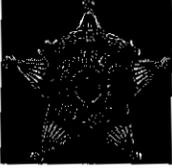


**Highway Construction Group - Attachment 11**  
**Ramsey County Sheriff's Office Interviews of Progressive Contractors, Inc.**  
**(PCI) Employees**

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Event Date/Time: 08/01/2007 06:05 PM ( Wednesday ) to 08/01/2007 11:00 PM ( Wednesday )

Reported Date/Time: 08/01/2007 06:05 PM Written Date/Time: 08/02/2007 02:08 PM

Department: RCSD - SIU

Reporting Officer: Inspector T. Samec (18889/607)

Entered By: Inspector T. Samec (18889/607)

### Incident Location/Incident

Location Type: Highway/Road/Alley

Address: Highway 35W Highway  
Out Of County, MN

County: Hennepin

Cross Street: Washington Avenue

Cross Street County:

Description: I-35W bridge at Washington Avenue, Minneapolis

MapX / MapY: /

Latitude / Longitude: /

Map Zone:

District / Beat: /

Incident: Assist Another Agency/LE

**Public Narrative**

1 Assist with investigation of I-35W bridge collapse incident.

2

Narrative

1 On 8/1/07, I responded to the area of I-35W and Washington Avenue in  
2 Minneapolis. Ramsey County Dispatch had informed all squads of a bridge  
3 collapse and were requesting any squads available to respond.  
4  
5 I responded to the Multi-Agency Command Post. I met Undersheriff George  
6 Altendorfer, Ramsey County Sheriff's Department. Undersheriff Altendorfer  
7 requested that I assist Inspector David Gottschalk, Ramsey County Sheriff's  
8 Department, who was assigned to the initial investigation of the bridge  
9 collapse. Inspector Gottschalk stated he was in contact with Captain Mike  
10 Martin, Minneapolis Police Department regarding this investigation.  
11  
12 At this time, Captain Martin asked if we would be able to locate and escort the  
13 construction crew from Progressive Contractors, Inc. (PCI) to the Command Post.  
14 PCI was the contractor working on the bridge at the time of the collapse. I  
15 assigned Commander Pavlak to coordinate this request.  
16  
17 I proceeded to speak with Steven Weston, Superintendent, PCI. See supplemental  
18 report under same case number for details of interview.  
19  
20 After all PCI crew members were located and transported back to the Command  
21 Post, various investigators from the Ramsey County Sheriff's Department,

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22 Minneapolis Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)

23 assisted in conducting interviews of the PCI crew. A master list of PCI

24 personnel who were working on the I-35W bridge was created. This list was

25 provided to management at PCI to review and identify if there was anybody

26 unaccounted for. Three individuals had been transported to the hospital and

27 one individual, Greg Jolfstad, was unaccounted for. All other individuals were

28 accounted for.

29

30 The following is a list of PCI personnel working on the I-35W bridge along with

31 the investigator who conducted the interview and their agency:

32

33 1. Steven Weston (Superintendent) - Interviewed by Samec/Ramsey Co

34 2. Terry Hollman (operator) - interviewed by Gary Olding/Ramsey Co

35 3. Steve Klug (operator) - interviewed by Brad Otremba/Ramsey Co

36 4. Gregory Schwening (operator) - interviewed by Maher/Ramsey Co

37 5. Mark Haglund (foreman) - interviewed by Vogelpohl/Adams/FBI

38 6. Robert Bailey (Carpenter) - Kjos/MPD

39 7. Kenneth Ammerman (laborer) - Wallerich/MPD

40 8. Matt Hoheisel (laborer) - Bonbage/FBI

41 9. Wayne Krohn (Cement) - Thomsen/MPD

42 10. Paul Holtz (concrete) - Cannizzaro/FBI

43 11. Luis Delreal (laborer) - Larson/MPD

Reporting Officer: Inspector T. Samec (18889/607)

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44 | 12. Mark Ammerman (laborer) - Maslowski/Ramsey Co

45 | 13. Josh Weidendorf (laborer) - Swanson/Mazzola/FBI

46 | 14. Jeff Ringate (laborer) - Suchy/Ramsey Co

47 | 15. Mark Trettel (foreman) - Zimmerman/FBI

48 | 16. Roger Burma (laborer) - Gainer/FBI

49 | 17. Randy Dewitt (laborer) - Otremba/Ramsey Co

50 | 18. Tom Sloan (VP) - Maslowski/Ramsey Co

51 | 19. George Powell - HOSPITAL

52 | 20. Geno Winedorf - HOSPITAL

53 | 21. Hector LNU - HOSPITAL

54 | 22. Greg Jolf stad - UNACCOUNTED FOR

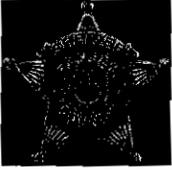
55 |

56 | All investigators were requested to write a report on their interview under

57 | their respective agency case numbers.

