the scene were recorded using a Faro 3D scanner. (Attachment 6)

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The Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department investigation included photographic documentation and measurements of the scene geometry and evidence. (Attachment 7) The scene survey and the final police report have not yet been received at the time of this report. Additional photo alignment work was performed using the on-scene photography to determine evidence locations on the roadway that included scrapes, gouges and a blood stain. (Attachment 8)

#### **Accident Reconstruction:**

Accident Dynamics: The Red Rock Casino Resort Spa was equipped with a video surveillance camera that was mounted at the northeast corner of the parking structure and was focused on the intersection. The camera recorded the traffic traveling southbound on S. Pavilion Center Dr. and portions of the event. Due to palm fronds partially blocking the view the entire event was not visible. (Attachment 9) As the MCI bus enters the intersection it is in a slight left steer moving away from the bike lane. Contact occurs between the left handlebar of the bicycle and the bus in the intersection just east of the bike lane into the #2 lane of travel. (Attachment 10) The bus continued southbound and partially ran over Dr. Khiabani's helmet and head prior to coming to a controlled stop along the right shoulder of S. Pavilion Center Dr.

Following contact, the left side of the bicycle contacts the roadway leaving the identified evidence and Dr. Khiabani is struck by a right rear tire. Dr. Khiabani and the bicycle come to rest in the #2 lane. Analysis of the event indicates that the bus was traveling approximately 25 MPH at the time of contact.

As noted above, subsequent to contact with the right side of the bus Dr. Khiabani and his bicycle upset. The bicycle was on its left side and left side components of the bicycle created scratches to the pavement as described above. The bicycle was not run over by the bus other than some possible interaction with left side of handle bar and the brake and shift assembly at that position. Dr. Khiabani's body interacted with the pavement and possibly the right underside of the bus. As the bus continued southbound at least one of the rear tires partially passed over Dr. Khiabani's head. Dr. Khiabani was wearing a bicycle helmet which was partially crushed as a result of the tire interaction.

A safety device known as an S1 Gard (http://s1gard.com/) was available to have been attached to the bus in front of the rear axles. Had such a device been present it would have interacted with Dr. Khiabani's helmet prior to him being engaged by the rear tire(s). The closing speed of the S1 Gard to Dr. Khiabani's helmet would have been below the speed of the bus which was approximately 25 mph.

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#### **Conclusions/Opinions:**

Based upon my training, education and experience, and our examination and analysis of the subject accident, I have reached the following conclusions:

- The speed of the 2008 MCI bus was approximately 25 mph at the time of contact with the bicycle.
- The first known contact between the bicycle and the bus was evidenced by a rubber smear that occurred just behind the right front (#1) wheel well of the bus. The likely source of the smear was the brake hood at the left side of bicycle handle bar.
- The location of the first documented contact between the bicycle and the bus was east of the bike lane into the #2 travel lane while the bus was swerving away from the bike lane.
- The closure speed between the S1 Gard, had it been in place, and Dr. Khiabani's helmet was less than 25 mph.

The opinions and findings expressed in this report are based upon the information available at the time of this writing. Should additional information become available in the future, the opinions and findings expressed in this report are subject to change.

Please contact me if you have any additional questions or concerns regarding this matter.

#### Sincerely,

PONDEROSA ASSOCIATES, LTD. Robert J. Caldwell, P.E. A STREET BELLEVILLE Attachments

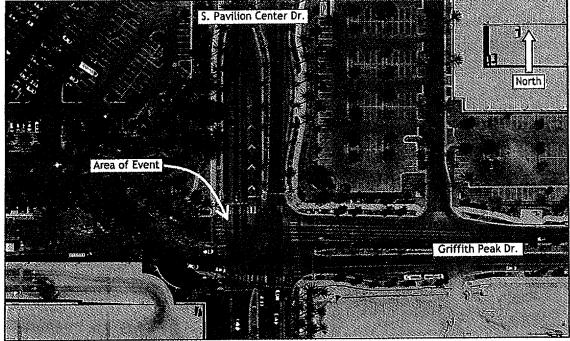
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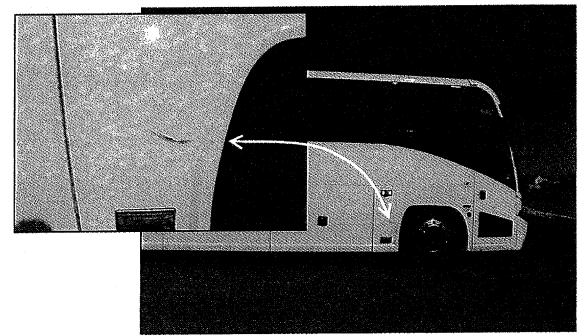
- State of Nevada Traffic Accident Report, Scene Information Sheet, Date Reviewed April 21, 2017
- The deposition of Aaron Bradley, Erika Bradley, Shaun Harney, Edward Hubbard, Zach Kieft, Samantha Kolch, Robert Pears, Michael Plantz, and Luis Fernando Sacarias Pina
- A cell phone video taken at the time of the event
- 41 photographs of the of the helmet 6-20-17; BELL 000259 299
- 53 photographs of the scene, bicycle and associated evidence 7-18-17; BELL 000300 352
- Clark County Coroner Medical Records
- Clark County Coroner Medical Records produced by subpoena, P01220 P01259
- Amended Complaint And Demand For Jury Trial dated June 6, 2017
- Notice of Rule 34 Inspection of Subject Bus
- Red Rock Casino security video taken during the event
- Clark County Coroner investigation photographs, 193 each
- Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department investigation photographs, 159 each
- MCI bus inspection photographs, 4 each

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Attachment 2. Aerial photo of the location of the event.



Attachment 3. Contact mark located on the right side of the MCI bus.

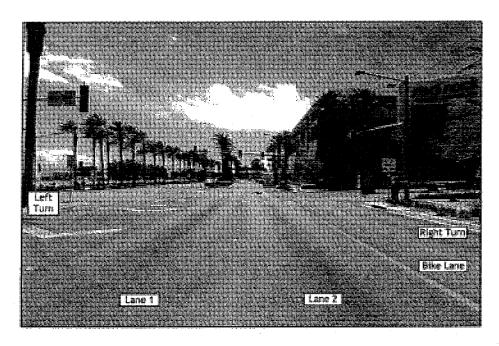
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Attachment 4. 2017 Scott Solace 10 Disc post-accident photograph

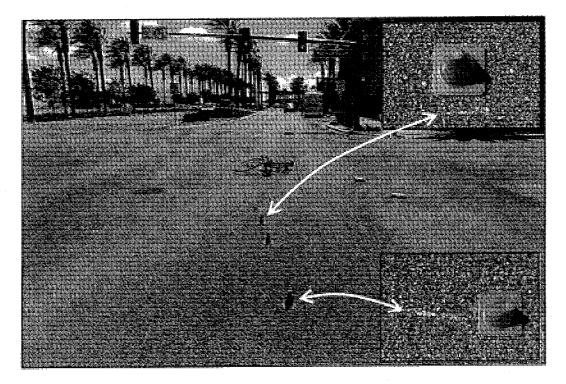


Attachment 5. Southbound S. Pavilion Center Dr.

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Attachment 6. Ponderosa scene scan

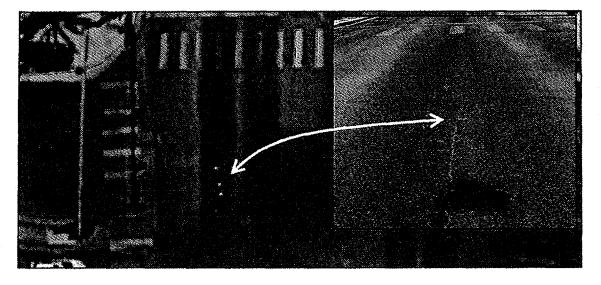


Attachment 7 Scene investigation photo

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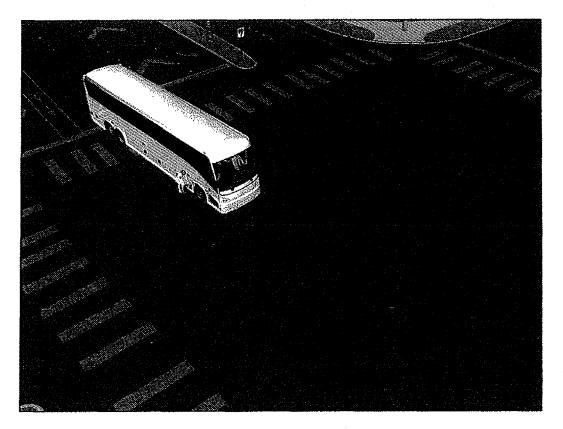
Attachment 8 Ponderosa evidence diagram



Attachment 9 Red Rock Casino Resort & Spa security video screenshot

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Attachment 10 Graphic by Fat Pencil Studio

# **EXHIBIT 2**

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### LAS VEGAS METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

JOSEPH LOMBARDO, Sheriff

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Partners with the Community

STATE OF NEVADA

# COUNTY OF CLARK

October 11, 2017

### AFFIDAVIT:

I, SHARNETTE HAMMOND, being duly sworn, on oath, depose and say:

That I am the Manager of the Records and Fingerprint Bureau of official police records maintained by the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department.

That I am in receipt of your Motion to Compel served to us on October 6, 2017, requesting the diligent search for copies of any reports, video surveillance, accident reconstruction reports and color photographs regarding event number 170418-1868.

That the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department Records and Fingerprint Bureau is not the custodian of 911 call logs. A copy of the subpoena has been forwarded to the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Communications Bureau for response by the Communications Bureau. The Communications Bureau may be contacted at (702) 828-3871.

That I am providing you a copy a CD copy of the crashzone data and video surveillance regarding event number 170418-1868, which was provided to me by the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department Traffic Bureau.

That the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department Records and Fingerprint Bureau is not the custodian of photographs. A copy of this subpoena has been forwarded to the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department Photo Laboratory for response by the Photo Laboratory. The Photo Laboratory may be contacted at (702) 828-3345.

That the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department has redacted privileged private personal information in which a reasonable person would have a legitimate expectation of privacy. Therefore, the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department objects to the subpoena on the foregoing grounds pursuant to NRCP 45(c)(2)(B).

That I have provided true and correct copies of all responsive documents under my hand and not privileged by law, except as otherwise indicated above, 72 pages in all.

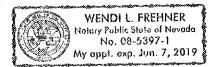
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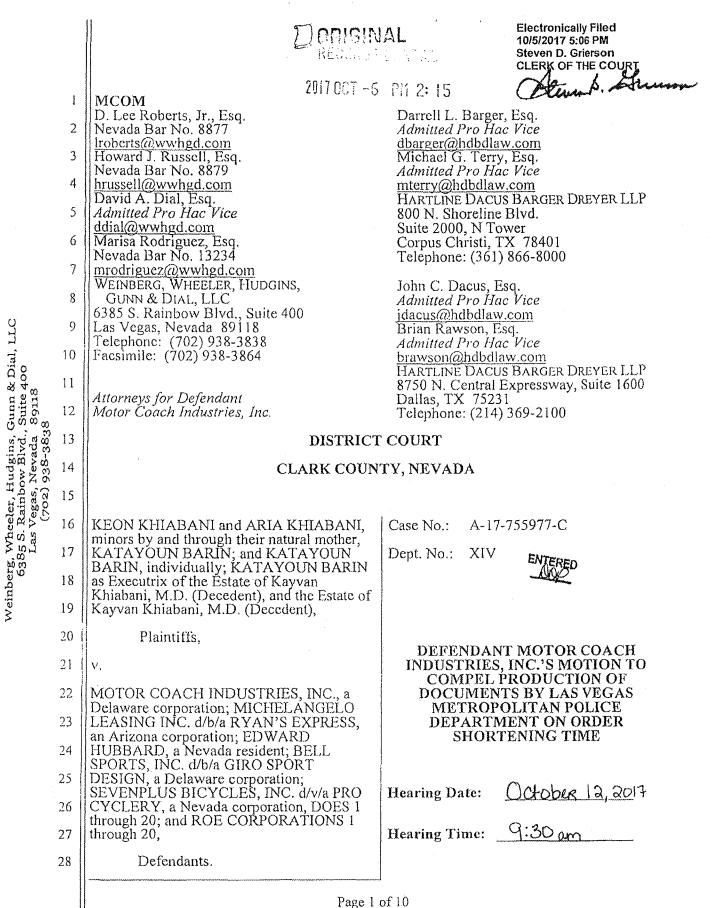
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Case Number: A-17-755977-C

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Defendant MOTOR COACH INDUSTRIES, INC. (hereinafter "Defendant"), by and through its attorneys of record, the law firms of WEINBERG, WHEELER, HUDGINS, GUNN & DIAL, LLC and HARTLINE DACUS BARGER DREYER LLP, hereby submits this Motion to Compel Production of Documents by Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department on Order Shortening Time.

This Motion is based on the following Memorandum of Points and Authorities, all pleadings and filings of record, and any oral argument the Court may allow.

DATED this 5th day of October, 2017.

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ORDER SHORTENING TIME 1 Good cause appearing, it is ordered that the hearing on this MOTION TO 2 COMPEL PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS shall be heard on the 12th day of 3 October 2017, at the hour of \_\_\_\_\_\_ 9:30 a.m. in front of the Department XIV of the 4 above captioned Court, or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard. 5 6 7 DISTRICT COURT JUDGE 8 Weinberg, Wheeler, Hudgins, Gunn & Dial, LLC 6385 S. Rainbow Blvd., Suite 400 Las Vegas, Nevada 89118 (702) 938-3838 9 Submitted by: 10 11 D. Lee Roberts, Jr., Esq. 12 Howard J. Russell, Esq. David A. Dial, Esq. Marisa Rodriguez, Esq. 13 WEINBERG, WHEELER, HUDGINS, 14 GUNN & DIAL, LLC 6385 S. Rainbow Blvd., Suite 400 15 Las Vegas, NV 89118 16 Darrell L. Barger, Esq. Michael G. Terry, Esq. HARTLINE DACUS BARGER DREYER LLP 17 800 N. Shoreline Blvd. 18 Suite 2000, N Tower Corpus Christi, TX 78401 19 John C. Dacus, Esq. 20 Brian Rawson, Esq. HARTLINE DACUS BARGER DREYER LLP 218750 N. Central Expressway Suite 1600 22 Dallas, TX 75231 23 Attorneys for Defendant Motor Coach Industries, Inc. 24 25 26 27 28 Page 3 of 10

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Custodian of Records Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department 400 S. Martin Luther King Blvd. Las Vegas, NV 89106

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED, that all and singular business and excuses being
set aside, you appear on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2017, at the hour of 9:00 a.m. at WEINBERG,
WHEELER, HUDGINS, GUNN & DIAL, LLC; 6385 S. Rainbow Blvd., Suite 400, Las Vegas, NV
89118. You are required to bring with you at the time of your appearance any items set forth in
Exhibit "A" of this subpoena. If you fail to attend, you will be deemed guilty of contempt of
Court and liable to pay all losses and damages caused by your failure to appear and in addition
forfeit One Hundred (\$100.00) dollars.

You may avoid appearing at the deposition by providing WEINBERG, WHEELER, HUDGINS, GUNN & DIAL, LLC with the requested documents one week in advance, or <u>August</u> <u>7, 2017</u>, of the requested appearance date. If you plan to provide the requested records in lieu of appearance, <u>please complete, sign, and notarize the enclosed Certificate of Records Affidavit and</u> <u>return to this office with the file</u>. Pursuant to the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure Rule 45(a)(1)(D), attached as Exhibit B is a copy of the text of Rule 45(c)-(d).

DATED this  $21^{ST}$  day of July, 2017.

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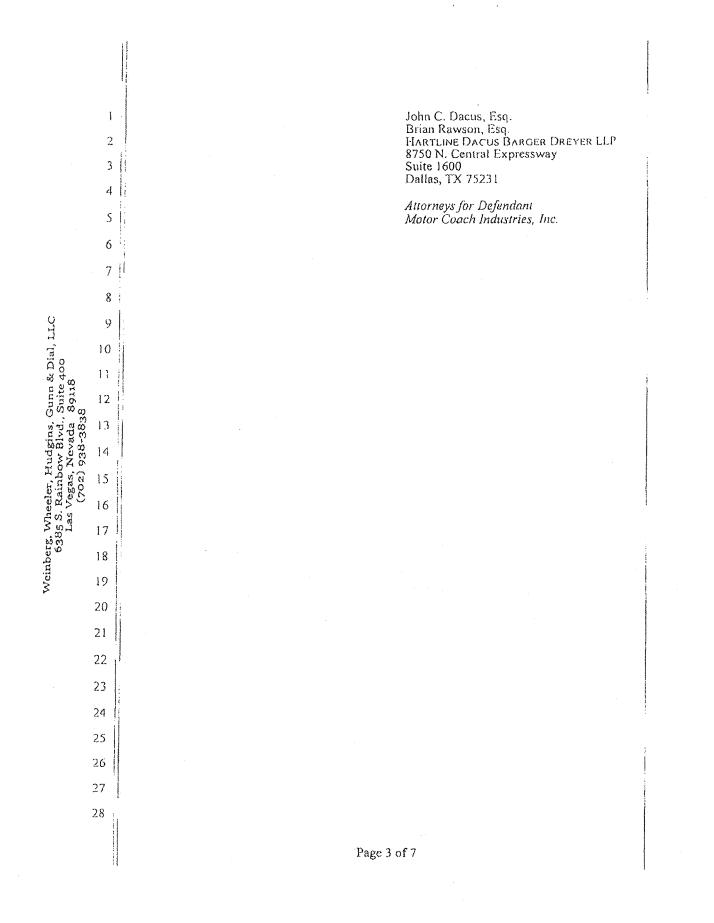
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#### EXFIBIT "A"

You are requested to produce a complete, unredacted copy of your file as it relates to Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department Event Number LLV170418001868, including, but not limited to all investigation reports, accident reports, incident reports, notes, correspondence, S video surveillance, written statements, recorded statements, accident reconstruction reports, citations, color photographs, scene diagrams and any other documentation in your file as it " relates to the aforementioned event.

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**Scene Information** 

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#### STATE OF NEVADA TRAFFIC CRASH REPORT SCENE INFORMATION SHEET Revised 10/20/15

Crash Number: LVM170418001868

Agency Name: LAS VEGAS METRO PD

Description of Crash / Narrative

AS OF OCTOBER 6, 2017, THE INVESTIGATION OF THIS COLLISION IS COMPLETE. A COLLISION INVESTIGATION SUPPLEMENT REPORT IS AVAILABLE FROM THE LAS VEGAS METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT RECORDS BUREAU LOCATED AT 400 S. MARTIN LUTHER KING BOULEVARD LAS VEGAS, NV 89106. PLEASE REFER TO THE COLLISION INVESTIGATION NARRATIVE FOR FURTHER DETAILS REGARDING THIS COLLISION. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS YOU CAN EMAIL THEM TO FATALDETAIL@LVMPD.COM REFERENCING THIS REPORT NUMBER.

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF INVESTIGATION:

V1, WHICH IS A BUS, WAS TRAVELING S/B PAVILION CENTER AND ENTERED THE INTERSECTION OF GRIFFITH PEAK FROM S/B T2 OF 2. PEDAL CYCLIST1 WAS TRAVELING S/B PAVILION CENTER AND ENTERED THE INTERSECTION OF GRIFFITH PEAK FROM S/B MARKED BICYCLE LANE AND THEN FAILED TO MAINTAIN SINGLE TRAVEL LANE.

WITNESS1 STATED AS V1 AND PEDAL CYCLIST ENTERED THE INTERSECTION, PEDAL CYCLIST1 STARTED TO WOBBLE AND THEN JUST TURNED LEFT INTO THE SIDE OF V1 AND APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN RUN OVER BY V1S RIGHT REAR TIRES. WITNESS4 STATED THAT PEDAL CYCLIST CHANGED LANES FROM THE BIKE LANE LEFT, INTO S/B T2 AND THEN TURNED HIS HEAD OVER HIS LEFT SHOULDER AND LIFTED HIS LEFT ARM IN AN ATTEMPT TO SIGNAL AND THEN REALIZED THE BUS WAS THERE AND PEDAL CYCLIST LOST CONTROL AND HIT V1.

D2 STATED HE WAS JUST TRAVELING STRAIGHT AND SAW PEDAL CYCLIST1 SO HE MOVED OVER TO THE LEFT TO GIVE PEDAL CYCLIST ROOM AND PEDAL CYCLIST JUST HIT V1 AND D2 STOPPED AND CALLED FOR MEDICAL. PEDAL CYCLIST1S FRONT LEFT STRUCK V1S RIGHT AND PEDAL CYCLIST OVERTURNED ONTO ITS LEFT SIDE TOTALLY EJECTING PEDAL CYCLIST TO THE GROUND AND V1S RIGHT REAR TIRES THEN RAN OVER PEDAL CYCLIST. THE BICYCLE THEN SLID 27 FEET BEFORE COMING TO A STOP AND V1 MOVED PRIOR TO MY ARRIVAL.

