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[redacted] was interviewed by Detective MICHAEL CALVIN and Detective GARY MILLER of the Suffolk County Police Department. The interview was conducted on July 20, 1996.

On July 20, 1996, the undersigned and Detective GARY MILLER 953, interviewed [redacted]. The interview took place at [redacted] residence at [redacted], Sag Harbor, New York, [redacted]. The interview started at approximately 18:30 hours. In sum and substance, [redacted] related the following on July 17, 1996, at about 20:30 hours, he was in a boat owned by [redacted] and [redacted] were also on the boat. They were fishing in the ocean off Shinnecock Inlet. The boat was heading north toward the inlet on a line from the one mile sea buoy. They were about 1/4 to 1/2 mile north of the buoy. He saw what he thought was a flare straight behind the boat or a little to the right of the boat. He was not able to estimate the height of the flare. He described the flare as a white wispy trail that went straight up. When he saw this, he said "look at the flare" to the other people on the boat. He followed the flare for about five seconds, when the flare turned into an orange burst. He then saw black smoke, but he did not see anything fall to the water. The point where the flare turned into an orange burst which looked to be several miles south of the mile marker. The lighting was such that he could still see the mile marker that was about half mile from his location.

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