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## Supplement Report

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Reported Date/Time: 08/01/2007 06:05 PM Written Date/Time: 08/01/2007 11:46 PM

Department: RCSD - SIU

Reporting Officer: Sergeant J. Maher (10362/835)

Entered By: Sergeant J. Maher (10362/835)

### Incident Location/Incident

Location Type: Highway/Road/Alley

Address: Highway 35W Highway

Out Of County, MN

County: Hennepin

Cross Street: Washington Avenue

Cross Street County:

Description: Highway 35w bridge over the river in Minneapolis

MapX / MapY: /

Latitude / Longitude: /

Map Zone:

District / Beat: /

Incident: Assist Another Agency/LE

**Subject**

Last, First Middle: Schweningen, Gregory Gene

Role: Employee

DOB: (R)

Age Range: to

Gender: Male

Height:

Weight:

Race: White

Build:

Hair Color:

Hair Type:

Hair Length:

Eye Color:

Teeth:

Complexion:

Facial Hair:

Description:

Injury:

Weapon or Forced Used: null

Most Serious Offense:

Suspect Status:

Suspect Armed:

Clearance Indicator:

Victim Type:

Individual Type:

**Location**

Type: Home

Name:

Address: (R)

County: Other

Phone Number: (R)

Description: no home phone

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Public Narrative

1 Assist Minneapolis Police.

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Narrative

1 | Date:08/01/2007

2 |

3 | Time:2020hrs

4 |

5 | Interviewed:Gregory Gene Schwenger

6 | D.O.B (R)

7 | OLN: (R)

8 | Employer:Progressive Contractors Incorporated (PCI)

9 |

10 | Position:Operator. Runs or operates all heavy equipment for the company.

11 |

12 |

13 | I interviewed the above party adjacent to the command center by the Red Cross

14 | building. He told me that he started his shift for work today around 0600hrs.

15 | Greg spent the day preparing equipment for a concrete pour that was scheduled to

16 | commence at 1900hrs. He anticipated that the pour would take until midnight.

17 |

18 | He and a coworker named Randy had just been relieved and told to get something

19 | to eat before the pour was to begin. They both got into Greg's truck and

20 | traveled south on highway 35w south and exited in Washington Avenue.

21 |

9

22 | I asked him if they had felt anything out of the ordinary while traveling over

23 | the bridge, or if they had heard any noises or explosions? He replied no to

24 | both. The air-condition was on in the truck and they had not heard or felt

25 | anything. The first time he realized that anything was wrong was when they

26 | crossed back over the highway and saw a big cloud of dust.

27 |

28 | I asked Greg if he had seen any one on the job site who did not belong there, or

29 | didn't work for the company? He replied no. All parties on the bridge belonged

30 | there.

31 |

32 | Greg had worked for the company in the past for 7 years leaving the company of

33 | about 2000. He has working in the construction industry for over 20 years. I

34 | asked him if there was anything that he thought was not being done properly? He

35 | replied no. That everything that he participated or observed was normal.

36 |

37 | End of report.