PEDAL CYCLIST WAS TRANSPORTED TO UMC TRAUMA WITH LIFE THREATENING INJURIES PRIOR TO MY ARRIVAL. AIC WAS DETERMINED BY THE SCUFF AND SCRAPE IN THE INTERSECTION. IT WAS DETERMINED THAT PEDAL CYCLIST1 WAS AT FAULT FOR FAILING TO MAINTAIN SINGLE TRAVEL LANE.

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Thereby certify this is a full-true and correct copy of the ORIGINAL DOCUMENT (HARD COPY/COMPUTERIZED/MICROGRAPHIC COPY)

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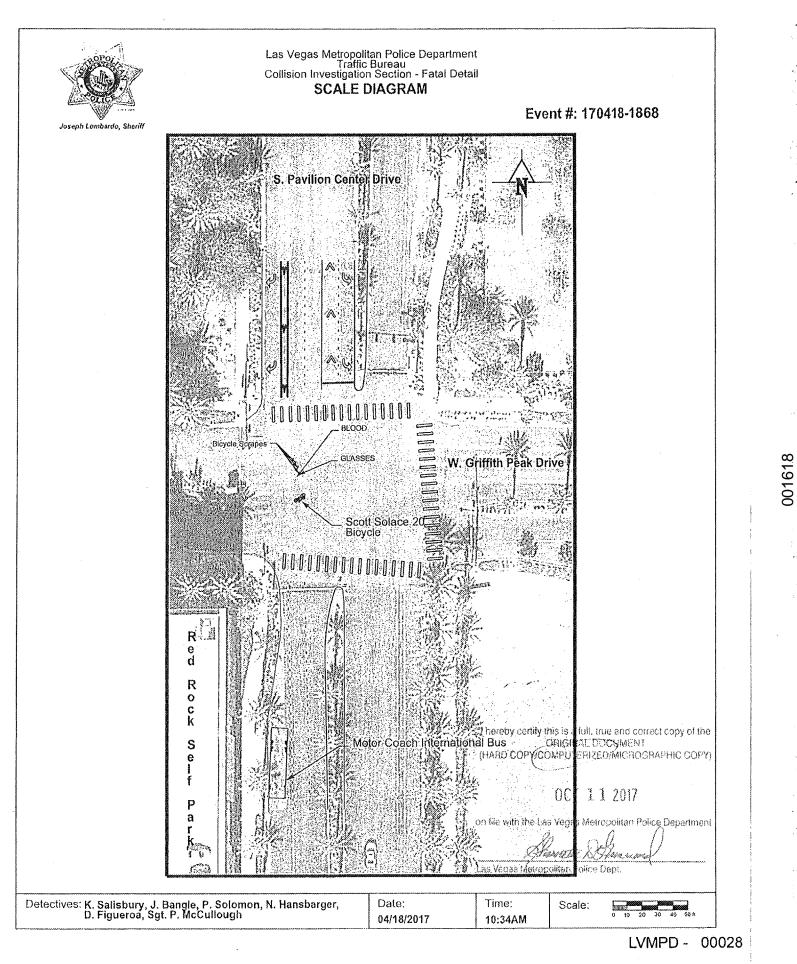
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#### EVENT: 170418-1868

#### Date and Time of Transcription: April 19, 2017 at 09:40 hours

#### Transcript By: Rhonda Guthrie, P# 3525

KS:	Good morning, this is Detective Ken Salisbury P#8264 conducting a driver interview with Edward	
	Hubbard, date of birth, as part of an investigation under LVMPD Event #170418-1868.	
	This interview is being conducted at Pavilion Center Drive and Griffith Peak Drive, Las Vegas,	
	Nevada. The date is April 18, 2017 and the time now is 12:28 p.m. Also present for the	
	interview is Trauma Intervention Program Volunteer Jeff Haber H-A-B-E-R. Ed, do you	
	understand this conversation is being recorded?	

EH: Yes.

KS: And are you giving your statement freely and voluntarily, without any promises, without any threats or duress to provide information in an investigation being conducted by the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department?

EH: Yes,

- KS: Alright Ed, can you first start by telling me the vehicle you were operating, the direction you were traveling, and then what happened?
- EH: Uh, this is a Motor Coach MCI bus. I was traveling south.
- KS: Do you remember what lane you were in?
- EH: I was in the first lane right here. There's two lanes...
- KS: There's...
- EH: (don't understand).
- KS: So back there, there's two lanes south. We're in the left lane, or in the right lane?
- EH: No I was in the right lane.
- KS: Okay and then you're coming up to the intersection, what happened is a full, true and correct copy of the OBIGINAL DOCUMENT OBIGINAL DOCUMENT
- EH: I'm coming up to the intersection, the bike um, bike driver came out of the bike lane right into the, like into the bus and I swerved and I, I think that he might have hit this side over here.
- KS: Okay, so the gesture you made, you swerved to the left?

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- EH: Right to avoid him because he took his hands off these, he went, he was riding like this, and then he took his hands off and the bike swerved out into the where the bus, you know, where the traffic is, so to avoid hitting him with the bus I hit, turned, hit my brakes and turned out like that.
- KS: Okay and when you said he took his hands off you did a motion. Are you motioning that he took his hands off the handlebars?
- EH: He took both his hands off the handlebars.
- KS: And then where did he put them?
- EH: To his side.
- KS: Um, was he grabbing at anything, or?
- EH: No, no just like, it happened very fast. Took his hands off and then the bike just came over.
- KS: So when he took his hands off had he started in the bike lane?
- EH: He was already in the bike lane and he took his hands off and then he came, and I'm paying attention, I'm not driving fast, and just, it just happened just came right over, and so to make sure I didn't hit him I just, you know, turned the bus to the left, the brakes turned the bus to the left and I thought that I didn't even hit him until I looked in my mirror and saw that he was on the ground. I, I thought that I had avoided him because I turned. You know what I mean?

KS: And you said there were other people on the bus when this happened?

- EH: Yes sir.
- KS: And did they provide a statement to you?
- EH: Yes sir they provided a statement that said it wasn't my fault. They said they saw what (HARD COPYCOMPUTERIZED MICHOPPAPHIC COPY) happened. He came way out of the bike lane um, took his hands off um, he went no hands.
- KS: So did you actually see that and they saw that, or is that just what th@ ( fold 並の第17
- EH: I saw it, yes I saw that yes.

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KS: You saw him take his hands off the handlebars?

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## Transcript By: Rhonda Guthrie, P# 3525

EH;	Yes sir.
KS:	Okay and you're aware that there's possibly video of this incident
EH:	Yes sir.
KS:	from the Red Rock?
EH:	Yes sir.
KS: -	And what do you think that video is going to show me?
EH:	It's going to show me turning away from him. It's going to show me, it's going to show you incoming into right where his bike is at. That's what I don't understand why he came way out there like that.
KS:	Do you have your commercial license?
EH:	Yeah somebody has it. First officer on the scene has it.
KS:	Okay and you're familiar with the driving laws in the State of Nevada?
EH:	Yes sir.
KS:	Are you familiar with the three foot laws that pertains to bicyclists?
EH:	Right to stay away from them. Yes sir, yes sir.
KS:	And do you, what's your understanding of the responsibility of that law?
EH:	To stay away from them three feet, right.
KS:	Okay. Lhereby certify this is a full, true and correct copy of the OgleWAL DOCUMENT
EH:	Which is what, which is what I was doing,
KS:	And how many feet do you think you were away from the bicyclist? $001.1.12017$
EH:	Maybe 7, 7, 10 feet, because when you see where he, he drifted, he drifted into, into the vehicle lane.

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KS:	Um, so he starts off in the bike lane, he drifts over, to use your terms
EH:	Ye sir.
KS:	How many feet over into the travel lane do you think he drifted?
EH:	I don't know, because he came over, I would say he was, how many feet from the bike lane was he maybe?
KS:	Um hum.
EH:	About maybe 5, 5 feet from the bike lane.
KS:	So um, so in your estimation if he's off into the travel lane, he's about 5 feet away from the bike lane?
EH:	Yes sir.
KS:	Okay and about that time you're coming through, how fast do you think you were going?
EH:	Probably 10 miles an hour. That's why I don't understand how he's, how he's hurt so bad. I don't understand. He was going, he was fast, he was going kind of fast. I don't know understand. I was going maybe 10, 12 miles, 15 miles an hour.
KS:	And had he passed you?
EH:	No, no he didn't pass me.
KS:	You were approaching him from the rear?
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KS:	So he's offset to your right, but
EH:	He's in the bike lane and then he just came, like I said, just like that. $001.1.1.2017$
KS:	Where were you coming from?
EH:	I'm, I turned off this street, must have turned off of Las Vegas Harropoldan Police Dept.
KS:	Charleston is the next major street down there that the Red Rock is off of.
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EH:	Yes sir.	
KS:	Okay, so you make a right off of Charleston and wh	ere were you headed to?
EH:	Right here.	
KS:	Okay.	
EH:	Like to Hotel, where it says Hotel/Spa.	
KS:	Okay and is this a normal route for you?	
EH:	Uh, no, well I've done this before, because we do N bring people from McCarran to the Red Rock.	IcCarran, this is uh, you know, sometime we
KS:	Have you ever been involved in anything like this be	efore?
EH:	Absolutely not. I'm a safe operator.	
KS:	Is this a normal schedule for you?	
EH:	Oh yeah.	
KS:	What time did you start work this morning?	
EH:	I got to work today at 8:15 was my yard time.	
KS:	And had you had any breaks between starting work and when this incident occurred?	
EH:	Yes, because we was at the airport, which is, they didn't start coming out yet until like, I think I left at um, (inaudible) I think I left at 10:15, 10:30 I'm not sure.	
KS:	Have you had anything to eat today?	I hereby certify this is a full, true and correct copy of the ORIGINAL DOCUMENT
EH:	I um, coffee and an egg sandwich.	(HARD COPYCOMEUTERIZED MICHOGRAPHIC COPY)
KS:	What time was that?	OCT 1 1-2017
EH:	Um, maybe 8:35.	on file with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department
KS:	Anything else today?	Bhill 195 115 Bhilling property V

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## Transcript By: Rhonda Guthrie, P# 3525

EH: No sir.

- KS: What's a normal sleep patter for you?
- EH: Anywhere from 5 to 6 hours.
- KS: 5 to 6 hours, starting when and ending when?
- EH: Um, depends on when. 1 to 7, 1 to 6.
- KS: Is a normal sleep patter for you?
- EH: Yes.
- KS: And what was your sleep schedule like last night?

EH: About I went to, I think my wife woke me up about quarter to 7, quarter to 7.

KS: Okay. Are you taking any medications right now?

- EH: Absolutely not.
- KS: When's the last time you had any alcohol?
- EH: I don't drink. 21 years, almost 21 years.
- KS: 21 years ago.
- EH: Yes sir.
- KS: Do you smoke?
- EH: No sir.
- KS: Do you take any illicit drugs?
- EH: No sir.
- KS: And no prescription medications?
- EH: No sir.

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## Transcript By: Rhonda Guthrie, P# 3525

KS:	No allergy pills?	
EH:	No sir.	
KS:	Anything for blood pressure?	
EH:	I don't take anything.	
KS:	Okay.	
EH:	No medication, no nothing.	
KS:	Do you wear corrective lenses?	
EH:	No sir.	
KS:	Are you required to wear corrective lenses?	
EH:	No sir.	
KS:	When was your last accident?	
EH:	Maybe in, when I was living in New York City.	
KS:	When was that?	
EH:	Uh, let see I don't know. Maybe this is 17, maybe 14, 15,	2015, 2014.
KS:	When was your last speeding ticket?	
EH:	I haven't had a speeding ticket.	
KS:	Have you ever had any traffic infractions? Any traffic tick	ets? I hereby certify this is a full, true and correct copy of the
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KS:	Not here, anywhere else?	OCT 1 1 2017
EH:	No.	on life with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department
KS:	Is your license currently valid?	Heretite Man surel
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## Transcript By: Rhonda Guthrie, P# 3525

EH:	Yes sir.
KS:	Were you wearing a seatbelt?
EH:	Yes sir.
KS:	And is that a shoulder and lap belt, or just a lap belt?
EH:	Lap belt.
KS:	Lap belt only. After this all happened, I, I assume you pulled the vehicle over and did
EH:	I, I (inaudible) I saw, like I said I thought I avoided um, I saw them look in the mirror in the side thing and I saw him and I jumped and I ran out (inaudible) and that's when I dialed 9-1-1 immediately.
KS:	Did any of those passengers say anything to you?
EH:	Yes they said he came into your lane. He came into your lane we saw it. He came into your lane.
KS:	And you said they provided their information to your supervisor?
EH:	I don't know if they provided it to my supervisor yet, but they provided to the officer, to un Metro PD.
KS:	Okay. Whose fault do you think this incident is?
EH:	He came out, he came out, I tried to avoid him that's why his bike hit the side of the buse of the bus
KS:	So did the front of the bus hit him, or the side?
EH:	Absolutely not. Absolutely not. on file with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department
KS:	What could you have done to avoid this?
EH:	Honest to God I went over it in my head and I don't see anything that I could have done, because I, I did what I'm trained to do. I turned, turned the bus to the left to avoid making contact with him and the bike and I hit my brakes. I wasn't even going fast.

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KS:	Is there anything that I have failed to ask you that you would like to add to your statement pertaining to this investigation?
EH:	I just want you to speak to the people who saw it. I mean I'm so sorry that he is not here. That's the thing that is killing me the most, but I swear to you, he came, he came over and that's why, you talk to them and they'll tell you exactly what happened. I did everything I could not to hit that man.
KS:	Anything else you'd like to add?
EH:	I would like to (inaudible) I'm very safe driver. I drove in New York City since 1997. I just got here like a year (inaudible). I'm a very safe driver. I've seen it all. I even seen this, I can't believe it.

- KS: Anything else you wanted to add?
- EH: You guys are going to check the video, right?
- KS: Of course.
- EH: (Inaudible) there's a camera right here.
- KS: Of course. That concludes the interview. The same people are present. The time now is 12:40 p.m. Thank you.

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Date and Time of Transcription: April 19, 2017 at 12:15 hours	
Transcript By: Rhonda Guthrie, P# 3525	
KS:	Good morning, this is Detective Ken Salisbury, P#8264 conducting a witness interview with Robert Pears R-O-B-E-R-T P-E-A-R-S, date of birth His address is
	P-C-22-ord Electronic Lower and the forefact. His phone number is the first spart of an investigation under LVMPD Event #170418-1868. This interview is being conducted at South Pavilion Center Drive at the intersection with Griffith Peak Drive. The time now is 2:47 p.m. on April 18, 2017. We are the only persons present for this interview. Is it okay if I call you Robert?
RP:	Yes.
(Radic	traffic)
KS:	Robert, do you understand this conversation is being recorded?
RP:	Yes.
KS:	And are you making your statement freely and voluntarily
RP:	Yes.
KS:	without any promises, without any threats or duress to provide information in an investigation being conducted by the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department?
RP:	Yes.
KS;	Okay I understand you were a possible witness to a collision that happened today.
RP:	Yes.
KS:	Can you first start by telling me where you were and how you came to know of the incident?
RP:	I hereby certify this is a full, true and corract copy of the Okay, so I was in the bus on the front passenger seat, the very front seats the bus on the front passenger seat, the very front seats (HAHD COPYCOMPUTERIZED MICROGRAPHIC COPY)
KS:	Okay.
RP:	OCT 112017 I saw, well we were behind the cyclist for quite a while. Um, my on file with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department
KS:	Can you described quite a while for me?
<u>R</u> P;	Um, I would say half a mile. We were coming down, I'm sorry I don't know what street this was, heading to the Red Rock Facility.

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- KS: Okay and you motioned this is South Pavilion.
- RP: South Pavilion, yep, going that direction south towards the Red Rock. Um, and we had myself and Mike (don't understand) commented because the driver was going very slow um, being very caution of the cyclist who was in front. When we came close to this junction um, the bus driver was able to pull into the other lane and the cyclist was in the lane beside us. All of a sudden the cyclist pulled towards the bus. He took his hand off the, his steering wheel and swerved right into the side of the bus. The driver swerved to try and pull away um, but it was not, it was too late.
- KS: Okay. You said a few different things in there.
- RP: Yeah sure.
- KS: Was the bicyclist in the bicycle lane, or the travel lane?
- RP: He was in, he was in the bicycle lane, but he came out of it and all of a sudden I don't know if he was planning to turn, but he took his hand off of the left hand part of his...
- KS: Handlebar?
- RP: handlebar and um, seemed like he lost control because he suddenly swerved and he turned into the bus.
- KS: Now when you're gesturing with your hands, you're using your right hand to make it look as if he almost steered his handlebar into the bus.
- RP: Yes. It almost, it looked like I don't know if he hit something, but he swerved, he literally swerved um, and turned into the bus.
- KS: So would you described it as intentional or accidently?
- RP:
   No I think, I think it looked like something he lost control.
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- KS: And you didn't have any opinion or see anything of why he may have lost control?

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#### Transcript By: Rhonda Guthrie, P# 3525

- RP: No I, my opinion is I was wondering if he was trying to turn. He took his hand off the handlebar and he lost control when he suddenly realized where the bus was. I don't think he realized how close the bus was.
- KS: How close was the bus when he took his hand off the handlebar?
- RP: A foot and a half, two foot.
- KS: Okay.
- RP: He was close.
- KS: Um, so when the bicyclist and the bus are a foot and a half, two feet apart from each other, is the bicyclist in the travel lane, or the bicycle lane?
- RP: I believe he was in the travel lane at that point.
- KS: And you said the bus had been following for about a half mile?
- RP: So the bus had been following for a half mile and suddenly it had over taken just before this junction and so we were in the traveling lane, he was in the cycle lane, and then just literally that this junction that's where the bicyclist pulled over into the travel lane. He just pulled over right quickly and as I said the bus driver tried to swerve, but just as he was doing that, that's when the cyclist took his hand off the handle wheel and turned.
- KS: When you're saying the cyclist pulled over, is that the lost control movement, or is that a separate...
- RP: He pulled over, he pulled initially, he pulled over out of that lane, he pulled over and that's where I have an impression he maybe tried to turn, I don't know if you can turn on that street.
- KS: Okay, so you thought maybe he was going from the bicycle lane and intending to turn left at this (HARD COPY, COMPUTER ZED, MICROGRAPHIC COPY) intersection?
- RP:
   I wonder, because he pulls over, he then takes his hand off the handlebar, and loses from the bus.

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- KS: So there's two separate motions there. There's one from the bike dane into the travel lane and then there's a second one of the losing control...

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RP:	Correct.	
KS:	into the side of the bus.	
RP:	Correct.	
KS:	And it was in fact into the side?	
RP:	Yes he went into the side of the bus.	
KS:	Um, so the bus is long, the passenger's side of the bus, rig	ht front, right rear?
RP:	It was just behind the front right tire.	
KS:	Okay.	
RP:	So I'm, yeah it was just behind where I was seated.	
KS:	So if your seat is the very right front seat in the bus, it wou	Ild have been on your right?
RP:	I was looking down and literally behind me he's where he	hit.
KS:	So you're gesturing again, maybe a foot behind you, two f	oot behind you?
RP:	And I did not see what happened to him, because we mov could not tell you what happened from that point on.	ed on. So I just seen him hit the bus, I
KS:	Did you hear it impact the bus?	
RP:	Yes, yes.	
KS:	So, so on a scale of 1 to 100, 100 being as sure as you were you that the cyclist or bicycle made contact with the bus?	e of anything in your life, how sure are Thereby certify this is a full, true and correct copy of the
RP:	I'm a hundred percent sure that he made contact.	OBIGINAL DOCUMENT (HARD COPY/COMPUTERIZED/MICROGRAPHIC COPY)
KS:	Okay and from there you don't know what happened as fa	ar as the dynamics or what he did?
RP:	No, no.	on file with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department
KS:	What did the bus driver do?	Mirathe Defansaire Les Vegas Meliopoliten Paire Dept.

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#### Transcript By: Rhonda Guthrie, P# 3525

RP:	The bus driver pulled over um, grabbed his phone, and called 9-1-1.
KS:	Was he making any statements?
RP:	He was um, crying out oh my God. I mean I swerved to miss to miss him, I sw

- RP: He was um, crying out oh my God. I mean I swerved to miss to miss him, I swerved to miss him.
  I was trying to miss him and he's calling 9-1-1 and he's just, he was um, in a panic state. He was just in shock.
- KS: Did you say anything to him?
- RP: I said to him, afterwards, at the end, you know, I went over and basically you know, I just prayed with the guy um, you know, but he was, we told him we recommended that he call and get another bus driver to take his, to continue on, and that he sit down, because he was clearly a wreck. He was crying. He was all over the place. He was not, he was not with it.
- KS: If you had to determine fault in whose this was with you having the best account of how that happened, who do you think is at fault for this collision?
- RP: Sadly I would say the cyclist.
- KS: And why would you make that determination?
- RP: Because from my perspective he lost control and went into the bus. He pulled over too close to the bus, and the seemed to lost control. Um, the bus driver had, was overtaking him, was clearly in a different lane, and for some reason I don't know why the cyclist would pull over. I'm surprised he was not aware of the bus being behind him because we were there for, I said a good half mile following him. The bus driver was well behind, he was being very, very cautious and careful, which several people commented on the bus regarding that, and then he pulls over to overtake him and goes into the travel lane and the cyclist just suddenly pulled.
- KS: So there you said he pulls over to overtake him. Are you saying that the bus driver pulled over to make room to pass the cyclist? I hereby certify this is a full, true and correct copy of the

RP: So if you go back further on Pavilion, further north (fgless) would be any we were behind and the bus driver thought he had to turn at that junction and he realized no it's the next one, so he pulls out into the travel lane, and he then goes the cyclist was in that furn lane, bicycle lane.

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## Transcript By: Rhonda Guthrie, P# 3525

KS:	So if I set this up correctly by what you just said, further north as you are proceeding south, the bus is actually behind the cyclist
RP:	Yes, yes.
KS:	thinking that he's going to make a right.
RP:	Correct.
KS:	And then pulls back into the travel lane.
RP:	Correct.
KS:	There's two travel lanes south, the bus in the right travel lane
RP:	Correct.
KS:	to go around the bicyclist
RP:	Correct.
KS:	and that's when now the bicyclist has made a lane change from the bike lane into the same travel lane.
RP:	Correct.
KS:	When the bicyclist makes that lane change into the same travel lane, how close is the bus now to the bicyclist?
RP:	When he made that change, they came within a couple of feet. They were really close and the bus driver immediately tried to swerve um, but as I said that's when the cyclist took his hand off that left handle and just seemed like he lost control and swerved entity this is a full, true and correct copy of the
KS:	So I'm getting a little bit better of an understanding of how this happened. So, I'm fract bicyclist COPy) when he's changing lanes from the bike lane into the travel lane that the bus is occupying, would you have said that that was a safe lane change for the bicyclist to bull in fraction of the bus at that proximity?
RP:	Because he was not in front at that time. He was not in front.

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KS:	So when he's making that lane change, he's, he's changing into the side of the bus?
RP:	Correct.
KS:	So do you think that the bicyclist knew that the bus was in that lane?
RP:	Based on his reaction I don't think he did. I don't recall mirrors being on the bike. I may be wrong, but I don't, that's where I think when he took his hand off and he looked and saw the bus, I think that's why he lost control, I think he was not expecting the bus, but that's my opinion.
KS:	Sure. Um, I understand you're with a partner Michael?
RP:	Yeah.
KS:	And Michael also works at Thermal Fisher Scientific?
RP:	Correct.
KS:	And have you had a chance to talk to him since this occurred?
RP:	No. We talked, I said we texted briefly I told him the guy died, that's why it's on my phone, and he basically, I can show you but there's no comment. I just told him this is a cop thing and the guy died.
KS:	Perfect. Is there anything that I have failed to ask you that you would like to add to your statement pertaining to this investigation?
RP:	Nope I feel sorry for both parties. Nobody wins in this one.
KS:	Did you notice anything from the driver at all that would make you think that um, he was impaired, or that he wasn't driving safe before this incident occurred?
RP:	No I mean I said he was, and there was a lot of people on the bus commenting, he was driving overy slow behind that bus um, or behind sorry, behind the bike so he did not in any way appear, he seemed he was taking extra care and caution behind that bike. Um, and I said several people commented on the bus.

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#### Transcript By: Rhonda Guthrie, P# 3525

KS: Alright that's all the questions I have. I appreciate you coming back to the scene and giving me that statement that really helps my investigation a lot.

RP: Okay.

KS: That concludes the interview. The time now is 3:00 p.m. and the same persons are present. Thank you.

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## Wendi Frehner

From: Sent: To: Subject: Plantz, Michael R. Friday, April 21, 2017 10:07 AM Kenneth Salisbury fatal bicycle / buss accident new Red Rock Casino

Dear Detective Salisbury-

I was provided your card by a coworker (Robert Pears) that I believe you spoke to regarding this event on Tuesday, April 18. I also witnessed the cyclist prior and during the accident as Robert also did. Please contact me if you need any information or clarifications. Below are a few of the notes that I can share from my perspective on the accident.

- I was on the transfer bus from LAS to the Red Rock Casino, traveling to attend my company's sales meeting on 4/18-21. I was sitting in the first row of the bus, directly behind the driver of the bus. My sitting position was up higher than the driver's level. Robert Pears was sitting directly across from me in the right front seat of this bus.
- 2. The bus exited the highway onto eastbound Charleston Blvd. As the bus neared the right turn lane approaching the traffic light at Pavilion Center Dr., the bus driver slowed as cyclist was coasting in this turn lane. Both Robert and I commented to each other that the cyclist was going slow at this point, and the buss driver made a passing comment something to the effect that the driver saw the cyclist and ws watching him.
- 3. The bus driver turned right (south) onto Pavilion Center after the cyclist performed the same turn. The cyclist initially pulled ahead on Pavilion Center due to the bus slowing for the turn, but just before the next intersection the bus caught up with the cyclist. The bus driver was showing significant awareness of the cyclist, and the cyclist slowed to the point where the bus started to pass the cyclist near the interception. Both the cyclist and the bus were in their appropriate lanes. I cycle quite a bit myself, and was watching the cyclist as he slowed about a 50 yards before the intersection. The bus driver was also providing significant clearance from the cyclist, as the cyclist was in his appropriate lane to the far right of the road.
- 4. Right at the next intersection on Pavilion Center (near the Red Rock Casino), the cyclist appeared to remove at least one of his hands from the handlebars and unexpectedly veered left into the side of the bus. I watched from my vantage point thru the window in the door, and saw the cyclist almost hit the door as he neared the bus. The bus driver observed the cyclist veering towards the bus and attempted to miss the cyclist by moving over to the far left side of the right lane. I was surprised that the cyclist made this quick direction change toward the bus without looking over his left shoulder. I remember looking at the cyclist as we neared this intersection, and did not see a mirror on the bicycle. I think that I was looking for this because of my cycling experience and that the cyclist was slowing and appeared to be either recovering from his ride or was not sure of his direction.
- 5. The cyclist hit the bus right next to my coworker Robert Pears. We could not see the cyclist at this point, as he was below the level of the coach bus windows. But we heard an impact that indicated to us that the cyclist had hit the side of the bus, at or just behind the right front wheel.
- 6. From my perspective, the bus driver was driving very slow and was providing ample space for this unfortunate cyclist. The driver commented that he had notice the slow and somewhat erratic movements of the cyclist. The driver did everything he could to then try to avoid the impact, and stopped the bus after the impact and immediately called 911. When he got out to approach the cyclist, it appeared that security staff from the Red Rock were already approaching the cyclist on the ground and trying to attend to him. I don't believe that the bus driver could have done anything different; he was watching the cyclist and sharing the to comment of the cyclist quickly changing direction and impacting the side of the huscopy/domputerizeOMICROGRAPHIC COPY)

Please feel free to contact me with any questions. I am flying out of LAS this morning, but I can be reached at my cell phone number listed below if you'd like to speak directly.

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Incident Fatal Traffic Accident		Sector/Beat R1	Event Number 170418-1868
Requesting Officer	Division	Date	Time
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Victim(s)	Location(s)		_
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GENERAL INFORMATION:			
The scene was located in the intersection of Griffith Pe			
controlled by a traffic light and consisted of two lanes in all d	lirections. Dedicated le	ft and right tu	rn lanes were also n

in the intersection. In addition, a bike lane extended in the north and southbound directions. Vehicle 1 was located in the bus lane located south of the intersection. The individual south Noobvious areas of damage or disturbance were noted to the vehicle.

obvious areas of damage or disturbance were noted to the vehicle, A red Scott Solace bicycle was located on its side in the southbound lanes of the Intersection. The front of the bicycle faced northeast. Damage was noted to the left handle bar, left bicycle pedal, left bicycle seat, and left rear wheel screw. Apparent blood was located on the asphalt north of the bicycle. Apples and water bottles were located on the asphalt near the bicycle. Scratches were noted in the roadway north of the bicycle. A plaid shirt was located on the gravel rock bed at the northwest corner of the intersection.

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Incident:	Fatal Traffic Accident	Event Number:	170418-1868
	Griffith Peak Dr. and S.		
Location:	Pavilion Center Dr.	Date:	4/18/2017

I recorded digital images of the location of the scene; the intersection for layout and overall condition; vehicle 1 for identification and overall location, position, and condition; the bicycle for location, position, and overall condition; and cones placed in the roadway by Fatal Traffic Detectives for location and condition.

No further action was taken.

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Incident Fatal Traffic Collision		Sector/Beat W7	Event Number 170418-1868
Requesting Officer K. Salisbury #8264	Division TSD	Date 4/18/20	Time 17 1250
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VEHICLE(S):         GENERAL INFORMATION:         On 4-18-17, at approximately 1250 hours, I responded with S request of Fatal Detail Detective K. Salisbury #8264 regardin were also present: Coroner Investigator T. Brown #342 and r         THE SCENE:         The scene was in the "negative pressure isolation room" at U         VICTIM:         The victim, a male adult, was laying on his back on a gurney plastic sheet was wrapped around his body with his feet stick between his legs on the gurney.         Crime Scene-Analyst Supervisor         P# Date App	g a fatal traffic collisic epresentatives from E I hereby MC Trauma. (HARD C with his head facing of king out at the bottom Critice with Las Vega reved [Crime Scene Analy	on investigatic Davis Mortuar Corlify this is a fu ORIGINA COPYCOMPUTE east and his fu . There was a in the Las Vegas fo . Warrow tay bac	on. The following people y. JI, true and correct copy of the <u>L DOOUMENT</u> PIZEDMICROGRAPHIC COPY) eetifacility west. A blue t bag of personal items in Metropolitan Police Department Metropolitan Police Department P#
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Incident:	Fatal Traffic Collision	Event Number:	170418-1868
Location:	UMC Trauma	Date:	4/18/2017

Coroner Investigator T. Brown #342 removed the blue plastic sheet to examine the victim and injuries. The victim had medical intervention devices on his face and body and was wearing a yellow metal ring on his left ring finger. He was wearing a medically cut spandex type body suit and was on a pink back board. There were injuries to his left knee, left hip, left inner arm area, back and head.

In a pocket of the body suit, a brown wallet style phone case was located. Inside of the case there was a phone and the back of the case contained several cards, a driver's license (bearing the name of the above listed victim) and cash.

#### **PHOTOGRAPHY:**

Digital images were taken showing the location, the above listed victim for identification, overall condition, position and location, and the scene as described above.

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

Coroner Investigator T. Brown #342 collected a bicycle helmet with damage and a watch from the bag of personal items which was located on the gurney between the victim's legs.

The victim was placed in a body bag and transported by representatives from Davis Mortuary.

SCSA M. Ross-Lynch #9976 responded to the original scene. Refer to her report for further details.

SCSA M. McIntyre #13207 and I cleared the scene at approximately 1330 hours.

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On April 18, 2017, at approximately 10:34 a.m., a fatal traffic collision occurred on S. Pavilion Center Dr at W. Griffith Peak Dr. Evidence at the scene and witness statements indicated a Bus was traveling south on S. Pavilion Center Dr in the right lane. A bicyclist was traveling south in the bike lane. The cyclist lost control before veering to the left into the passenger's side of the bus. The 51-year-old cyclist, Kayvan Khiabani, was transported to the University Medical Center Trauma hospital where he died despite all resuscitative efforts. The driver of the bus, Edward Hubbard, pulled the bus to the side of the road and remained at the scene. Hubbard did not display any signs of impairment. The cyclist's death marked the 39th traffic related fatality in the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department's jurisdiction for the year 2017.

I, Detective Kenneth Salisbury, was assigned as the primary investigator due to the fatality. I reviewed a Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (LVMPD) dispatch log through the course of my investigation. "Aaron Bradley" called from and reported himself as a witness at 10:36 a.m. Aaron told the dispatcher an accident with injury occurred on W. Charleston Blvd & S. Pavilion Center Dr. The details of the collision were of a Bus versus a bicyclist. Emergency responders were dispatched to the scene. LVMPD Traffic Officer Lourenco and Harvey responded to the scene and started a preliminary collision investigation. Several LVMPD patrol officers responded to secure the scene and preserve evidence.

The Clark County Fire Department (CCFD) and an American Medical Response (AMR) ambulance responded to the scene. AMR unit 202 transported the bicyclist to the University Medical Center Trauma hospital. The bicyclist had a Nevada driver's license bearing Kayvan Khiabani. Despite all resuscitative measures, Khiabani died at 11:09(a)m. DA notification was (HARD COPY/COMPUTER/2004) (HARD COPY) (HARD COPY/COMPUTER/2004) (HARD COPY) (HA

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The LVMPD Fatal Detail responded to the scene to document details of the collision. I was notified of the incident on April 18th and got to the collision scene at approximately 11:47 a.m. I assumed primary responsibility for the investigation upon my arrival. Detectives Bangle, Solomon, Hansbarger, and Figueroa responded to the scene to assist my investigative efforts. Sergeant McCullough responded to supervise the investigation. I surveyed the scene. The intersection was closed to vehicular traffic in all three directions at the "T" intersection of S. Pavilion Center Dr and W. Griffith Peak Dr.

I spoke with Officers Lourenco and Harvey who provided me with the details learned during the preliminary stages of the investigation. Officer Lourenco identified two witnesses whom were still at the scene Aaron and Erika Bradley. Both witnesses had completed written statements. Aaron wrote, "My wife was driving, while I was on my phone. I heard her gasp and I looked up. A bicyclist was laying on the ground, and a white bus/coach was attempting to slow down. As the bus continued to break, the rear tires ran over the bicyclist. I immediately called 9-1-1 to alert them. Since I was not looking up and paying attention to the street ahead of us, I was unable to see if the bus ran into the bicyclist, or vice versa." Erika wrote, "Driving south on Pavilion Center, almost to the stop light @ Pavilion Center and Red Rock / Griffith Peak, saw the bicyclist struck by a white bus. The bicyclist was struck on the left side by the right side / front of the bus. The bicyclist spun around and fell and was rolled under the bus. We pulled over immediately. I can't specifically recall which direction the bus was going, but it appeared as though the bicyclist didn't see it and was attempting to pull out or cross the intersection.

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The Fatal Detail members and I walked the collision scene to familiarize ourselves with the roadway evidence and collision dynamics. We started from north of the intersection and

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walked south through the apparent path of travel the two units made leading up to the area of initial contact. Crime Scene Analyst Ross-Lynch started documentation of the collision by capturing digital images of the intersection, evidence, bus, bicycle, roadway layout and design. Sergeant McCullough used a Sokkia GNSS GPS Receiver to record measurements of the roadway and evidence locations.

The only identifiable evidence in the roadway was a series of scrapes, a pool of apparent blood, and items from the bicycle and rider. The Scott Solace bicycle was in the roadway south of the scrapes and apparent blood. The Motor Coach International Bus was parked south of the intersection adjacent to the west curb. I did not find any signs of tire mark evidence I could attribute to the incident I was investigating.

I met with the driver of the bus, Edward Hubbard, and conducted a recorded interview. The following is the transcribed text from the recorded interview:

KS: Good morning, this is Detective Ken Salisbury P#8264 conducting a driver interview with Edward Hubbard, date of birth 2-10-67, as part of an investigation under LVMPD Event #170418-1868. This interview is being conducted at Pavilion Center Drive and Griffith Peak Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada. The date is April 18, 2017 and the time now is 12:28 p.m. Also present for the interview is Trauma Intervention Program Volunteer Jeff Haber H-A-B-E-R. Ed, do you understand this conversation is being recorded?

EH: Yes.

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KS: And are you giving your statement freely and voluntarily, without any promises, without any threats or duress to provide information in an investigation being conducted by the Las Vegas Mctropolitan Police Department?

EH: Yes.

KS: Alright Ed, can you first start by telling me the vehicle you were operating, the direction you were traveling, and then what happened?

EH: Uh, this is a Motor Coach MCI bus. I was traveling south.

KS: Do you remember what lane you were in?

EH: I was in the first lane right here. There's two lanes...

KS: There's...

EH: (don't understand).

KS: So back there, there's two lanes south. We're in the left lane, or in the right lane?

EH: No I was in the right lane.

KS: Okay and then you're coming up to the intersection, what happened?

EH: I'm coming up to the intersection, the bike um, bike driver came out of the bike lane right into the, like into the bus and I swerved and I, I think that he might have hit this side over here.

KS: Okay, so the gesture you made, you swerved to the left? ORIGINAL DOCUMENT (HARD COPYCOMPUTERIZEDINICROGRAPHIC COPY)

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EH: Right to avoid him because he took his hands off these, he went, he was riding like this, and then he took his hands off and the bike swerved out into the where the bus, you know, where the traffic is, so to avoid hitting him with the bus I hit, turned, hit my brakes and turned out like that.

KS: Okay and when you said he took his hands off you did a motion. Are you motioning that he took his hands off the handlebars?

EH: He took both his hands off the handlebars.

KS: And then where did he put them?

EH: To his side.

KS: Um, was he grabbing at anything, or?

EH: No, no just like, it happened very fast. Took his hands off and then the bike just came over.

KS: So when he took his hands off had he started in the bike lane?

EH: He was already in the bike lane and he took his hands off and then he came, and I'm paying attention, I'm not driving fast, and just, it just happened just came right over, and so to make sure I didn't hit him I just, you know, turned the bus to the left, the brakes turned the bus to the left and I thought that I didn't even hit him until I looked in my mirror and saw that he was on the ground. I, I thought that I had avoided him because I turned. You know what I mean?

KS: And you said there were other people on the bus when this happened?d correct copy of the ORIGIN DOCUMENT (HARD COPY/COMPONERIZED/MICROCRAPHIC COPY)

EH: Yes sir.

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KS: And did they provide a statement to you?

EH: Yes sir they provided a statement that said it wasn't my fault. They said they saw what happened. He came way out of the bike lane um, took his hands off um, he went no hands.

KS: So did you actually see that and they saw that, or is that just what they told you?

EH: I saw it, yes I saw that yes.

KS: You saw him take his hands off the handlebars?

EH: Yes sir.

KS: Okay and you're aware that there's possibly video of this incident...

EH: Yes sir.

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KS: from the Red Rock?

EH: Yes sir.

KS: And what do you think that video is going to show me?

EH: It's going to show me turning away from him. It's going to show me, it's going to show you incoming into right where his bike is at. That's what I don't understand why he came way out there like that.

KS: Do you have your commercial license?

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EH: Yeah somebody has it. First officer on the scene has it.on the with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department 2a - 2a - 2a

KS: Okay and you're familiar with the driving laws in the State of Nevada? Police Date

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EH: Yes sir.

KS: Are you familiar with the three foot laws that pertains to bicyclists?

EH: Right to stay away from them. Yes sir, yes sir.

KS: And do you, what's your understanding of the responsibility of that law?

EH: To stay away from them three feet, right.

KS: Okay.

EH: Which is what, which is what I was doing.

KS: And how many feet do you think you were away from the bicyclist?

EH: Maybe 7, 7, 10 feet, because when you see where he, he drifted, he drifted into, into the vehicle lane.

KS: Um, so he starts off in the bike lane, he drifts over, to use your terms...

EH: Ye sir.

KS: How many feet over into the travel lane do you think he drifted?

About maybe 5, 5 feet from the bike lane.

EH: I don't know, because he came over, I would say he was, how many feet from the bike lane was he maybe?

KS: Um hum.

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KS: So um, so in your estimation if he's off into the travel lane, he's about 5 feet away from the bike lane?

EH: Yes sir.

KS: Okay and about that time you're coming through, how fast do you think you were going?

EH: Probably 10 miles an hour. That's why I don't understand how he's, how he's hurt so bad.I don't understand. He was going, he was fast, he was going kind of fast. I don't know understand.I was going maybe 10, 12 miles, 15 miles an hour.

KS: And had he passed you?

EH: No, no he didn't pass me.

KS: You were approaching him from the rear?

EH: Right. No I wasn't approaching him. I was, it was something like this.

KS: So he's offset to your right, but...

EH: He's in the bike lane and then he just came, like I said, just like that.

KS: Where were you coming from?

EH: I'm, I turned off this street, must have turned off of...