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Event Date/Time: 08/01/2007 06:05 PM ( Wednesday ) to 08/01/2007 11:59 PM ( Wednesday )

Reported Date/Time: 08/01/2007 06:05 PM Written Date/Time: 08/02/2007 09:47 AM

Department: RCSD - WMD

Reporting Officer: Commander J. Maslowski (7574/918)

Entered By: Commander J. Maslowski (7574/918)

### Incident Location/Incident

Location Type: Highway/Road/Alley

Address: Highway 35W Highway

Out Of County , MN

County: Hennepin

Cross Street: Washington Avenue

Cross Street County:

Description:

MapX / MapY: /

Latitude / Longitude: /

Map Zone:

District / Beat: /

Incident: Assist Another Agency/LE

**Subject**

Last, First Middle: Ammerman, Mark James

Role: Victim	DOB: (R)	Age Range:	to
Gender: Male	Height:	Weight:	
Race:	Build:		
Hair Color:	Hair Type:	Hair Length:	
Eye Color:	Teeth:		
Complexion:	Facial Hair:		
Description:			

Injury: None

Weapon or Forced Used: null

Most Serious Offense:

Suspect Status:

Suspect Armed:

Clearance Indicator:

Victim Type:

Individual Type:

**Location**

Type: Home  
Name:  
Address: (R)  
County:  
Phone Number: (R)  
Description:

**Phone Number**

Type: (R)  
Number:  
Description:

Public Narrative

1 Interview of PCI employee at 35W bridge collapse incident.

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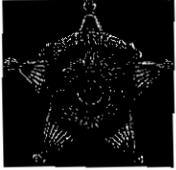
Narrative

1 | Interviewed Ammerman at the Minneapolis Police command post.  
2 |  
3 | Ammerman told me the following:  
4 |  
5 | -He works for PCI construction company, which is located in St. Michael MN. He  
6 | works as a labor where he performs numerous duties such as sandblasting, jack  
7 | hammering, and skid operator.  
8 | -His shift starts at 1900  
9 | -He arrived on site at approximately 1800  
10 | -He traveled S/B across the bridge in his car, where he parked it at the job  
11 | site at Washington Ave. and 10th St.  
12 | -He was sitting in his car listening to the radio with his air conditioning on  
13 | when he observed the N/B traffic had come to a complete stop. He also noticed  
14 | that there was no vehicles going S/B.  
15 | -He exited his vehicle and observed a large cloud of dust and smoke coming from  
16 | the area of the bridge.  
17 | -He responded to the area of the bridge where he assisted fellow PCI employees.  
18 | -He told me that this project is a "Bridge resurfacing project", indicating that  
19 | they were working on repairing / replacing concrete, replacing expansion  
20 | joints, and applying 2 inch concrete cover on the bridge deck.  
21 | -He told me there were no complaints or concerns about the job or the bridges

14

22 safety expressed to him by fellow PCI employees.

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Event Date/Time: 08/01/2007 06:21 PM ( Wednesday ) to 08/01/2007 11:59 PM ( Wednesday )

Reported Date/Time: 08/01/2007 06:21 PM Written Date/Time: 08/01/2007 09:28 PM

Department: RCSD - SIU

Reporting Officer: Deputy M. Suchy (14412/496)

Entered By: Deputy M. Suchy (14412/496)

### Incident Location/Incident

Location Type: Highway/Road/Alley

Address: Highway 35W Highway

Out Of County, MN

County: Hennepin

Cross Street: Washington Avenue

Cross Street County:

Description: Highway 35W and the River Bridge

MapX / MapY: /

Latitude / Longitude: /

Map Zone:

District / Beat: /

Incident: Assist Another Agency / LE

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**Subject**

Last, First Middle: Ringate, Jeffery Thomas

Role: Witness

DOB: (R)

Age Range: to

Gender: Male

Height: 509

Weight: 175

Race: White

Build:

Hair Color:

Hair Type:

Hair Length:

Eye Color:

Teeth:

Complexion:

Facial Hair:

Description:

Injury:

Weapon or Forced Used: null

Most Serious Offense:

Suspect Status:

Suspect Armed:

Clearance Indicator:

Victim Type:

Individual Type:

**Location**

Type: Home

Name:

Address: (R)

County: Hennepin

Phone Number: (R)

Description:

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Public Narrative

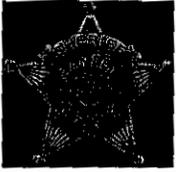
1 Assist with interview at the 35W/Mississippi River bridge collapse.