KS: Charleston is the next major street down there that the Red Rock BISING APCUMENT HAND COPY TO FREE DOWN COPY

EH: Yes sir.

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on hie with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department Okay, so you make a right off of Charleston and where were you headed to? KS: <u>, service and a service and a</u> Lus Voges Metropolitan Police Dapt. 8

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EH: Right here.

KS: Okay.

EH: Like to Hotel, where it says Hotel/Spa.

KS: Okay and is this a normal route for you?

EH: Uh, no, well I've done this before, because we do McCarran, this is uh, you know,

sometime we bring people from McCarran to the Red Rock.

KS: Have you ever been involved in anything like this before?

EH: Absolutely not. I'm a safe operator.

KS: Is this a normal schedule for you?

EH: Oh yeah.

KS: What time did you start work this morning?

EH: I got to work today at 8:15 was my yard time.

KS: And had you had any breaks between starting work and when this incident occurred?

EH: Yes, because we was at the airport, which is, they didn't start coming out yet until like, I think I left at um, (inaudible) I think I left at 10:15, 10:30 I'm not sure.

KS: Have you had anything to eat today?

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EH: I um, coffee and an egg sandwich.

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KS:	What time was that?	
EH:	Um, maybe 8:35.	
KS:	Anything else today?	
EH:	No sir.	
KS:	What's a normal sleep patter for you?	
EH:	Anywhere from 5 to 6 hours.	
KS:	5 to 6 hours, starting when and ending when	
EH:	Um, depends on when. 1 to 7, 1 to 6.	
KS:	Is a normal sleep patter for you?	
EH:	Yes.	
KS:	And what was your sleep schedule like last n	ight?
EH:	About I went to, I think my wife woke me up	about quarter to 7, quarter to 7.
KS:	Okay. Are you taking any medications right	now?
EH:	Absolutely not.	
KS:	When's the last time you had any alcohol?	Hereby cadily this is a full, litue and correct copy of the ORIGINAL DOCUMENT (HARD COPY/COMPUTERIZED/MICROGRAPHIC COPY)
EH:	I don't drink. 21 years, almost 21 years.	OCT 1 1 2017
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EH: Yes sir.

KS: Do you smoke?

EH: No sir.

KS: Do you take any illicit drugs?

EH: No sir.

KS: And no prescription medications?

EH: No sir.

KS: No allergy pills?

EH: No sir.

KS: Anything for blood pressure?

EH: I don't take anything.

KS: Okay.

EH: No medication, no nothing.

KS: Do you wear corrective lenses?

EH: No sir.

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KS: Are you required to wear corrective lenses?

EH: No sir.

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KS: When was your last accident?

EH: Maybe in, when I was living in New York City.

KS: When was that?

EH: Uh, let see I don't know. Maybe this is 17, maybe 14, 15, 2015, 2014.

KS: When was your last speeding ticket?

EH: I haven't had a speeding ticket.

KS: Have you ever had any traffic infractions? Any traffic tickets?

EH: No.

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KS: Not here, anywhere else?

EH: No.

KS: Is your license currently valid?

EH: Yes sir.

KS: Were you wearing a seatbelt?

EH: Yes sir.

KS: And is that a shoulder and lap belt, or just a lap belt?

EH: Lap belt.

KS: Lap belt only. After this all happened, I, I assume you pulled the vehicle over and did...

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EH: I, I (inaudible) I saw, like I said I thought I avoided um, I saw them look in the mirror in the side thing and I saw him and I jumped and I ran out (inaudible) and that's when I dialed 9-1-1 immediately.

KS: Did any of those passengers say anything to you?

EH: Yes they said he came into your lane. He came into your lane we saw it. He came into your lane.

KS: And you said they provided their information to your supervisor?

EH: I don't know if they provided it to my supervisor yet, but they provided to the officer, to uh Metro PD.

KS: Okay. Whose fault do you think this incident is?

EH: He came out, he came out, I tried to avoid him that's why his bike hit the side of the bus.

KS: So did the front of the bus hit him, or the side?

EH: Absolutely not. Absolutely not.

KS: What could you have done to avoid this?

EH: Honest to God I went over it in my head and I don't see anything that I could have done, because I, I did what I'm trained to do. I turned, turned the bus to the left to avoid making contact, with him and the bike and I hit my brakes. I wasn't even going fast.

KS: Is there anything that I have failed to ask you that you would like to add to your statement on life with the Las Veges Micropolian Police Oppartment pertaining to this investigation?

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EH: I just want you to speak to the people who saw it. I mean I'm so sorry that he is not here. That's the thing that is killing me the most, but I swear to you, he came, he came over and that's why, you talk to them and they'll tell you exactly what happened. I did everything I could not to hit that man.

KS: Anything else you'd like to add?

EH: I would like to (inaudible) I'm very safe driver. I drove in New York City since 1997. I just got here like a year (inaudible). I'm a very safe driver. I've seen it all. I even seen this, I can't believe it.

KS: Anything else you wanted to add?

EH: You guys are going to check the video, right?

KS: Of course.

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EH: (Inaudible) there's a camera right here.

KS: Of course. That concludes the interview. The same people are present. The time now is 12:40 p.m. Thank you.

While I was investigating the scene, I was given a disc with a video surveillance file from the Red Rock Hotel and Casino. The video showed the bus traveling south through the intersection. After the bus passes through the intersection, the bicyclist and bicycle can be seen in the intersection on the asphalt. The video did not capture the actual contact made between the two intersection on the asphalt. The video did not capture the actual contact made between the two intersection on the pre-impact behaviors. The trajectory of the bus through the intersection appeared that the driver made a steering maneuver to the left, from south to southeast, as it continued through

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the intersection. As the bus entered the frame of the camera, it appeared to originate from the right travel lane. The area where the bicycle and rider came to rest fell within the prolongation of the middle of the right southbound travel lane. The bicycle was moved from its final rest location while the bicyclist was being treated by medical personnel.

I examined the bicycle. There was contact damage on the left handlebar, left pedal, and the left side of the seat. The bicycle appeared to have overturned onto its left side. The contact damage was consistent with the severity of the scratches on the asphalt. I did not find any mechanical deficiencies with the bicycle that could be attributed to the causation of the collision.

I summoned the assistance of the Nevada Highway Patrol for a level 1 commercial vehicle inspection. Officer Conlin, badge number 29284, responded and completed the inspection. The only violation listed on the report of his examination was violation 396.3A1 (Inspection, repair and maintenance of parts & accessories: Oil leaks from engine area). I spoke with Officer Conlin who told me he did not find any evidence of contact with the bicycle or rider underneath the bus. I inspected the bus and found a black transfer mark on the right side of the bus behind the right front tire wheel well. The transfer mark appeared fresh and was consistent in appearance with what I would expect from the handlebars of a bicycle. The transfer mark on the bus was lower than the handlebar height of the bicycle in the upright position. The bicycle appeared to have started to overturn prior to the transfer mark being created. I took four pictures of the transfer mark to show its position and appearance on the bus. I rubbed my finger over the transfer mark in the middle and the black transfer started to roll as my finger passed over it. The rolling of the material lead me to believe that the transfer was both prevent and denieve become become the bicycle handlebar.

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# Detective Hansbarger transported the bicycle back to our office where he impounded it for safekeeping. I had Criminalistics Analyst McIntyre meet with Clark County Coroner Investigator Brown at the hospital to inspect and document the decedent's body and helmet. I released the bus to Don Hadden. Hadden was the operations manager for Silverado Stages. After I released the bus, I was approached by Robert Pears. Pears identified himself as a witness so I conducted a recorded interview.

The following is the transcribed text from the recorded interview:

KS: Good morning, this is Detective Ken Salisbury, P#8264 conducting a witness interview with Robert Pears R-O-B-E-R-T P-E-A-R-S, date of birth 1-4-68. His address is

His phone number is

This is part of an investigation under LVMPD Event #170418-1868. This interview is being conducted at South Pavilion Center Drive at the intersection with Griffith Peak Drive. The time now is 2:47 p.m. on April 18, 2017. We are the only persons present for this interview. Is it okay if I call you Robert?

RP: Yes.

(Radio traffic)

KS: Robert, do you understand this conversation is being recorded?

RP: Yes.

Yes.

RP:

KS: And are you making your statement freely and voluntarily...

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KS: without any promises, without any threats or duress to provide information in an investigation being conducted by the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department?

RP: Yes.

KS: Okay I understand you were a possible witness to a collision that happened today.

RP: Yes.

KS: Can you first start by telling me where you were and how you came to know of the incident?

RP: Okay, so I was in the bus on the front passenger seat, the very front seat.

KS: Okay.

RP: I saw, well we were behind the cyclist for quite a while. Um, my...

KS: Can you described quite a while for me?

RP: Um, I would say half a mile. We were coming down, I'm sorry I don't know what street this was, heading to the Red Rock Facility.

KS: Okay and you motioned this is South Pavilion.

RP: South Pavilion, yep, going that direction south towards the Red Rock. Um, and we had myself and Mike (don't understand) commented because the driver was going very slow um, being very caution of the cyclist who was in front. When we came close to this bunched units the bus (HARO COPY/COMPUTENCEOMICROGRAPHIC COPY) driver was able to pull into the other lane and the cyclist was in the lane beside us. All of a sudden the cyclist pulled towards the bus. He took his hand off the, his steering wheel and swerved right on life with the Las Vegas Metropolatio Police Department into the side of the bus. The driver swerved to try and pull away um, but it was not, it was too late.

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KS: Okay. You said a few different things in there.

RP: Yeah sure.

KS: Was the bicyclist in the bicycle lane, or the travel lane?

RP: He was in, he was in the bicycle lane, but he came out of it and all of a sudden I don't know if he was planning to turn, but he took his hand off of the left hand part of his...

KS: Handlebar?

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RP: handlebar and um, seemed like he lost control because he suddenly swerved and he turned into the bus.

KS: Now when you're gesturing with your hands, you're using your right hand to make it look as if he almost steered his handlebar into the bus.

RP: Yes. It almost, it looked like I don't know if he hit something, but he swerved, he literally swerved um, and turned into the bus.

KS: So would you described it as intentional or accidently?

RP: No I think, I think it looked like something he lost control. In my opinion it looked like something happened and he lost control.

KS: And you didn't have any opinion or see anything of why he may have lost control?

RP: No I, my opinion is I was wondering if he was trying to turn RHE-took his thand off the (HARD CONCOMPUTERIZED MOROGRAPHIC COPY) handlebar and he lost control when he suddenly realized where the bus was. I don't think he OCT 1 1 2017 realized how close the bus was.

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KS: How close was the bus when he took his hand off the handlebar?

RP: A foot and a half, two foot.

KS: Okay.

RP: He was close.

KS: Um, so when the bicyclist and the bus are a foot and a half, two feet apart from each other, is the bicyclist in the travel lane, or the bicycle lane?

RP: I believe he was in the travel lane at that point.

KS: And you said the bus had been following for about a half mile?

RP: So the bus had been following for a half mile and suddenly it had over taken just before this junction and so we were in the traveling lane, he was in the cycle lane, and then just literally that this junction that's where the bicyclist pulled over into the travel lane. He just pulled over right quickly and as I said the bus driver tried to swerve, but just as he was doing that, that's when the cyclist took his hand off the handle wheel and turned.

KS: When you're saying the cyclist pulled over, is that the lost control movement, or is that a separate...

RP: He pulled over, he pulled initially, he pulled over out of that lane, he pulled over and that's where I have an impression he maybe tried to turn, I don't know if you can turn on that street.

KS: Okay, so you thought maybe he was going from the bicycle and intending to turn left HAHD COPY COMPUTERIZED MEROGRAPHIC COPY) at this intersection?

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RP: I wonder, because he pulls over, he then takes his hand off the handlebar, and loses control and swerves into the bus.

KS: So there's two separate motions there. There's one from the bike lane into the travel lane and then there's a second one of the losing control...

RP: Correct.

KS: into the side of the bus.

RP: Correct.

KS: And it was in fact into the side?

RP: Yes he went into the side of the bus.

KS: Um, so the bus is long, the passenger's side of the bus, right front, right rear?

- RP: It was just behind the front right tire.
- KS: Okay.

RP: So I'm, yeah it was just behind where I was seated.

KS: So if your seat is the very right front seat in the bus, it would have been on your right?

RP: I was looking down and literally behind me he's where he hit.

KS: So you're gesturing again, maybe a foot behind you, two foot behind you?

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KS: Did you hear it impact the bus?

RP: Yes, yes.

KS: So, so on a scale of 1 to 100, 100 being as sure as you were of anything in your life, how

sure are you that the cyclist or bicycle made contact with the bus?

RP: I'm a hundred percent sure that he made contact.

KS: Okay and from there you don't know what happened as far as the dynamics or what he did?

RP: No, no.

KS: What did the bus driver do?

RP: The bus driver pulled over um, grabbed his phone, and called 9-1-1.

KS: Was he making any statements?

RP: He was um, crying out oh my God. I mean I swerved to miss to miss him, I swerved to miss him. I was trying to miss him and he's calling 9-1-1 and he's just, he was um, in a panic state. He was just in shock.

KS: Did you say anything to him?

RP: I said to him, afterwards, at the end, you know, I went over and basically you know, I just prayed with the guy um, you know, but he was, we told him we recommended that he call and get another bus driver to take his, to continue on, and that he sit down, because he was clearly a wreck. Hereby certify this is a full true and correct copy of the ORIGINAL OCCUMENT He was all over the place. He was not be was not with the coord a basic correct copy of the Was not with the coord of the state of

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KS: If you had to determine fault in whose this was with you having the best account of how that happened, who do you think is at fault for this collision?

RP: Sadly I would say the cyclist.

KS: And why would you make that determination?

RP: Because from my perspective he lost control and went into the bus. He pulled over too close to the bus, and the seemed to lost control. Um, the bus driver had, was overtaking him, was clearly in a different lane, and for some reason I don't know why the cyclist would pull over. I'm surprised he was not aware of the bus being behind him because we were there for, I said a good half mile following him. The bus driver was well behind, he was being very, very cautious and careful, which several people commented on the bus regarding that, and then he pulls over to overtake him and goes into the travel lane and the cyclist just suddenly pulled.

KS: So there you said he pulls over to overtake him. Are you saying that the bus driver pulled over to make room to pass the cyclist?

RP: So if you go back further on Pavilion, further north I guess it would be um, we were behind and the bus driver thought he had to turn at that junction and he realized no it's the next one, so he pulls out into the travel lane, and he then goes the cyclist was in that turn lane, bicycle lane.

KS: So if I set this up correctly by what you just said, further north as you are proceeding south, the bus is actually behind the cyclist...

RP: Yes, yes.

KS: thinking that he's going to make a right.

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RP: Correct.

KS: And then pulls back into the travel lane.

RP: Correct.

KS: There's two travel lanes south, the bus in the right travel lane...

RP: Correct.

KS: to go around the bicyclist...

RP: Correct.

KS: And that's when now the bicyclist has made a lane change from the bike lane into the same travel lane.

RP: Correct.

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KS: When the bicyclist makes that lane change into the same travel lane, how close is the bus now to the bicyclist?

RP: When he made that change, they came within a couple of feet. They were really close and the bus driver immediately tried to swerve um, but as I said that's when the cyclist took his hand off that left handle and just seemed like he lost control and swerved.

KS: So I'm getting a little bit better of an understanding of how this happened. So, if that bicyclist when he's changing lanes from the bike lane into the travel lane that the bus is occupying, thereby cadity this is a full, true and correct copy of the would you have said that that was a safe lane change for the bicyclist to bull in front of the bus at that proximity?

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RP: Because he was not in front at that time. He was not in front.

KS: So when he's making that lane change, he's, he's changing into the side of the bus?

RP: Correct.

KS: So do you think that the bicyclist knew that the bus was in that lane?

RP: Based on his reaction I don't think he did. I don't recall mirrors being on the bike. I may be wrong, but I don't, that's where I think when he took his hand off and he looked and saw the bus, I think that's why he lost control, I think he was not expecting the bus, but that's my opinion.

Sure. Um, I understand you're with a partner Michael? KS:

RP: Yeah.

KS: And Michael also works at Thermal Fisher Scientific?

RP: Correct.

KS: And have you had a chance to talk to him since this occurred?

No. We talked, I said we texted briefly I told him the guy died, that's why it's on my RP: phone, and he basically, I can show you but there's no comment. I just told him this is a cop thing and the guy died.

Perfect. Is there anything that I have failed to ask you that you would like to add to your KS: t hereby cardify this is a full, true and correct copy of the statement pertaining to this investigation?

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KS: Did you notice anything from the driver at all that would make you think that um, he was impaired, or that he wasn't driving safe before this incident occurred?

RP: No I mean I said he was, and there was a lot of people on the bus commenting, he was driving very slow behind that bus um, or behind sorry, behind the bike, so he did not in any way appear, he seemed he was taking extra care and caution behind that bike. Um, and I said several people commented on the bus.

KS: Alright that's all the questions I have. I appreciate you coming back to the scene and giving me that statement that really helps my investigation a lot.

RP: Okay.

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KS: That concludes the interview. The time now is 3:00 p.m. and the same persons are present. Thank you.

During the interview, Robert Pears said that the bicyclist took his hand off the handlebar and swerved into the side of the bus. Pears believed the cyclist may have been trying to cross the intersection. This thought was consistent with Erika Bradley's. After reading Erika's written statement earlier in the day, she explained to me that the bicyclist looked like it was trying to pull out or cross the intersection. The accounts of both of these witnesses were consistent with each other, and consistent with the bicycle starting to overturn before the transfer mark was made on the side of the bus. Pears seemed to have had the best vantage point and recollection of the sequence of events.

I had Logistical Solutions respond to the scene for biohazard removal and sanitization. I 0CT I 1 2017 ensured the roadway was free from collision debris before restoring normal vehicular traffic

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operations. I went to my office where I created a case file and conducted records checks on the persons and vehicle(s) involved in the incident.

I received a typed statement from Michael Plantz during the follow-up portion of my investigation. Plantz was the additional witness identified by Pears. Plantz statement read the following verbatim:

Dear Detective Salisbury-

I was provided your card by a coworker (Robert Pears) that I believe you spoke to regarding this event on Tuesday, April 18. I also witnessed the cyclist prior and during the accident as Robert also did. Please contact me if you need any information or clarifications. Below are a few of the notes that I can share from my perspective on the accident.

1. I was on the transfer bus from LAS to the Red Rock Casino, traveling to attend my company's sales meeting on 4/18-21. I was sitting in the first row of the bus, directly behind the driver of the bus. My sitting position was up higher than the driver's level. Robert Pears was sitting directly across from me in the right front seat of this bus.

2. The bus exited the highway onto eastbound Charleston Blvd. As the bus neared the right turn lane approaching the traffic light at Pavilion Center Dr., the bus driver slowed as cyclist was coasting in this turn lane. Both Robert and I commented to each other that the cyclist was going slow at this point, and the bus driver made a passing comment something to the effect that the driver saw the cyclist and was watching him.

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3. The bus driver turned right (south) onto Pavilion Center after the cyclist performed the OCT 1 1 2017
same turn. The cyclist initially pulled ahead on Pavilion Center due to the bus slowing for the

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turn, but just before the next intersection the bus caught up with the cyclist. The bus driver was showing significant awareness of the cyclist, and the cyclist slowed to the point where the bus started to pass the cyclist near the interception. Both the cyclist and the bus were in their appropriate lanes. I cycle quite a bit myself, and was watching the cyclist as he slowed about a 50 yards before the intersection. The bus driver was also providing significant clearance from the cyclist, as the cyclist was in his appropriate lane to the far right of the road.

4. Right at the next intersection on Pavilion Center (near the Red Rock Casino), the cyclist appeared to remove at least one of his hands from the handlebars and unexpectedly veered left into the side of the bus. I watched from my vantage point thru the window in the door, and saw the cyclist almost hit the door as he neared the bus. The bus driver observed the cyclist veering towards the bus and attempted to miss the cyclist by moving over to the far left side of the right lane. I was surprised that the cyclist made this quick direction change toward the bus without looking over his left shoulder. I remember looking at the cyclist as we neared this intersection, and did not see a mirror on the bicycle. I think that I was looking for this because of my cycling experience and that the cyclist was slowing and appeared to be either recovering from his ride or was not sure of his direction.

5. The cyclist hit the bus right next to my coworker Robert Pears. We could not see the cyclist at this point, as he was below the level of the coach bus windows. But we heard an impact that indicated to us that the cyclist had hit the side of the bus, at or just behind the right front wheel.

6. From my perspective, the bus driver was driving very slow and was providing ample space thereby certify this is a full, two and conect copy of the for this unfortunate cyclist. The driver commented that he had from the somewhat (HARD COPY) CONSULENCED/MICROGRAPHIC COPY) erratic movements of the cyclist. The driver did everything he could to then try to avoid the impact, 0CT 1 1 2017

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and stopped the bus after the impact and immediately called 911. When he got out to approach the cyclist, it appeared that security staff from the Red Rock were already approaching the cyclist on the ground and trying to attend to him. I don't believe that the bus driver could have done anything different; he was watching the cyclist and sharing the road very well prior to the cyclist quickly changing direction and impacting the side of the bus.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions. I am flying out of LAS this morning, but I can be reached at my cell phone number listed below if you'd like to speak directly.

Respectfully,

Michael Plantz

**Elemental Technical Sales Specialist** 

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During the follow-up portion of my investigation, Detective Figueroa used measurements from the data recorded at the scene to create a scaled diagram within a computer assisted drafting program. I received the autopsy reports from the Clark County Office of the Coroner Medical Examiner for Khiabani. Forensic Pathologist Lisa Ann Gavin M.D., MPH determined Khiabani died of blunt force injuries of head and chest due to being struck by a bus. The manner of death was ruled as an accident. The autopsy reports included a toxicological analysis which revealed ORIGINAL DOCUMENT Khiabani did not have any impairing substances in this blood at the time of his demise. In my

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experience of investigating fatal traffic collisions and reviewing reports of forensic pathologist's findings, the manner of death for pedestrians and bicyclists is commonly attributed to blunt force injuries due to being struck by a motor vehicle. While this may be true in most cases, I do not feel it accurately depicts the manner of death in this incident.

The contact made between the right side of the bus and the cyclist did not have enough force to cause the type of head and chest injury described in the autopsy report. However, the injuries were consistent with the right side rear tires rolling over Khiabani. The reason this dynamic is especially important in this case is because Khiabani's center of mass had to have lateral momentum towards the right side of the bus for his body to go underneath the side of the bus and have the rear tires roll over the top of him. This lateral momentum could have been created by Khiabani steering the bicycle toward the side of the bus as described by two of the witnesses.

An alternative causation to Khiabani's lateral movement into the side of the bus has been suggested that the design of the bus created an aerodynamic force pulling Khiabani toward the bus. I do not have access to any such study or reports of aerodynamic forces related to the bus in this incident. However, the amount of force needed to displace a 191 pound man traveling 6 to 15 miles per hour would have to be enough to influence the cyclist's velocity vector at 1910 to 4200 foot pounds of force.

I analyzed the speed of the bus using a time and distance analysis from the video of the incident. The bus appeared to have been traveling 30 to 35 miles per hour. The proposed aerodynamic forces created by the design of the bus would have to have computed a velocity vector of (HARD COPY COMPUTED ZED MICHOGRAPHIC COPY) 1910 to 4200 foot pounds of force with the bus traveling at 30 to 35 miles per hour. The aerodynamic forces would have to have created a vortex spanning the distance Khiabani was from on Pervati the tas Vegas Metropolatan Police Department

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the bus as it passed. According to witnesses Plantz and Pears, the bus was passing at a reasonable distance. Unless a study was provided showing otherwise, I find it improbable that aerodynamic forces pulled Khiabani toward the bus.

According to Fricke, L. B. (2010). Traffic Crash Reconstruction (2nd Ed). Evanston, Illinois: Northwestern Center for Public Safety, "The word proximate means close or near. Used with Cause, it implies that there are other causes; that the event, for example a traffic collision, has other causes that the "proximate" one, perhaps a simultaneous contributing factor of some kind. The idea of multiple causes is contrary to the concept that an event has a single cause, which is a combination of contributing factors required to produce the resultant event. Proximate cause is a legal rather than a scientific concept. It corresponds roughly to what we have been calling a contributing factor. Proximate, meaning near, seems to signify necessary and understandable."

According to Cooley, Peter, "A Manual For Evaluating the Performance of the Electrical Circuitry of the General Motors Air Cushion Restraint System", DOT-HS-4-00890, NHTSA, 1977, To ... "be held criminally responsible for injury or homicide arising from his negligent operation of a vehicle or in violation of law, it is uniformly held that it must be shown that such. ... was the proximate cause of such death or injury. This means that there must have been a causal connection between the act and the resulting harm." Proximate cause is a phrase frequently encountered . . . Its meaning is somewhat elastic and there is no simple or mechanically precise method by which the difference between proximate and remote causes can be made clear ...." ". . . For centuries, the phrase proximate cause, has been understood as indicating a cause of which I hereby cartily this is a fuil, true and correct copy of the the law will take notice. It means substantially the same as 'efficient cause' or 'legal cause.' 'Legal (HARD COPY/CAMPUTERIZED/MICROGRAF cause' is perhaps a more accurate phrase . . ." "One usually reliable test in such matters is whether OCT 1 1 2017

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the act or omission assigned as the cause constituted a substantial factor in bringing about the particular harm. This is on the theory that law does not concern itself with trifles."

While there are a chain of factors that result in the causation of any incident, I determined Khiabani contributed to the causation of this collision by unintentionally steering toward the bus. The steering maneuver resulted in contact between the right side of the bus and the handlebars of the bicycle as Khiabani overturned onto his left side. As the bus continued to pass, Khiabani went under the bus where the rear passenger side tires rolled over him resulting in injuries causing his death.

In regards to NRS 484B.270, some may have proposed that the driver of a vehicle must change lanes to the left lane when they are passing a bicycle traveling in the same direction as long as there is more than one lane. This concept is correct and seems to apply to this case under one context. However, this law specifies what a driver must do when passing a bicycle traveling in the same lane. In this case, the bicycle rider has a designated lane of safe operation. Vehicular traffic may lawfully pass a bicycle in a bicycle lane when that vehicle is occupying a lane adjacent to the bicycle lane as long as there is more than three feet of clearance. This case is applicable to NRS 484B.763 which states, a bicycle rider "upon a roadway has all of the rights and is subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle." The rider in this case, has the duty to yield the right-of-way to the bus in the adjacent lane while attempting to change lanes. Khiabani left the bicycle lane, which was a designated safe place in the roadway, and entered the lane occupied by the bus. In doing so, he failed to yield the right-of-way to the bus and caused the collision. I I hereby certify this is a full, true and correct copy of the did not find any criminal violations of law on behalf of Edward Hubbard and I did not file any

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charges related to this incident. The investigation of this collision is closed and the cited statues are provided below for reference.

NRS 484B.270 Vehicles, bicycles, electric bicycles and pedestrians: Driver's duty of due care; additional penalty if driver is proximate cause of collision with person riding bicycle.

1. The driver of a motor vehicle shall not intentionally interfere with the movement of a person lawfully riding a bicycle or an electric bicycle.

2. When overtaking or passing a bicycle or electric bicycle proceeding in the same direction, the driver of a motor vehicle shall exercise due care and:

(a) If there is more than one lane for traffic proceeding in the same direction, move the vehicle
 to the lane to the immediate left; if the lane is available and moving into the lane is reasonably
 safe; or

(b) If there is only one lane for traffic proceeding in the same direction, pass to the left of the bicycle or electric bicycle at a safe distance, which must be not less than 3 feet between any portion of the vehicle and the bicycle or electric bicycle, and shall not move again to the right side of the highway until the vehicle is safely clear of the overtaken bicycle or electric bicycle.

3. The driver of a motor vehicle shall yield the right-of-way to any person riding a bicycle or an electric bicycle or a pedestrian as provided in subsection 6 of NRS 484B 297 on the pathway or lane. The driver of a motor vehicle shall not enter, stop, stand, park or drive within a pathway or lane provided for bicycles or electric bicycles except: 0CT 1 1 2017

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(a) When entering or exiting an alley or driveway;

(b) When operating or parking a disabled vehicle;

(c) To avoid conflict with other traffic;

(d) In the performance of official duties;

(e) In compliance with the directions of a police officer; or

(f) In an emergency.

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4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, the driver of a motor vehicle shall not enter or proceed through an intersection while driving within a pathway or lane provided for bicycles or electric bicycles.

5. The driver of a motor vehicle shall:

(a) Exercise due care to avoid a collision with a person riding a bicycle or an electric bicycle;
 and

(b) Give an audible warning with the horn of the vehicle if appropriate and when necessary to avoid such a collision.

6. If, while violating any provision of subsections 1 to 5, inclusive, the driver of a motor vehicle is the proximate cause of a collision with a person riding a bicycle, the driver is subject to the additional penalty set forth in subsection 4 of NRS 484B 653 H, the and correct copy of the ORIGRAL DOCUMENT (HARD COPY/COMPUTERIZED/MICROGRAPHIC COPY)

7. The operator of a bicycle or an electric bicycle shall not:

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(a) Intentionally interfere with the movement of a motor vehicle; or

(b) Overtake and pass a motor vehicle unless the operator can do so safely without endangering himself or herself or the occupants of the motor vehicle.

(Added to NRS by 1991, 2228; A 1997, 739; 1999, 1664; 2009, 398; 2011, 294, 1633; 2015, 1196) — (Substituted in revision for NRS 484.324)

NRS 484B.763 Application of traffic laws to person riding bicycle or electric bicycle. Every person riding a bicycle or an electric bicycle upon a roadway has all of the rights and is subject to all of the dutics applicable to the driver of a vehicle except as otherwise provided in NRS 484B.767 to 484B.783, inclusive, and except as to those provisions of chapters 484A to 484E, inclusive, of NRS which by their nature can have no application.

(Added to NRS by 1957, 504; A 1997, 1728; 2009, 113, 399) — (Substituted in revision for NRS 484.503)

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October 19, 2017

Mr. David Dial Weinberg Wheeler Hudgins Gunn & Dial 3344 Peachtree Road NE Suite 2400 Atlanta, GA 30326

#### Re: Khiabani vs. MCI

#### Dear Mr. Dial:

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At your request, I have performed a biomechanical analysis in this matter. The purpose of this report is to set forth my general qualifications and preliminary opinions regarding the manner in which Dr. Khiabani was injured in the accident at issue in this case. My qualifications to perform this analysis are based on my education, training, and experience. I have a B.S.E. degree in Biomedical Engineering from Duke University, and M.S.E. and Ph.D. degrees in Biomedical Engineering from the University of Virginia. I am Research Faculty at the Center for Applied Biomechanics at the University of Virginia and Adjunct Faculty in biomedical engineering at Virginia Tech. I am a licensed professional engineer in the fields of biomedical and mechanical engineering (Texas P.E. #104623, Virginia P.E. #0402053704). I have specific training in accident reconstruction, and I am accredited as a traffic accident reconstructionist (ACTAR #1705). In my 20+ years of professional experience, I have authored more than fifty peer-reviewed scientific papers in the areas of orthopaedics, biomechanics, accident reconstruction, and injury risk analysis. My billing rate for work on this case is \$400 per hour. My professional background and publications are documented in more detail in the attached copy of my curriculum vitae.

I have been provided the following items relating to this case:

- State of Nevada Traffic Crash Report (preliminary and final versions)
- Photographs
  - o 159 color photographs taken by the police (jpg)
  - 5 color photographs of bus (jpg)
  - o 5 color photographs of left and right seat views (jpg)
  - o 180 color photographs from inspection of Mr. Caldwell (jpg)
  - o 5 color photographs of 360-degree view inside bus (jpg)
  - o 2 color photographs from Robert Pears (jpg)

- o 96 color photographs of bicycle and helmet taken by KJC (pdf)
- 85 color stills of video of truck sideswiping a bike (jpg)
- Videos
  - o Surveillance video from Red Rock Casino
  - Cell phone video
  - o 11 GoPro inspection videos
  - Bicyclist sideswiped by truck
  - Simple bus in wind tunnel simulation
  - Duluth barge heading out
- Depositions

- o Mark Barron
- William Bartlett (with exhibits)
- o Aaron Bradley
- Erica Bradley (with exhibits)
- Tiffany Brown (with exhibits)
- Robert Cunitz (with exhibits)
- Lisa Gavin, MD (with exhibits)
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- Witness statements
  - o Robert Pears
  - o Michael Plantz
- Clark County Coroner/Medical Examiner materials
  - o Report of Investigation
  - o Autopsy report
  - o Medical records
  - o 76 color photographs of autopsy (jpg)
  - 99 color photographs of scene (jpg)
  - o 18 x-ray images (jpg)
- Medical records
  - o American Medical Response

- Clark County Fire Department
- o University Medical Center
- Legal documents
  - o Amended complaint and demand for jury trial
  - Case management order
  - Plaintiff Katayoun Barin as executrix of the estate of Kayvan Khiabani, M.D.'s response to Motor Coach Industries, Inc.'s first set of interrogatories
  - Plaintiffs' 4<sup>th</sup> supplemental expert witness disclosures
  - Plaintiffs' 6<sup>th</sup> supplemental expert witness disclosures
- Plaintiffs' expert reports
  - o Robert Breidenthal
  - o Robert Caldwell
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  - o Patent
  - Product information
  - Installation instructions
  - o 2 videos with stunt man
- Miscellaneous
  - o Bus diagrams
  - o James M. Green article
  - 5 aerial images (pdf)

In addition, I inspected the subject bus, bicycle, helmet, socks, and shoes on September 26, 2017 and took 317 photographs. I inspected an S-1 Gard on September 27, 2017 and took 26 photographs.

#### Background

• The subject accident occurred on April 18, 2017 at approximately 10:36 a.m. at the intersection of S. Pavilion Center Dr. and Griffith Peak Dr. in Las Vegas, Nevada. It was



daylight, the weather was clear, and the straight and level asphalt roadway was dry. Dr. Kayvan Khiabani was riding his Scott Solace bicycle southbound on Pavilion Center Dr. when he collided with the right side of a southbound 2008 MCI J4500 Motor Coach driven by Mr. Edward Hubbard. Dr. Khiabani fell down onto the road and his helmeted head was partially run over by the right rear tire of the bus. Dr. Khiabani died as a result of the accident. It has been alleged that various modifications to the MCI bus could have prevented Dr. Khiabani's injuries in this accident.

Dr. Khiabani's injuries were documented during an autopsy conducted the following day (Figure 1). Radiographs were taken and an external examination was conducted, but no internal examination was conducted. A lateral x-ray of Dr. Khiabani's head showed extensive skull fracturing and a possible atlantooccipital dislocation (separation of the skull base from the top of the cervical spine) (Figure 2). In addition, Dr. Khiabani fractured his left ribs 3 – 9 posteriorly (Figure 3) and abraded the back of his left bicep and the outside of his left knee (Figure 4).

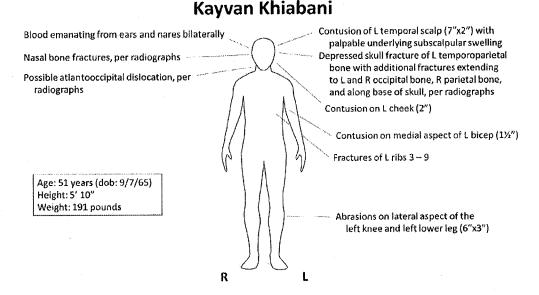


Figure 1. Injury diagram for Dr. Kayvan Khiabani.

#### **Injury Analysis**

• The only part of Dr. Khiabani's body that was run over by the bus wheel was the upper rear portion of his helmeted head. Had the bus wheel run over another part of his body, he would have sustained catastrophic crushing and degloving injuries to that body part. Dr. Khiabani's skull sustained crushing injuries. The skull was fractured extensively, with a high density of fractures in the occipital region (Figure 2). The occipital region of the skull was covered by the rear portion of the bicycle helmet, which was pinched by the rear tire of the bus (Figure 5). Dr. Khiabani's skull was trapped inside the helmet, which was circumferentially strengthened by the webbing in the suspension system, and crushed by the pinching tire.



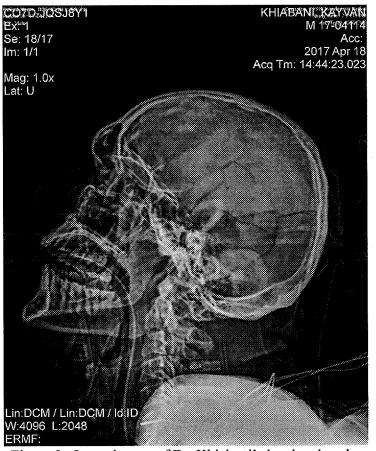


Figure 2. Lateral x-ray of Dr. Khiabani's head and neck.

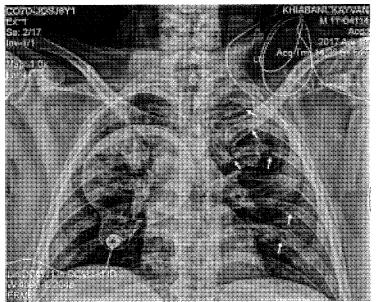


Figure 3. A-P x-ray of Dr. Khiabani's chest. Rib fractures are marked with yellow arrows.





Figure 4. Photographs of abrasions to Dr. Khiabani's left upper arm and left knee.



Figure 5. Photographs of Dr. Khiabani's bicycle helmet.

• Dr. Khiabani sustained a possible atlantooccipital (AO) disclocation, which is the result of disruption of the ligaments between the base of the skull and the top of the cervical spine. AO disclocations are caused by tension in the joint, which may result from a variety of forces on the head (Myers and Winkelstein, 1995). Dr. Khiabani may have suffered this neck injury as a result of his helmet and head being suddenly stopped by the pinching tire





while the rest of his body kept sliding down the road. I observed damage to the helmet in the chin strap mounting areas, which is consistent with the chin strap applying tension to Dr. Khiabani's neck during the accident.

• The remainder of Dr. Khiabani's injuries were caused by contact with the road. He sustained pronounced road rash abrasions on his medial bicep and lighter road rash abrasions to his left knee (Figure 5). The bicep abrasions were oriented transversely to the upper arm and the knee abrasions were roughly transverse (but more oblique) to the lower leg. Both of these abrasions, based on their locations on the body and the directions of their scratches, are consistent with Dr. Khiabani falling down onto his side while in a typical bicycle riding posture (torso relatively upright, hip and knees bent). Dr. Khiabani's posterior left rib fractures indicate that the left side of his chest and back struck the ground forcefully, which is also consistent with a fall onto his left side.

## **Trajectory Analysis**

- Dr. Khiabani's accident was captured by a roof-mounted security camera on the Red Rock Casino parking lot overlooking the intersection. Unfortunately, a palm tree obscured the view of the right side of the MCI bus as it passed through the intersection. Nonetheless, the bus can be seen clearly in all frames, and Dr. Khiabani can be seen in several frames up against the side of the bus and also at rest after the accident.
- By analyzing the video and using principles of photogrammetry, Mr. Rucoba was able to reconstruct the motion of the bus across the intersection with great precision. Mr. Rucoba created a 3-D computer model of the bus and the accident site and determined the exact position of the bus in every frame using a technique called camera matching. He determined that the bus was traveling at a constant speed of 25 mph from the time it first appeared on camera until it crossed to the other side of the intersection.
- Dr. Khiabani appeared on the video as a dark spot on the right side of the bus in several frames. His location was difficult to pinpoint precisely in each frame because of the pixilation of the images, the palm fronds, and the shadow of the bus. Mr. Rucoba determined Dr. Khiabani's location when he first appeared on the video, which was at approximately the time of his first impact with the bus. At that time, the front of the bus was approximately 30 feet in front of the stop bar and Dr. Khiabani's probable location in several subsequent video frames (Figure 6). I also tracked the top of the bus's windshield in each frame. I observed that Dr. Khiabani only covered slightly more than half of the distance as windshield on the bus in the same amount of time. Based on the bus's speed of 25 mph, I estimated that the bicycle speed at the time of first contact with the bus was approximately 13 14 mph. These calculations were confirmed by Mr. Rucoba's group. I also observed that Dr. Khiabani's speed appeared to increase slightly after his initial impact with the bus.
- There was physical evidence left by the first contact between Dr. Khiabani's bicycle and the bus. The rubber projection of the brake hood on the top left corner of his handlebar

was smeared in a rearward direction (relative to the handlebar) (Figure 7). This smearing matched an irregular black transfer mark on the right side of the bus just behind the front wheel well (Figure 8). The mark on the bus was lower than the top of the handlebars when the bike was upright. By positioning the bicycle next to the bus and matching up the mark on the bike to the mark on the bus, I determined that Dr. Khiabani's bicycle was leaned over approximately 25 degrees when it first contacted the bus. Mr. Rucoba determined from analysis of the video that the bus was already swerving to the left when it was struck by the bicycle, and that Dr. Khiabani had traveled 6 feet to the left outside of the bike lane when he struck the bus. All of this physical evidence is consistent with the testimony of several eyewitnesses who reported that Dr. Khiabani's bicycle appeared to suddenly turn to the left and strike the right side of the passing bus.