18

Narrative

1 | I was on scene at the command post when I was asked to speak to a  
2 | construction worker who was working on the bridge at the time of the collapse.  
3 | I spoke to Jeffery Thomas Ringate. Ringate works for Progressive Contractors  
4 | INC out of St. Michael, Minnesota. Ringate's supervisor is Steve Weston.  
5 | Ringate arrived at the bridge at 1000 hours. Ringate did not hear about or  
6 | see anything unusual on this day. Ringate did not hear any type of explosion or  
7 | anything out of the normal. Ringate told me that he was standing on the  
8 | southbound lane of the bridge. Ringate was in the middle of the bridge.  
9 | Ringate reports that there was bumper to bumper, stop and go traffic on the  
10 | bridge. Both directions had one lane closed and two open. Ringate said that the  
11 | bridge started to shake as if a semi truck was driving over the bridge. The  
12 | shaking lasted a few seconds when the bridge just fell. Ringate said the bridge  
13 | broke apart and that he and cars fell into the water. Ringate pulled himself  
14 | back onto the bridge and said that he could see cars with people inside sinking  
15 | into the water. He assisted a few people out of the water and that was all he  
16 | could do. Ringate reported that he knew of one construction worker unaccounted  
17 | for, and that was Gregory Jolstad, a mid fortys white male.

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Reported Date/Time: 08/01/2007 06:05 PM Written Date/Time: 08/02/2007 02:48 PM

Department: RCSD - SIU

Reporting Officer: Inspector T. Samec (18889/607)

Entered By: Inspector T. Samec (18889/607)

### Incident Location/Incident

Location Type: Highway /Road/Alley

Address: Highway 35W Highway

Out Of County , MN

County: Hennepin

Cross Street: Washington Avenue

Cross Street County:

Description: I-35W and Washington Avenue

MapX / MapY: /

Latitude / Longitude: /

Map Zone:

District / Beat: /

Incident: Assist Another Agency /LE

**Subject**

Last, First Middle: Weston, Steven Robert

Role: Witness

DOB: (R)

Age Range: to

Gender: Male

Height:

Weight:

Race: White

Build:

Hair Color:

Hair Type:

Hair Length:

Eye Color:

Teeth:

Complexion:

Facial Hair:

Description: Superintendent of PCI bridge crew

Injury:

Weapon or Forced Used: null

Most Serious Offense:

Suspect Status:

Suspect Armed:

Clearance Indicator:

Victim Type:

Individual Type:

**Location**

Type: Home

Name:

Address: (R)

County: Wright

Phone Number: (R)

Description:

**Phone Number**

Type: (R)

Number:

Description:

Public Narrative

1 | Interview of witness.

22

Narrative

1 On 8/1/07, I interviewed Steven Robert Weston, (R) [REDACTED] regarding the I-35W  
2 bridge collapse. Weston stated he was a Superintendent for Progressive  
3 Contractors, Inc., (PCI), which was the contractor working on the bridge at the  
4 time of the collapse. The following is a summary of my interview with Weston.  
5  
6 Weston stated he is the Superintendent for PCI. Weston stated he was walking  
7 across the bridge when it started to bounce. Weston stated this is normal when a  
8 heavy truck drives over the bridge. Weston stated he was between 700 to 800  
9 feet out on the bridge from the North when the bridge started to collapse.  
10 Weston stated he did not know if a certain part of the bridge collapsed first.  
11 Weston stated it appeared to just collapse. Weston stated he did not see, hear  
12 or smell anything unusual during the day or just prior to the collapse. Weston  
13 also stated that traffic was stop and go as it was rush hour.  
14  
15 Weston also stated he had no reports of anything suspicious or out of the  
16 ordinary. Weston stated that as the Superintendent, any incidents would be  
17 reported to him. Weston stated no incidents had been reported to him and could  
18 not recall anything previous. Weston stated that prior to the collapse of the  
19 bridge, everything was running smoothly and there was nothing out of the  
20 ordinary. Weston stated his crew had been working all day and were planning on  
21 working through the night.

23

22

23 Weston stated his crew had done nothing to the structure of the bridge that day .

24 Weston stated they were working on installing the 2-inch concrete overlay on

25 the surface of the bridge.

26

27 Weston stated he had approximately 18-20 guys working in his crew. Weston

28 believed 3 or 4 PCI crewmembers were in the hospital and one person was

29 currently unaccounted for. Weston stated he believed all other crewmembers were

30 accounted for. Weston provided a description of the missing individual, Greg

31 Jolfstad. Jolfstad was a labor foreman with PCI, W/M, 180 lbs, 5'9", red hair,

32 jeans and sleeveless tshirt, green hardhat and green vest.