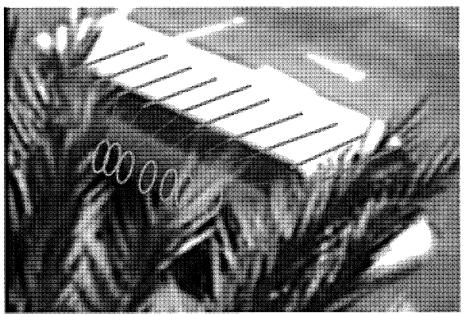


Figure 6. Video capture showing cumulative tracking of the bus windshield (blue lines) and Dr. Khiabani (green ovals).

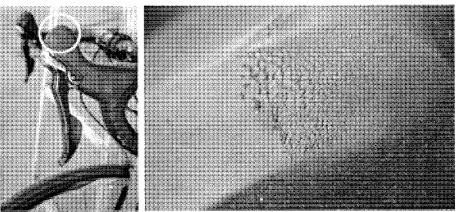


Figure 7. Rearward smearing of the rubber on the left brake hood of Dr. Khiabani's bicycle.



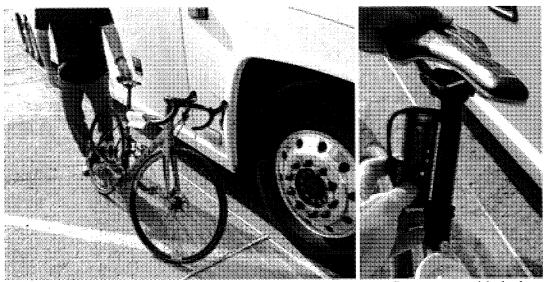


Figure 8. Photographs showing the lean angle of the bicycle at first contact with the bus.

- The initial contact with the handlebar caused the bicycle to suddenly steer to the right and likely rendered it uncontrollable. Dr. Khiabani's body struck the bus and slid down the side of the bus for some distance. When I inspected the bus, there were very faint marks on the left side of the bus that could have been made by Dr. Khiabani.
- Several pieces of evidence indicate that shortly after striking the side of the bus, Dr. Khiabani fell to the pavement on his left side. As explained above, Dr. Khiabani sustained road rash abrasions indicating that he landed on his left side in a seated posture. I also observed a scuff on the lateral aspect of Dr. Khiabani's left bicycle shoe that would be consistent with a fall on his left side. In addition, the damage to Dr. Khiabani's bicycle indicates that it landed on its left side. There were hard abrasions from road contact to several projections on the left side of the bicycle, namely the left axle, left seat edge, left pedal, and left handlebar. The police photographed several fresh scrapes in the road that appeared to be have been created by the bicycle. The bicycle most likely struck the road slightly before Dr. Khiabani's slide distance on the road.
- In order to study Dr. Khiabani's path in more detail, I asked Mr. Rucoba's office to prepare a scale diagram for me in which they mapped out the path of the right rear tire of the bus (Figure 9). I observed that when Dr. Khiabani's bicycle was laid on its left side to match the marks on the road, the head of a seated cyclist would be located approximately along the path of the right rear tire of the bus. Given this landing position, the trajectory of Dr. Khiabani's center of gravity after hitting the ground was slightly to the right. However, because he fell to his left, his head fell onto the path of the rear bus tire and became pinched.
- When Dr. Khiabani first became visible on the video after landing, his legs were leading (pointing south) and his body was located 2 feet lateral to the path of the right rear bus tire (Figure 9). The video of the accident shows that Dr. Khiabani then immediately moved about 1 foot west (away from the path of the bus tire) before reaching his final rest position,

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BIOCORE mechanics | Consulting | Research which was about 3 feet away from the path of the bus tire. In order to transition from a seated posture while landing to a leg-leading posture at rest, Dr. Khiabani's body must have slid some distance (at least 3 feet) after his helmet was pinched by the bus tire. The pinching of the helmet immediately brought the helmet and head to a stop, but the rest of Dr. Khiabani's body continued sliding. This dynamic cause his body to rotate and resulted in a leg-leading posture at the point of rest.

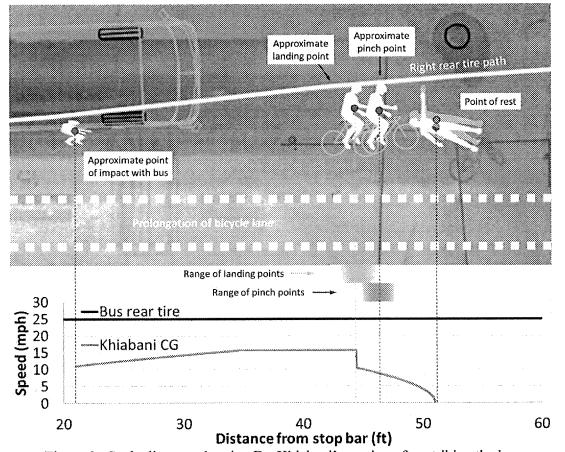


Figure 9. Scale diagram showing Dr. Khiabani's motion after striking the bus. Results of a trajectory calculation are shown scaled to the diagram.

• I determined Dr. Khiabani's likely speed after striking the bus by conducting a trajectory analysis. The trajectory analysis relied on standard physics equations and has been successfully applied to pedestrians struck by vehicles (Searle and Searle, 1983) and occupants ejected in rollover crashes (Funk et al., 2007; Funk et al., 2008; Hovey et al., 2008). The methodology works by breaking up the whole event into small pieces, each of which can be solved using a standard accident reconstruction approach. In this case, I broke Dr. Khiabani's post-impact motion into four phases: acceleration, falling, landing, and sliding. During the initial acceleration phase, I calculated the effect of the frictional force applied to Dr. Khiabani by the side of the bus. During the fall phase, I assumed Dr. Khiabani's center of gravity fell a height of 3 feet in freefall. I modeled landing as an instantaneous loss of velocity. The fourth phase of motion was sliding to rest. Each

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trajectory calculation required an assignment of an initial velocity and appropriate drag factors. I varied each of these parameters over an appropriate range and performed multiple trajectory calculations to address all combinations of the ranges of each parameter (Table). The calculations were constrained to ensure that Dr. Khiabani started at the same initial location relative to the bus and came to rest where he was photographed at the scene (if mathematically possible). The calculation was considered plausible if it predicted a postpinch slide distance of 3 feet or greater. The range of plausible results is listed in the Table. The results of a representative calculation are depicted on the bottom of Figure 9, with the distance in the plot scaled to match the distance in the scale diagram.

Table. Ranges of inputs and outputs of the trajectory analysis for Dr. Khiabani.

Input ranges		Output ranges	
Initial velocity	13 – 14 mph	Landing speed	15 – 18 mph
Travel distance	30 ft	Slide distance	4–9 ft
Bus drag factor	0.1 - 0.2	Post-pinch slide distance	3 – 6 ft
Sliding drag factor	-0.550.75	Head speed at pinch	5 – 8 mph

• The trajectory analysis demonstrated that Dr. Khiabani must have traveled at a fairly narrow range of speeds during this accident. He initially struck the bus at a speed of 13 - 14 mph. The friction from the side of the bus then accelerated Dr. Khiabani up to a speed of 15 - 18 mph before he landed and slid to rest. Dr. Khiabani's helmet was run over very shortly after he landed on the roadway. In the trajectory analysis, the range of plausible landing points overlapped the range of possible pinch points (Figure 9). Although in some scenarios the calculated pinch point was as much as 5 feet downstream of the landing point, other scenarios indicated that the helmet could have been pinched immediately after Dr. Khiabani landed on the ground.

## **Alternative Designs**

- It has been suggested that if the 2008 MCI J4500 Motor Coach involved in this accident had been equipped with an S-1 Gard, Dr. Khiabani would not have been injured. The S-1 Gard is an aftermarket product consisting of a large rounded piece of hard rubber attached to a metal bracket that is mounted to the underside of a bus in front of the wheels (Figure 10). The idea is that if a pedestrian gets a body part underneath the bus, the S-1 Gard will knock that body part out of the way before it is pinched by the rolling tire. Setting aside questions of whether it would be feasible to utilize the S-1 Gard on the subject bus, I evaluated the likely effect the addition of an S-1 Gard would have had in this particular accident from a biomechanical perspective.
- The approximate position of Dr. Khiabani's helmet relative to the bus tire at the time it was pinched can be determined based on the damage to the helmet. I observed that the left rear portion of the helmet shell was pitted (Figure 5 left). The pitting damage indicated that this portion of the helmet was in forceful and stationary contact with the asphalt road surface. I observed black rub marks from the bus tire on the right rear portion of the helmet shell. Together, these findings demonstrate that the rolling bus tire trapped and pinched

the rear portion of the helmet against the asphalt. The tire then rolled over the right side of the helmet at an angle proceeding towards the top of the head. The overlap between the edge of the damage and the edge of the helmet was minimal (Figure 5 right). According to Dr. Michael Carhart, who performed a surrogate study to investigate this issue, the overlap between the outer edge of the tread block of the right rear wheel of the bus and Dr. Khiabani's helmet was only about 1 inch, with the bulging sidewall responsible for additional pinching and loading of the helmet and head. The installation instructions for the S-1 Gard specify that it should be mounted so that the outside face of the Gard is 1.5 ( $\pm$  0.5) inches in from the outside edge of the tire tread. Therefore, if the S-1 Gard was installed according to the manufacturer's instructions, it would have missed the helmet, and the outcome of the accident would not have been altered at all.



Figure 10. Photograph of the S-1 Gard.

Even if a device such as the S-1 Gard had been installed and made contact with Dr. Khiabani's helmet in this accident, it cannot be assumed that that contact would have been harmless. Depending on the height of the Gard over the ground, which varies as the Gard wears out, it may have been able to pass over the helmet, rolling and pinching it in the process. In that scenario, the Gard would have either trapped Dr. Khiabani's helmet and caused injuries itself, or it would have allowed the helmet to pass under it and into the rolling tire, which would have led to the same outcome. If the S-1 Gard had been mounted in such a way that it would have struck Dr. Khiabani's head, the impact speed would have been 17 – 20 mph. A direct blow to the head of that magnitude would likely be sufficient to cause brain and neck injuries (Smith et al., 1994; McIntosh and Patton, 2012).

## Conclusions

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Dr. Khiabani was fatally injured when his bicycle turned to the left and collided with the right side of an MCI bus in an intersection. The collision occurred as the bus was traveling 25 mph and steering to the left. Dr. Khiabani traveled at least 6 feet laterally outside of the marked bike lane before striking the bus. After striking the bus, Dr. Khiabani lost control of his bicycle and fell to the ground. As he was sliding to rest, the rear portion of his helmet was pinched and run over by the right rear tire of the bus. The rolling tire struck Dr. Khiabani's helmet at a relative speed of 17 -20 mph and rapidly brought the helmet to a stop by pinching it against the road. The pinching

of the helmet by the bus tire snagged Dr. Khiabani's head while the rest of his body continued sliding downstream. As a result of the pinching action of the bus tire, Dr. Khiabani suffered catastrophic head and neck injuries. If the subject bus had been equipped with an S-1 Gard in front of the right rear wheel, it would not have altered the outcome in this accident. Due the small overlap between the right edge of the bus tire and the helmet, the S-1 Gard would have missed Dr. Khiabani's helmet. In a hypothetical scenario in which the S-1 Gard did strike Dr. Khiabani's helmet, that impact would likely have been severe enough to cause brain and neck injuries.

I hold the opinions expressed in this report to a reasonable degree of scientific certainty. However, as additional information is made available to me or as new facts are uncovered during the investigation and discovery process, my professional opinions may change to reflect the newfound information.

Should you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,

-R. Anh

James R. Funk, PhD, PE



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## **EXHIBIT 4**

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#### October 4, 2017

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#### Dear Eric:

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I have reviewed the materials you sent me concerning the bus-bicycle case, which include

i) Photographs of the bus.

ii) Brochares relating to the Setra 417 and 500

iii) Pages from Michelangelo training materials

My opinions are based on these documents.

- 1) In response to your request, I briefly describe the physics of air flow around the from of a bluff body like a bus and the physics of bicycling. One streamline approaches the front of the bus and terminates on the body at a stagnation point. On either side of this stagnation streamline, other streamlines approach the bus but turn before reaching it. The streamlines initially near the stagnation streamline are deflected a relatively large amount as they flow around the bus, while more remote streamlines are deflected a relatively small amount. The amount of deflection depends on the effective width of the bus.
- 2) A thin layer of air on the windward face of the bus is retarded by friction with the bus. This layer, called the boundary layer, will remain attached to the surface of the bus as the layer passes over a front corner of the bus if that corner has a sufficiently large corner radius, greater than about 1/8th of the width of the bus. However, if the corner radius is less than this, the boundary layer will separate from the surface. The separating boundary layer forms a free shear layer, which eventually reattaches to the side of a long bus aft of the front corner. Since the effective width of the bus is greater for the separating flow, the outer streamlines are deflected to a greater extent if the boundary layer separates.
- 3) A riding cyclist balances above the contact patches of two tires, with the gyroscopic effect of the rotating wheels aiding his stabilization. In order to conneract the tipping moment of a steady crosswind, a cyclist must lean into that crosswind, such that the moment about the contact patches from the crosswind force is counteracted by the moment from gravity acting through his center of mass. A steady crosswind from the right requires that the cyclist steadily lean to the right.
- 4) When a cyclist is perturbed by a sudden side force, he must deflect the kindlebars to rotate the front wheel so as to reposition the tire contact patches with respect to his center of mass to connected the tip-

ping moment. That requires the front wheel to be steered away from the sudden side force, thereby moving the tire contact patches away from the origin of the force, allowing him to lean into the side force. The physics is sufficiently connterintuitive that it takes some practice for children to learn to ride a bicycle.

- 5) As a bus passes a cyclist, the deflected streamlines near the front corner of the bus suddenly change the direction and magnitude of the relative wind experienced by the cyclist. For a bus passing on the left of a cyclist with an ambient right crosswind, the cyclist will experience a sudden side force from the left.
- 6) To counterbalance the sudden side force from the left, the cyclist would turn his handlebars to the right to shift the contact patches to the right of his center of mass so as to be leaving to the left.
- 7) After the front corner of the bus has passed the cyclist, the airflow becomes parallel to the side of the bus. Then the side force suddenly vanishes. He would then need to turn the handlebar toward the left.
- 8) The magnitude of the instantaneous aerodynamic side force on the cyclist from the bus will depend on the corner radius of the bus, the speed of the bus, the speed of the cyclist, the ambient wind speed, the ambient direction, and the proximity of the bus to the cyclist. The side force will increase with increasing relative speeds and proximity. To get an idea of the magnitude of the side forces, assuming a cyclist ground speed of 8 mph and an ambient wind of 6 mph approaching from the right, the dynamic pressure on the cyclist before encountering the bus is about 0.25 pounds per square foot (psf). For an assumed frontal area of 5.4 square feet, the total aerodynamic force on the cyclist is roughly 0.8 lbs., assuming a drug coefficient of about one. The side force component of that is about 0.8 lbs, from the right.
- 9) Now when the front corner of the bus passes the cyclist, the air flow over the cyclist changes. At that moment, assume the flow inclination angle at the location of the cyclist is 30 degrees from the cyclist's left in the frame of the bus. Assume further a bus ground speed of 25 mph and a local flow speed of 40 mph due to acceleration of the flow around the corner. In the frame of the slower-moving cyclist, the relative wind is approximately 34 mph at an angle of about 37 degrees on the cyclist's left. The momentary side force on him would be about 2.8 psf times his projected frontal area of 5.4 square feet, or 15 lbs. The sideward component of that force is about 9 lbs, from the left. So the magnitude of the total change in the side force on the cyclist from bus passage is about 10 lbs.
- 10)After the front corner of the bus has passed the cyclist, the side forces acting on cyclist from both the ambient wind and the front of the bus will rapidly decline.
- 11) The rapidity of all of these changes in the side force depends on the speed of the bus and its effective width. As a rough estimate, for a bus of a width of 8 feet with a ground speed of 25 mph and a cyclist moving with a ground speed of 8 mph, the characteristic time scale for the changes in the side force on the cyclist is about 0.14 second, roughly comparable to the normal human reaction time. It is not possible for a human to respond faster than their reaction time.
- 12)If the magnitude and/or the rapidity of the changes of the aerodynamic side force on the cyclist exceed his ability to compensate for them, he may lose control of his bicycle.
- 13)If the speeds of the ambient wind, the cyclist and/or the bus are greater than assumed in this example, the magnitude of the side forces on the cyclist will increase. In general, the dynamic pressure and thus the aerodynamic forces increase as the square of the relative wind.
- 14)If the bus passes so close to the cyclist that the flow inclination angle is greater than the assumed angle of 30 degrees in this example, then the magnitude of the side force fluctuations will also increase.
- 15)If the top and side corners at the front of the bus are relatively rounded, then the magnitude of the side force acting on the cyclist will be less than if the front corners are relatively sharp.
- 16)Another approach sometimes used on buses is the installation of a turning vane, which can help keep the boundary layer attached. This was used on certain buses in Seattle a number of years ago to keep the outside rear view mirror clean during wet weather. Turning vanes are a simple retrofit to existing buses.

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### Enclosed is a recent CV.

I gave a deposition and testified at trial last year in a lawsuit. Sierra Club et al. v. Burlington Northern, involving the two-phase flow of coal dust discharging from open coal cars.

I gave a deposition last year and testified at trial this year in a lawsuit. Eagle Harbor Condominium Association v. Allstate Insurance *et al.*, involving the two-phase flow of wind-driven raindrops.

I wrote an opinion letter in July in a lawsuit, Evergreen Estates Condo Association v. Admiral Insurance et al., involving the two-phase flow of wind-driven raindrops.

My rates are \$225/hour for consulting and \$450/hour for depositions and trial.

Very truly yours,

Robert E. Buden ten

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# **EXHIBIT 5**

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4	KHIABANI, minors by and ) through their natural ) CASE NO.:
5	mother, KATAYOUN BARIN; ) A-17-755977-C KATAYOUN BARIN, )
6	individually; KATAYOUN ) BARIN as Executrix of )
7	the Estate of Kayvan ) Khiabani M.D. )
8	(Decedent), and the ) Estate of Kayvan )
9	Khiabani, ) M.D.(Decedent), )
10	Plaintiffs, )
11	vs. )
12	MOTOR COACH INDUSTRIES, ) INC. A Delaware )
13	corporation; ) MICHELANGELO LEASING )
14	INC. D/b/a RYAN'S ) EXPRESS, an Arizona )
15	corporation; EDWARD ) HUBBARD, a Nevada )
16	resident; BELL SPORTS, ) INC. D/b/a GIRO SPORT )
17	DESIGN, a California ) corporation; SEVENPLUS )
18	BICYCLES, INC. D/b/a Pro ) Cyclery, a Nevada )
19	corporation; DOES 1 ) through 20; and ROE )
20	CORPORATIONS 1 through ) 20.
21	Defendants. )
22	EXPERT DEPOSITION OF ROBERT BREIDENTHAL, JR.
23	LAS VEGAS, NEVADA FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2017
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25	REPORTED BY: KAREN L. JONES, CCR NO. 694 JOB NO.: 430179

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1	Page 2 DEPOSITION OF ROBERT BREIDENTHAL, JR., taken
2	at 6385 South Rainbow Boulevard, Suite 400, Las
3	Vegas, Nevada, on Friday, November 3, 2017, at 9:16
4	a.m., before Karen L. Jones, Certified Court
5	Reporter, in and for the State of Nevada.
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4	(Exhibit 1 marked.)
5	(Exhibit 2 marked.)
6	Whereupon,
7	ROBERT BREIDENTHAL, JR.
8	having been first duly sworn to testify to the
9	truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth,
10	was examined and testified as follows:
11	EXAMINATION
12	BY MR. TERRY:
13	Q. Could you tell us your name, sir.
14	A. Robert Edward Breidenthal, Jr.
15	Q. Are you employed?
16	A. Yes.
17	Q. By whom are you employed?
18	A. University of Washington.
19	Q. What do you do for the University of
20	Washington?
21	A. I'm a professor in the William E. Boeing
22	Department of Aeronautics & Astronautics.
23	Q. How long have you been with the
24	University of Washington?
25	A. Since 1980.

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1	Q.	Page 5 Are you tenured?
2	Α.	Yes.
3	Q.	Did you go there right after completing
4	your own e	ducation?
5	A.	I was a post-doc at Cal Tech for a year
6	and a half	or so before moving up to Seattle.
7	Q.	So when you moved up to Seattle did you
8	become a t	eacher at the University of Washington?
9	A.	Yes.
10	Q.	Where you have been since 1980?
11	Α.	Correct.
12	Q.	Where did you get your education?
13	Α.	My undergraduate degree in aeronautical
14	engineerin	g is from Wichita State University, and
15	then my ma	sters and PhD as well as post-doc were all
16	at Cal Tec	h.
17	Q.	Did you attend school consecutively or
18	were there	breaks?
19	Α.	No breaks.
20	Q.	Have you ever been employed in the
21	private se	ctor?
22	A.	I've done a lot of consulting, and one
23	summer I w	vas full-time at Boeing in Seattle. I
24	can't reca	ll if I was an official employee or
25	considered	a consultant at that time.
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1	Q. But in terms of working for a
2	corporation more than a summertime or more than one
3	project, have you ever been employed outside
4	academia?
5	A. No.
6	Q. Have you ever worked for a bus company?
7	A. No.
8	Q. Ever been called upon to consult with a
9	bus company?
10	A. Yes. A man name Brian Sherlock, who was
11	the Seattle Metro union's safety officer, I
12	believe, had contacted me about a technical problem
13	they were having with buses in Seattle, in the
14	aerodynamics, when the buses would drive through
15	rain. Sometimes it rains in Seattle.
16	Q. I've heard that.
17	A. There was a flow separation problem
18	in fact, it's very similar to this case there was
19	a flow separation problem at the front left A
20	pillar that's redundant the left A pillar on
21	the bus. And the driver's left outside rearview
22	mirror was getting fogged up very quickly, as soon
23	as the bus drove over a wet road, and so worked on
24	that and designed a turning vane which could be
25	installed on the outside of the bus which largely

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1	rectified that problem.
2	Q. So it deflected the flow?
3	A. Helped keep the flow attached so that
4	you didn't have this reverse flow. The left front
5	tire was throwing up droplets of water and mud, and
6	they were being carried forward to that outside
7	rearview mirror because of the reverse flow. And we
8	largely got rid of that region of reverse flow.
9	Q. And you would have acted as a
10	consultant then?
11	A. Correct.
12	Q. Was it to the Metro agency?
13	A. I believe it was well, I can't recall
14	if yes, I think it was the agency, not the
15	Q. Whoever it was that ran the city buses?
16	A. Yes.
17	Q. And how long did the project last?
18	A. Oh, a handful of months. Maybe four,
19	six, as a guess.
20	Q. Any other projects or consultancies you
21	have done for buses or bus companies?
22	A. No.
23	Q. In connection with this case, were you
24	provided certain information?
25	A. Yes.

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1	Q. And when were you retained?
2	A. It would have been this fall. I didn't
3	review my notes to have an exact date, but it was, I
4	believe, sometime a few months ago.
5	Q. You have prepared two reports in
6	the case?
7	A. Yes.
8	Q. I'll give you what the court reporter
9	has marked as Exhibit Number 1. Is that your first
10	report?
11	A. Yes, 1 is the first.
12	Q. What is the date of the first report?
13	A. October 4th, 2017.
14	Q. How long had you been working on the
15	matter?
16	A. I'd have to look at my calendar, but I
17	don't think much a month or so, perhaps.
18	Q. So by September 4th you had been
19	retained?
20	A. Perhaps. I'd have to look at my
21	calendar to give you an exact date.
22	Q. When you were retained, was there a
23	written contract between you and the party that
24	retained you?
25	A. I don't recall signing a contract. They

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1	Page 9 asked for my rates and I told them and
2	Q. What are your rates?
3	A. I think I say in this, the last line of
4	this Exhibit 1, \$225 an hour consulting and \$450 for
5	depositions and trial.
6	Q. Have you submitted a bill?
7	A. I've submitted one and a second
8	one last night.
9	Q. So what was the first one?
10	A. How much?
11	Q. Uh-huh.
12	A. I don't remember. I'd have to look
13	it up.
14	Q. How about last night?
15	A. I don't remember the exact number. It
16	might have been \$4,000 or \$5,000.
17	Q. So how many hours do you think you have
18	spent working on this project?
19	A. Well, at roughly \$200 an hour, if it
20	was, say, \$5,000, that's 25 hours, roughly.
21	Q. Is that the total, or
22	A. Well, for this most recent invoice
23	the previous invoice was smaller. I don't remember
24	the number. And I've been submitting invoices at
25	the end of each month, and so that implies that I
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1	Page 10 started on this sometime in September.
2	Q. In terms
3	A. Or perhaps late the month before.
4	Q. In terms of the material that you were
5	provided, in Exhibit 1 do you identify the material
6	that you were provided?
7	A. I'm not sure I understand what you mean
8	by identify.
9	Q. In the report itself you say: "I have
10	reviewed the materials you sent me concerning the
11	bus-bicycle case, which include: Photographs of the
12	bus; brochures relating to the Setra 417 and 500;
13	pages from Michelangelo training materials."
14	Did you receive anything else before you
15	prepared the report of October 4th, 2017?
16	A. It's possible I received other things,
17	but I didn't base my opinions on anything else. I
18	don't recall the complete list that I received.
19	Q. So the opinions that you reached and
20	expressed in this report, Exhibit 1, October 4th,
21	2017, is based on the three items you identify in
22	the report itself?
23	A. Correct.
24	Q. Did you have a chance to inspect
25	the bus?
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1	Α.	No.	
2	Q.	Have you ever inspected the bus?	
3	Α.	No.	
4	Q.	Did you have a chance to inspect	
5	the bike?		
6	Α.	No.	
7	Q.	Have you ever inspected the bike?	
8	Α.	No.	
9	Q.	Have you had a chance to reconstruct the	
10	event itse	Lf?	
11	A.	I'm not quite sure what you mean by	
12	that. I be	elieve the answer is no. I haven't been	
13	to the scen	ne. I haven't looked at any detailed	
14	measurement	s that were taken there or anything	
15	like that.		
16	Q.	Do you have any idea what occurred?	
17	Α.	Yes.	
18	Q.	What do you think occurred?	
19	Α.	My understanding is a bus passed close	
20	to a cycli	st headed south, I forget the name of the	
21	road or st	reet, and the bike contacted the bus very	
22	near the l	eft the right front corner of the bus,	
23	and subsequently the cyclist fell down and the right		
24	rear wheel	s rolled over his head.	
25	Q.	Where did you get that information?	

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Paqe 12 From subsequent opinion letters that 1 Α. I've read. 2 What opinion letters have you read? 3 Q. Well, on my second rebuttal opinion 4 Α. letter, Exhibit 2, I list other documents, in 5 6 particular the one from Dr. Funk, the first reference I cite. 7 8. Okay. So you didn't have Dr. Funk's Q. letter October 4th, 2017, when you prepared your 9 initial report? 10 11 Α. Correct. When you prepared your initial report, 12 ο. did you have any idea of what had occurred? 13 Just what I'd been told over the phone 14 Α. in broad terms. I didn't see any of the detailed 15 things which were described in Funk's letter. 16 Who was the source of the information 17 Q. about what occurred? 18 Probably Mr. Pepperman, because I was in 19 Α. telephone communication with him several times. 20 Mr. Pepperman, if I understand 21 Q. correctly, told you that this event occurred when a 22 bus passed a bicyclist on the -- bus on the left of 23 the bicyclist, the bicyclist came in contact with 24 25 the bus, and then the bicycle fell over, the driver

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Page 13 1 fell on the ground, and his head was run over? 2 Α. Yes. Did you get any specifics about the 3 Q. For example, were you told that the bus 4 event? overtook the bike? 5 Α. Yes, I was. 6 What were you told? 7 Q. At the time of this first opinion letter 8 Α. I was told that the bus might have been traveling at 9 25 miles an hour to 40 miles an hour, and that -- I 10 don't think I was told any information about the 11 speed of the cyclist, but that the bus did overtake 12 the cyclist. 13 14 And the cyclist would have been to the Q. 15 right of the bus? 16 Α. Correct. Were you given any description of the 17 **Q**. 18 lanes at all? I was told there was a painted bike lane 19 Α. 20 on the road. 21 Were you told whether or not the cyclist Q. was in the bike lane? 22 No. 23 Α. Were you told whether or not the cyclist 24 0. 25 was out of the bike lane?

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1	A. No.
2	Q. Were you told where they came together
. 3	on the road surface?
4	A. No.
5	Q. Were you told where they came together
6	in relation to any intersecting streets?
7	A. I was told it was around an
8	intersection. That's all I knew at the time of this
9	first report.
10	Q. Were you told what the lateral
11	separation was between the bus and the cyclist when
12	the bus overtook the cyclist?
13	A. I was told that there was some issue in
14	that regard, and it might have been three feet, it
15	might have been less.
16	Q. In the calculations that you make in
17	this report, do you make an assumption as to how
18	close they were together?
19	A. Not explicitly, no.
20	Q. Implicitly?
21	A. Implicitly, yes, because for the
22	estimate that I make on the aerodynamic load on the
23	cyclist, I assume a certain velocity magnitude and
24	vector, and that would depend on the separation
25	between the bus and the cyclist.

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1	Page 15 Q. Where did you get the information, then,
2	for the separation between the bus and the cyclist?
3	A. Well, I didn't get any specific
4	information on exactly how far away the bus was from
5	the cyclist. Even if I had, you would still need to
6	figure out what they corresponded to in terms of the
7	velocity field of the flow around it.
8	I simply selected what I regarded as a
9	reasonable number to indicate the magnitude of the
10	forces that might be expected as a rough estimate.
11	Q. Okay. So if I understand correctly
12	then, what you have done here in Exhibit Number 1 is
13	come up with a rough estimate, not necessarily what
14	occurred?
15	A. Correct.
16	Q. In terms of the lateral separation
17	between the bus and the bike, did you assume that
18	they were parallel?
19	A. Yes.
20	Q. Did anyone suggest to you that the bike
21	was coming in from the right at an angle?
22	A. No.
23	Q. Did you assume that the bus deviated or
24	changed its direction?
25	A. No.

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1	Q. Did you assume that he did not?
2	A. No. I was simply making an estimate of
3	the magnitude of the aerodynamic forces that you
4	would expect in a reasonably close encounter, and
5	that estimate didn't depend on any small angular
6	deviations from the two vehicles. I just assumed
7	they were parallel.
8	Q. Okay. In terms of the bus itself, did
9	you do any testing of the aerodynamics of the actual
10	bus involved?
11	A. No.
12	Q. Did you have access to anyone else who
13	did testing of the aerodynamics involved?
14	A. Of this particular bus, no.
15	Q. Not the bus itself, but the model, style
16	and model of the bus?
17	A. I think the answer is no. The only
18	aerodynamic testing I've seen on this bus is the
19	or, sorry, on buses made by Motor Coach Industries
20	is Reference 3 in Exhibit 2, which I cite in my
21	report, the aerodynamic wind tunnel measurements by
22	Cooper.
23	Q. But at the time you prepared Exhibit 1,
24	your initial report, did you have access to any wind
25	tunnel studies or information from wind tunnel

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1	Page 17 studies from any source about the bus involved, that
2	was depicted in the photograph?
3	A. No, I did not.
4	Q. Did you direct or request that any
5	testing be performed?
6	A. No. I indicated that as an engineer and
7	scientist more testing is always good, but I didn't
8	think it was my position to tell people what to do.
9	So the answer is no, I didn't direct or request
10	anything. I simply said more testing is always
11	good, but
12	Q. In terms of testing the aerodynamics of
13	this particular bus, how would you go about testing?
14	A. Build a wind tunnel model and put it in
15	a wind tunnel, measure the forces on the bus and
16	measure the velocity field in the vicinity of the
17	right front corner of the bus. Install a model of a
18	cyclist, scale model of the cyclist, near the bus to
19	measure the forces on the cyclist.
20	Q. Okay. And so that the bus and the
21	cyclist would be stationary in the wind tunnel?
22	A. They would be in the absence of the
23	cyclist, the aerodynamic flow around the bus would
24	be accurately measured in the wind tunnel test.
25	If you put the stationary cyclist beside
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cyclist progressively around that right front corner 2 of the bus to get an idea how the forces on the 3 cyclist would depend on position. 4 But as a scientist, in order to test the 5 Q. flow around the moving bus you would put it in a 6 wind tunnel, the bus would be stationary, and you 7 would blow things at it, smoke or air? 8 It's the relative wind that Correct. 9 Α. 10 matters. And the relative wind is what? 11 Q. The speed of the wind with respect to 12 Α. the speed of the vehicle. 13 Okay. So if the wind is 25 and the bus 14 Q. is moving 10, the relative speed is 15? 15 Α. Well, if they're moving in opposite 16 directions you would add the numbers, and in the 17 18 same direction you would subtract them. And so you can, using the wind 19 Q. 20 tunnel and a stationary bike, come up with a substantially similar event to the bus actually 21 22 moving through the wind? The answer is yes and no. You have to 23 Α. correct -- any wind tunnel measurement involves 24 corrections. You have to correct for blockage and 25

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Page 19 other effects. 1 In the case of this formation flying of 2 the bus and the cyclist, because they're moving at 3 different speeds, the measurements you make on the 4 force on the cyclist would still have to be 5 corrected for the fact that the wind past the bus 6 and the wind past the cyclist in the wind tunnel 7 models are the same, whereas in real life they're 8 different. So you have to make a correction to the 9 wind tunnel measurements to account for that 10 relative wind difference. 11 But it could be done, and has been done, 12 ο. and is being done, using stationary figures, the bus 13 14 and the bike? 15 Α. I'm unaware of any wind tunnel measurements which have a bus and a bike in the test 16 section at the same time. They may exist, but I'm 17 not aware of them. 18 Can it be done? 19 Q. 20 Α. Yes. And if it was done, would the results be 21 0. substantially similar for a real-life event with a 22 bus and a bike moving over a road, sitting in a wind 23 24 tunnel? 25 I would say yes, after the correction is Α.

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1	Page 20 made for the fact that the bus and the bike have
2	different ground speeds, as we discussed.
3	Q. To your knowledge, has Mr. Pepperman had
4	access to any wind tunnel studies of the bus in
5	question other than what was provided to you before
6	your second report?
7	A. Yeah, this is the only report that he's
8	told me about, so to my knowledge he doesn't have
9	anything else.
10	Q. Now, in making your report of
11	October 4th, 2017, did you make any assumptions
12	other than that the bus overtook a bike?
13	A. Yeah, there are a lot of assumptions,
14	which I list in my report.
15	Q. Where do you list the assumptions?
16	A. It's not a separate list, but imbedded
17	in the report. For example, in paragraph 8 on the
18	second page, I assume that the frontal area of the
19	cyclist is 5.4 square feet, and I assume I'm just
20	trying to find it here a ground speed of 8 miles
21	an hour for the cyclist, an ambient wind of 6 miles
22	an hour from the cyclist's right; that is to say,
23	out of the west.
24	And in paragraph 9, I assume that the
25	for purposes of illustration, that the plausible

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1	Page 21 flow deflection angle is 30 degrees due to the
2	displacement of the bus, a bus ground speed of
3	25 miles an hour, and a local flow speed at that
4	point where the flow is deflected 30 degrees at
5	40 miles an hour, due to acceleration of flow around
6	the corner.
7	Q. Okay. Did you have any source for the
8	assumptions that you made?
9	A. Nothing specific. I base these on my
10	experience with bluff body flows.
11	I believe Mr. Pepperman gave me some
12	indication about the cyclist's ground speed and the
13	ambient wind. I think I got those numbers following
14	a phone conversation with him.
15	Q. So Mr. Pepperman supplied you with the
16	fact there would have been a crosswind from the
17	right at six miles per hour?
18	A. I think he at the time expressed some
19	uncertainty, but that was one of the figures he
20	mentioned, and I picked that to illustrate the
21	magnitude of these forces.
22	Q. Did you do anything to validate the
23	crosswind that he told you to or suggested and
24	that you assumed?
25	A. No.

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1	Page 22 Q. The square footage of the driver at
2	5.4 square foot, for the bicyclist, where did you
3	get that?
4	A. I looked it up on the Internet, just
5	what's an average cyclist's frontal area.
6	Q. Wikipedia?
7	A. It might have been, actually.
8	Q. So you got some figure off the
9	Internet of 5.4?
10	A. Right. And that seems like a plausible
11	number for a reasonably sized human.
12	Q. Did you do any work yourself to
13	determine whether or not 5.4 was reasonable for a
14	bicyclist?
15	A. No.
16	Q. Do you remember where you got it on the
17	Internet?
18	A. I don't. Whatever popped up when I did
19	a Google search.
20	Q. Now, the angle that you refer to as a
21	"plausible flow direction," where did you get that?
22	A. Well, based on my experience looking at
23	bluff body flows, the flow around a bluff body has
24	to deflect, and if the corner of a bluff body, in
25	this case the right front corner of the bus, is not

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1	Page 23 sufficiently rounded, the boundary layer will
2	separate and so the effective aerodynamic width
3	of the bus is wider than the real width, and typical
4	flow deflections, 30 degrees is a is a plausible
5	estimate.
6	Q. Was the right front corner of this
7	bus rounded?
8	A. Somewhat.
9	Q. Was it sufficient?
10	A. No.
11	Q. What should it have been rounded to?
12	A. I did a series of unpublished
13	experiments back in 1974 when I was working on my
14	master's degree at Cal Tech where we looked at a
15	basically a blunt-faced torpedo shape, and we
16	measured the force just on the front part of the
17	torpedo in a wind tunnel. So this torpedo shape is
18	aligned with the flow in the tunnel, and I built
19	I can't remember, five or so forebodies, as they're
20	called. The first one had a sharp edge, so it was
21	completely flat-faced torpedo shape with a sharp
22	edge. And then the subsequent ones had
23	progressively more and more rounded shoulders, we
24	call them, or corners.
25	And what I found was that the drag

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1	Page 24 coefficient decreased linearly with the increase in
2	corner radius until you got to a corner radius that
3	was about one-eighth the diameter of this torpedo
4	shape, in which case the forebody drag essentially
5	vanished.
. 6	The physical reason for that is that
7	right in the middle of the forebody there's what's
8	called a stagnation point. The stagnation
9	streamline comes in and the flow is decelerated
10	isentropically, and you get very high pressure right
11	in the middle of this bluff body, right in the
12	front.
13	As the flow accelerates away from the
14	stagnation point, the velocity increases and the
15	pressure drops.
16	If the corner is sufficiently curved and
17	the boundary layer can hang on and not separate,
18	then you get what's called leading edge suction,
19	which is a very strong negative pressure, pressure
20	blow, free stream, at the corner, all the way around
21	this axisymmetric body.
22	And it turns out, rather surprisingly,
23	that the suction at the corner almost perfectly
24	counterbalances the drag associated with this
25	high-pressure mound in the center.

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1	Page 25 Consistent with that low drag, when you
2	have sufficient corner radius, the flow stays
3	attached and it hugs the surface even as it makes
4	that turn from the front face to the side of the
5	torpedo.
6	If the corner is sharper than this magic
7	number of about one-eighth the diameter, then the
8	flow doesn't stay attached, but it separates and it
9	forms this recirculating zone that I mentioned
10	earlier concerning the Seattle buses driving through
11	the rain and the front rearview mirror.
12	And so the critical thing to get really
13	low drag and to avoid that separated region and to
14	minimize the flow deflection that occurs in the
15	streamlines to the side of the bluff body is to put
16	sufficient corner radius there. That's the essence
17	of the physics.
18	Q. Okay. So in terms of the flow around
19	the you call it bluff body?
20	A. Bluff, yeah.
21	Q if you round the corners, then you
22	have less chance of the separation of the is it
23	boundary layer?
24	A. Very good.
25	Q. And so if it is if a separation of
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Page 26 1 the boundary layer occurs, that means that the flow 2 extends out beyond the body? Well, there's always going to be flow 3 Α. outside the body. Perhaps what you meant was does 4 the boundary layer leave the body. And the answer's 5 6 yes. If the flow separates, what you mean is 7 that the boundary layer no longer hugs the surface 8 during that turn, but it lifts up away from the 9 body. It eventually reattaches, if the body is long 10 But beforehand there's this recirculating 11 enough. zone, and the flow actually goes opposite the 12 direction of the free stream in this recirculating 13 bubble. 14 15 One of the problems that that creates is Q. 16 called drag? Yeah. 17 Α. 18 What is drag? What does that measure? Q. Drag is simply the force that the air 19 Α. flow exerts on the body, or vehicle in this case, 20 the aerodynamic drag, and it shows up in the fuel 21 22 bill you pay when you -- the fuel mileage that you achieve driving the vehicle. 23 24 Q. How does drag result in more fuel 25 consumption?

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1	Page 27 A. There are many sources of or many
2	causes, I should say, for fuel consumption. There's
3	rolling friction of the tires. There's internal
4	friction in the bearings and so forth in the car.
5	On top of all that, any aerodynamic drag
6	represents a dissipation, and the drag times the
7	velocity is the power that the engine has to supply
8	to overcome that force. And if you ask the engine
9	to supply more power, that takes more fuel, and that
10	affects the fuel economy.
11	Q. So it is in the best interest of the
12	people running or driving or paying for the
13	operation of the bus to decrease drag?
14	A. I would say yes, unless fuel is free.
15	Q. It was cheap at one time, but I don't
16	think it's ever been free.
17	But that would be the consideration for
18	those that are driving the bus; they want to reduce
19	the drag so that they can increase fuel efficiency?
20	A. Correct.
21	Q. Less fuel for the mile, if you will?
22	A. Correct.
23	Q. In terms of the separation that occurs
24	even at this magic number of one-eighth, is there
25	some wind, if you will, that comes around the side
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Page 28 1 of the bus? I'm not quite sure what you mean by that 2 Α. 3 question. Let me back up, because I'm a liberal 4 Q. 5 arts major. Okay. Would you be so kind as to just draw a 6 bluff body and the flow lines that you're 7 referring to. A picture that someone as simple as I 8 9 am can use. So suppose that's the relative wind 10 Α. approaching the bus, or the bluff body, 11 And I'll draw the first one with (indicating). 12 13 sharp corners. So there's wind streamline that comes in 14and hits right smack-dab, right between the eyes in 15 the middle, the front of the body. And this is this 16 high-pressure dome that I was talking about 17 18 (indicating). And then the flow accelerates as it 19 moves away from that stagnation region. 20 It's called a stagnation point because it's stagnant there. 21 22 There's no velocity right at that point. But as you move away from that point, 23 the velocity increases, and I'm indicating that in 24 the sketch by these increasingly long arrows. 25

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1	Page 29 In the case of the sharp corner, the
2	boundary layer, which is the region of fluid that's
3	been affected or retarded by skin friction with the
4	surface, that can't make that sharp turn and it
5	separates tangent to this front face and then it
6	curves around and eventually reattaches.
7	In between the separation point and the
8	reattachment point, there's reverse flow along the
9	surface. The flow is actually going the opposite
10	direction from the free stream.
11	I'll sketch in some other streamlines.
12	I didn't do a very good job of that.
13	You can tell I wasn't an art major.
14	Q. I can't.
15	A. (Indicating.)
16	MR. TERRY: I'm going have the reporter
17	mark this so that we can talk about it.
18	(Exhibit 3 marked.)
19	BY MR. TERRY:
20	Q. Your drawing has been marked as Exhibit
21	Number 3, correct?
22	A. Correct.
23	Q. Now, in this one you are depicting the
24	flow lines for a squared corner bluff body?
25	A. Correct.
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1	Page 30 Q. And the area that I'm interested in in
2	the right front is this area right here
3	(indicating). Is there a name for that area?
4	A. Well, I guess bus people would refer to
5	these corners as the A pillars or the A columns on
6	the bus.
7	Aerodynamicists would refer to it
8	probably as the front shoulder.
9	Q. So the front shoulder on the right-hand
10	side of the bus is the area that I'm interested in.
11	And what you have depicted is that the
12	flow coming from the stagnation point goes along the
13	front of the bus, separates, and then reattaches?
14	A. Correct.
15	Q. Is there a formula that determines when
16	it reattaches or where it reattaches?
17	A. I would say, in general, no. This whole
18	business of the turbulence at higher Reynolds
19	number, high speed, high velocity, high large
20	scale, is not amenable to mathematical calculation.
21	That's why we still use wind tunnels. We can't
22	predict everything. We have to go out and measure
23	things.
24	Q. It's because of the turbulence?
25	A. Turbulence is the big unsolved problem

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1	in all of aeronautics.
2	Q. What is the Reynolds number?
3	A. I shouldn't have introduced that term
4	probably.
5	Reynolds number is just an important
6	aerodynamic dimensionless parameter which measures
7	the ratio of inertial forces to discus forces. And
8	if things are big and they're moving fast, like a
9	big truck or like a bus or an airplane, a Reynolds
10	number is typically big, like 10 million or a
11	hundred million.
12	It's just a parameter that we
13	aerodynamicists think about, because when you change
14	the Reynolds number, you can change the flow
15	patterns. And our Reynolds number, basically, we
16	can't solve the equations of motion. We know what
17	the equations of motion are, but we humans aren't
18	smart enough to be able to solve them.
19	Q. So then if I understand correctly, the
20	separation or the point of reattachment is not
21	something that you can determine by mathematics; it
22	is something that has to be measured?
23	A. In these high Reynolds number flows, I
24	would say yes.
25	Q. The bus that we're talking about

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1	Page 32 you've seen photographs of it would you have an
2	opinion as to whether or not it generates high
3	Reynolds numbers?
4	A. Yeah, the Reynolds numbers on that bus
5	are what I would call high.
6	Q. Now, the second thing that I'm
7	interested in is not just the point of reattachment,
8	it is the lateral separation at maximum between the
9	side of the bus and the detached boundary layer.
10	A. Very good.
11	Q. I don't know about that.
12	That dimension, can you calculate that
13	dimension?
14	A. From first principles, no.
15	Q. Is it something that has to be measured?
16	A. Yes.
17	Q. So in terms of the area where the
18	boundary layer separates and comes around the corner
19	of the bus, the distance that it reaches from the
20	side of the bus is something that has to be measured
21	and the point where it reattaches is something that
22	has to be measured, to know where those things occur
23	or how far out the boundary layer gets?
24	A. Correct.
25	Q. In terms of the speed of the wind as it
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Page 33 moves from the stagnation point to the corner, does 1 2 it increase in velocity? At the outer edge of the boundary 3 Α. Yes. layer it increases linearly as you move away from 4 5 the stagnation point. So the wind, in our example -- for 6 Q. example, we have a bus sitting in the wind tunnel. 7 The wind is blowing at it at 25 miles per hour. 8 At the stagnation point that wind comes to a stop? 9 10 Yes, although --Α. And then -- but the high pressure causes 11 0. it to spill out to the edges? 12 Yes, you could describe it that way. 13 Α. How would you describe it? 14 Q. Well, first of all, if you were doing a 15 Α. wind tunnel test, you wouldn't necessarily limit the 16 tunnel speed to 25 miles an hour. In order to get 17 as close to the real full-scale Reynolds number with 18 a smaller scale bus, you would increase the tunnel 19 20 speed beyond 25 miles an hour, say, in order to try to match this Reynolds number. 21 22 But the second aspect of your question, yeah, the flow accelerates away from this 23 24 high-pressure region towards lower pressure regions, 25 and it does so linearly.

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Page 34 Is that something you can calculate on 1 Q. 2 the basis of dimensions or is it something that has to be measured? 3 There's no turbulence involved in the Α. 4 flow right in the vicinity of the stagnation point. 5 6 So I would say that could be calculated reasonably accurately, because turbulence isn't rearing its 7 8 ugly head right there. Can you calculate the speed of that air 9 Q. 10 at the corner? No, because it critically depends on 11 Α. 12 whether or not the flow stays attached or not. And that's one of the things that, when you have a 13 rounded corner that's smooth, there's no obvious 14separation point. And so our ability to calculate 15 separation when there's not a sharp edge like there 16 is in this sketch means we don't know exactly where 17 the separation point is, and, therefore, we don't 18 know the speed just outside the boundary layer at 19 20 that separation point. One of the nice things about first 21 studying bluff bodies with sharp corners is the 22 sharp corner fixes the separation point. That 23 simplifies the problem a little bit. At least we 24 25 don't have any uncertainty about what's happening or

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Page 35 at least where it's separating. Where it reattaches 1 2 is still another question. The one thing you mentioned was, when I 3 Q. suggested we have the wind blowing at the bus at 4 25 miles per hour, you would said you would put it 5 6 up higher to get to the Reynolds number. To try to match Reynolds numbers, or get 7 Α. 8 as close as possible to the real Reynolds number that you would have with a real bus. 9 A real bus moving at 25? 10 Q. Yeah. Reynolds number is the --11 Α. 12 essentially the size of the bus times the air speed past the bus divided by viscosity, which is 13 14 constant. If you shrink the bus model in the wind 15 tunnel to be smaller, you want to increase the wind 16 speed by that same factor --17 Q. Oh, I see. 18 -- in order to keep the Reynolds number 19 Α. as close to constant as possible. 20 As close it would be in the real world, 21 Q. 22 if you're moving 25? 23 Α. Correct. Now, in terms of bus with somewhat 24 0. 25 rounded corners, can you calculate the speed of the

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1	wind at the point of separation?
2	A. No.
3	Q. You have to measure it?
4	A. I would say in general you're obliged to
5	measure it, because you don't know for sure where it
6	separates.
7	Q. And in terms of the point of separation,
8	does that have to be determined by measurement or
9	by calculation?
10	A. I'm an experimentalist, so I tend to
11	have a slightly skeptical view of a lot of
12	computational approaches. So I would say I would
13	want to see it measured.
14	It may be under certain conditions
15	(Interruption in the proceedings.)
16	BY MR. TERRY:
17	Q. Sorry, sir. I should have let you
18	continue without getting up to close the door.
19	In terms of the this measurement
20	right here, how far the boundary layer separates
21	from the vehicle before it reattaches, that
22	measurement right there, and I'm going to do you
23	mind if I draw?
24	A. Please, be my guest.
25	Q. And I'm going to label that 1

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1	Page 37 (indicating). Okay.
2	In order to determine 1, is that
3	something that has to be measured, or can you
4	calculate that at all, when you're dealing with a
5	somewhat rounded corner?
6	A. I mean, there are calculation
7	techniques, computational fluid dynamic techniques,
8	where people use big computers and they try to
9	calculate these things, with varying degrees of
10	accuracy. As I said, I'm an experimentalist and I
11	like to measure things.
12	You could try to model this thing in a
13	computer and run the calculation and it would the
14	computer would spit out an answer. The question is
15	what level of faith do you have in the accuracy of
16	that prediction.
17	Because this shear layer once the
18	boundary layer separates, it's called a free shear
19	layer and it's intensely turbulent. Its trajectory
20	depends upon its entrainment rate into both sides.
21	Entrainment of the outer flow into the shear layer
22	and entrainment of the flow between it and the
23	surface, the body.
24	And that entrainment rate I think is
25	difficult to get accurately in the numerical
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1	Page 38 simulations, so I think experiments would be a lot
2	more believable.
3	Q. And then, if I understand correctly, you
4	cannot tell me, for the J bus that was involved in
5	this occurrence, if it's driving 25 miles an hour,
6	no other wind effects, no crosswinds, tailwinds,
7	headwinds, just driving still 25 miles an hour, you
8	can't tell me where the separation would have
9	occurred from the boundary layer at the corner, if
10	it did occur, where it would have reattached, or
11	what dimension 1 would be; is that correct?
12	A. I would say in general that's correct.
13	I mean, for starters, I haven't been
14	able to get what the geometry of the bus is. I
15	mean, the first step would be to figure out what the
16	geometry is you're talking about, and I haven't seen
17	any document that gives me precisely that geometry.
18	Even if I had that geometry, I would
19	much more trust results of a good wind tunnel test
20	to answer those questions than what we call a
21	computational fluid dynamics simulation, because the
22	turbulence models in CFD are still not very good.
23	Q. Now, as the bus is moving along and it
24	is creating this flow around it as it moves, is
25	the wind that is traveling around the bus traveling

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1	Page 39 at the same speed of the bus, or is it higher, or
2	does it depends on how far you are from the side of
3	the bus?
4	For example, is this 30 miles an hour
5	25-mile-an-hour bus. Is this flow 30, this 28, this
6	25? Is that the way it works (indicating)?
7	A. You ask a very good question. And it's
8	almost like that.
9	Right around this corner (indicating),
10	you get big acceleration of the flow. Remember, we
11	said at the stagnation point the velocity is zero.
12	Zero is a pretty small number. There's not much
13	breeze here.
14	Q. It's as small as it gets?
15	A. That's right.
16	But then the flow accelerates along the
17	surface of the bus at the outer edge of the boundary
18	layer linearly, as I said, and as you go around this
19	corner, the velocity can be one and a half or maybe
20	even two times the speed of the free stream.
21	So if the free stream is approaching the
22	bus at 25 miles an hour with respect to the bus, you
23	might have double that here. I think I assumed in
24	my example I believe I assumed was it 40 or
25	45? I have to refresh my memory. 40.

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1	Page 40 Locally, right in the vicinity of this
2	shoulder, the velocity can be much higher than the
- 3	free stream.
4	Q. And then as you move away from the
5	corner, the velocity goes back down to 25?
6	A. Correct. I'll just draw a few more
7	streamlines.
8	As you get further from the body, the
9	streamlines are less perturbed by their displacement
10	and acceleration around this obstacle. And so the
11	velocity asymptotically approaches the free stream
12	velocity as you get further away.
13	Q. What was that adverb that you used?
14	A. Asymptotically. It means gradually.
15	Q. Let's use gradually.
16	A. Sorry.
17	Q. All right. Can you tell me, in terms of
18	this particular bus, how the speed of the air
19	surrounding the bus as it goes down the road at
20	25 miles an hour declines as you move away from the
21	corner? Can you tell me at 2 feet it's 40, at 3
22	feet it's
23	A. No. I cannot tell you that.
24	Q. It has to be measured?
25	A. I would want to see it measured, because

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1	Page 41 the details depends upon the entrainment of this
2	turbulence.
3	Q. Now, if we put in the bike on the right,
4	and the bike is moving at its own velocity the
5	bus is 25, the bike is 15, so that the relative
6	difference between them is 10 miles an hour,
7	right how does that interplay with the
8	disturbance created by the bus?
9	A. In my drawing, I'm showing things with
10	respect to the bus, in the coordinate frame of the
11	bus. So if the free stream with respect to the bus
12	is 25, and at some point, say here (indicating), the
13	velocity in my example I said it was I assumed
14	it was 40 at a 30-degree angle with respect to the
15	free stream. So that's all in the coordinate frame
16	with respect to the bus.
17	If you now convert that to the ground
18	coordinate frame, somebody just standing on the
19	ground as the bus drives by, you would subtract off
20	this velocity vector of 25 miles an hour, so you'd
21	have to use vector addition or vector subtraction to
22	get the velocity vector at this point as the bus
23	drives by in the coordinate frame of the ground.
24	Then the third step is the cyclist is
25	now moving at some speed. I assumed in my second
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1	report, I think 13 and a half miles an hour.
2	Q. Would you do me a favor and use whole
3	numbers, because it's easier for me.
4	A. Okay. You used the figure 15. Let's,
5	just for simplicity
6	Q. I understand that that's not a fact or
7	something you assumed. It's just easier for me to
8	deal with whole numbers.
9	A. I appreciate that. Me too.
10	So if we take this vector of 40 miles an
11	hour and vectorially subtract off a vector of
12	25 miles an hour, we have a resultant wind vector,
13	which I'm making on the sketch here, which is the
14	vector sum of these two arrows. That's in the
15	ground reference frame.
16	Now, the cyclist is proceeding at a
17	speed of 15, and so you would now add in a speed
18	of 15. So you would finally I'm making a messy,
19	complicated drawing here you would have a
20	resultant relative wind vector, with respect to the
21	moving cyclist, of that arrow. So it's vector
22	addition or subtraction to get the relative wind on
23	the cyclist from the passage of the bus.
24	Q. So would the apparent wind on the
25	cyclist be more than his speed?
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1	Page 43 I mean, he's moving at 15 miles per
2	hour, generating his own wind. The stuff comes from
3	around the bus. Using the vector analysis, you can
4	determine what the apparent wind is on the
5	bicyclist, right?
6	A. Right.
• 7	Q. Is the apparent wind on the bicyclist
8	more or less than the wind he generates himself?
9	A. I think, according to my calculations,
10	it's more.
11	Q. Can you calculate that sort of thing?
12	A. Yeah. Based on
13	Q. Just vector analysis?
14	A. Yeah. Once you make these assumptions,
15	then it's just vector analysis.
16	Q. And the direction of the wind that he
17	confronts, is that a function of where he is on the
18	laminar flow that you've identified?
19	A. Well, let me clarify one thing. My
20	laminar flow in
21	Q. I understand this is not laminar flow
22	here. But you've got the flow lines. Okay? And
23	the flow lines indicate that the wind direction
24	varies as it comes around the corner and then
25	reattaches.

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1	Page 44 But from outside the point where it
2	separates and it just moves a little bit
3	A. Right.
4	Q it reaches the bicyclist at different
5	directions. Is that right?
6	A. Yes.
7	Q. So the apparent wind that the cyclist
8	faces, does it vary depending on where he is lateral
9	to the bus?
10	A. Yes, it would be in real-life it
11	would, yes. It would depend on the proximity of the
12	cyclist to the bus.
13	Q. And then it depends on where he is in
14	the flow that you've indicated, if you will?
15	A. Right. Because the bus is overtaking
16	the cyclist, you would get a different answer at a
17	different instance, when the cyclist was at
18	different relative positions with respect to the
19	bus.
20	Q. Now, you indicated in your first report
21	that you expected that the if there was
22	detachment, it would reattach in .14 seconds? Did I
23	understand that correctly?
24	A. No. I believe that .14 number is the
25	characteristic time for these transients to occur.

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1	Page 45 This separation and reattachment
2	exacerbates the problem, as I said, because it makes
3	the effective aerodynamic width of the bus wider.
4	So the side force on the cyclist is greater with
5	this separation due to the sharp relatively sharp
6	corners than if the bus had really rounded corners
7	and you didn't have separation.
8	That figure you mentioned was the
9	characteristic time associated just with the passage
10	of the front of the bus. If you take the diameter
11	of the bus and divide it by the velocity, you get a
12	characteristic time. I can't remember if I used
13	diameter or radius. But that was meant to be an
14	indication of how long you expect these transient
15	sideways aerodynamic loads to be exerted on the bus.
16	Q. So from my understanding of what you're
17	saying, then, is that as the right front corner of
18	the bus passes a stationary point, and if that point
19	is within the area of disturbance, that point
20	experiences the disturbance for .14 seconds, this
21	bus traveling 25 miles an hour?
22	A. Almost. You said a stationary object.
23	I think that .14, if I did it right, would have been
24	accounting for the relative speed of the cyclist and
25	the bus. And it's not a precise concept. It's just
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25	as the two of them are together?
24	Q. As long as the bus is driving; as long
23	time would be infinite.
22	cyclist's speed was identical to the bus, then that
21	cyclist's speed is closer to the bus's. If the
20	A. It would be longer, because the
19	Q. So is it less?
18	an hour, would be going .14.
17	number because the cyclist, instead of going 8 miles
16	A. Well, it would be a little bit different
15	Q. But still the same .14?
14	cyclist's speed to 13 and a half miles an hour.
13	it was data from Dr. Funk's report, I revised the
12	second rebuttal report, Exhibit 2, based on, I think
11	miles an hour in this first report. And then in my
10	Exhibit 1. I assumed the cyclist was moving at 8
9	But I did that for paragraph 11 of
8	that, yeah.
7	would change a little bit if you didn't account for
6	A. I'd have to refresh my memory. It
5	was moving?
4	that took into the account the fact that the bike
3	Q. So when you calculated it at .14,
2	transients occur as the bus passes the cyclist.
1	Page 46 a characteristic time, roughly how long these

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Page 47 1 Α. Correct. 2 And if it's stationary, the difference Q. is it would be a shorter time? 3 4 Α. Correct. 5 MR. KEMP: "It" being the bike? You 6 said "it." 7 Forgive me. MR. TERRY: 8 BY MR. TERRY: 9 0. If the point is a stationary point as opposed to a moving point, the time that that point 10 11 is subjected to the airflow you've described is less than if the point was moving in the same direction 12 as the bus, up to 10 or 15 miles an hour? 13 14Right. By stationary, I mean stationary Α. 15 with respect to the ground. 16 Q. Yes. You always have to be clear what 17 Α. 18 reference frame you're talking about. 19 All right. If the point -- if the point 0. 20 is stationary relative to the bus, and the bus is 21 moving the 25 miles per hour as you assumed in your 22 calculations, how long would the stationary point be subjected to the effects? 23 24 Α. You used the term stationary with 25 respect to the bus?

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1	Page 48 Q. Yes, as opposed to having the point that
2	we're concerned about moving with the bus at some
3	particular speed, it's just a guy standing on the
4	ground next to the bus.
5	A. So stationary with respect to the
6	ground.
7	I want to make sure I understand
8	your question.
9	Q. This sounds like Einstein's thoughts.
10	Well, what I'm trying to set up is,
11	instead of trying to describe in words the bike
12	moving in the same direction as the bus at a
13	particular speed, now we've just got a guy standing
14	there watching the bus come by. So he is
15	stationary, he's not moving, with respect to the
16	bus. His velocity is zero with respect to the bus.
17	A. Well, I disagree. If he's standing on
18	the ground and the bus is moving by, he's stationary
19	with respect to the ground.
20	Q. Okay, sorry. You are talking Einstein.
21	Yes, I'm talking stationary with respect
22	to the ground.
23	A. Got it.
24	Q. How long would the effect be experienced
25	by the guy standing on the ground, if the bike would

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