33

34 It should be noted that Weston appeared to be very distraught and appeared to

35 have some scrapes and bruises from his fall on the bridge. Weston and the other

36 crew members were provided medical attention from medical personnel at the

37 Command Post area.

38

39 No further information.



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Event Date/Time: 08/01/2007 06:05 AM ( Wednesday ) to ( )

Reported Date/Time: 08/01/2007 06:05 AM Written Date/Time: 08/02/2007 02:58 PM

Department: RCSD - WMD

Reporting Officer: Deputy B. Otremba (8962/251)

Entered By: Deputy B. Otremba (8962/251)

### Incident Location/Incident

Location Type: Highway/Road/Alley

Address: 35 Highway 35W Highway  
Out Of County, MN

County: Hennepin

Cross Street:

Cross Street County:

Description: 35W/Washington Avenue, Minneapolis

MapX / MapY: /

Map Zone:

Latitude / Longitude: /

District / Beat: /

Incident: Assist Another Agency/LE

**Subject**

Last, First Middle: Klug, Steven Delmar

Role: Employee	DOB: (R)	Age Range:	to
Gender: Male	Height:	Weight:	
Race: White	Build:		
Hair Color:	Hair Type:	Hair Length:	
Eye Color:	Teeth:		
Complexion:	Facial Hair:		
Description:			

Injury:

Weapon or Forced Used: null

Most Serious Offense:

Suspect Status:	Suspect Armed:
Clearance Indicator:	
Victim Type:	Individual Type:

**Location**

Type: Home  
Name:  
Address: (R)  
County: Stearns  
Phone Number: (R)  
Description:

**Phone Number**

Type: (R)  
Number:  
Description:

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Public Narrative

1 Interview of Progressive Contractor Inc.(PCI) employee.

27

Narrative

1 On 08/01/2007 I was assisting at the Minneapolis Police Command Post, which was  
2 located near 2nd Street S. and 12th Avenue S., in Downtown Minneapolis. I was  
3 tasked to assist in interviewing the Progressive Contractor Inc.(PCI) employees  
4 who were working on the bridge prior to the bridge collapse.

5  
6 I interviewed Steven Delmar Klug, (R) [REDACTED] in the building adjacent to the  
7 Red Cross building. Klug stated that he has worked for PCI for 21 years. He  
8 works as a operator foreman for the company. Klug stated that they were working  
9 on the south bound lanes of 35W.

10  
11 Klug stated that he arrived to work at 0600 hrs and was working in the south  
12 bound lanes getting it ready for the 1900hr overlay project. Klug stated that  
13 they were finishing up patch work, along with prepping and milling off of the  
14 surface before the overlay project. Klug stated that they were milling off  
15 1 1/2" from the surface before they could do the overlay.

16  
17 Klug stated that he got into a company truck with Terry Holman and drove up and  
18 got off on Washington Ave.. They then drove back on to north bound Hwy 35W, when  
19 Klug stated that they were on the bridge, when the bridge went down. Klug  
20 stated that they were about 4 feet from the end where the bridge broke off. Klug  
21 stated that they were able to get out of the truck, before the truck went down a

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22 45 degree angle. Klug stated it happened all at once.

23

24 Klug stated that he had the a/c on in the truck with the windows rolled up and

25 never heard a noise or sound, prior to the bridge going down, nor did he smell

26 anything unusual. Klug went onto say the crew has worked together f or some time.

27 No one is new nor has any one been fired, quit or is disgruntled. Klug stated

28 that the crew felt good about the project being half done.

29

30 Klug stated that they never had any vandalism or problems during the night time

31 hours.

32

33

34 Klug was asked if he ever saw anything suspicious and he stated no. Klug said

35 that he saw the snopper truck earlier in the day. Klug said the snopper truck is

36 a truck used by MNDOT to look under the bridges.

29



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Event Date/Time: 08/01/2007 06:05 PM ( Wednesday ) to 08/01/2007 11:59 PM ( Wednesday )

Reported Date/Time: 08/01/2007 06:05 PM Written Date/Time: 08/02/2007 12:15 PM

Department: RCSD - WMD

Reporting Officer: Commander J. Maslowski (7574/918)

Entered By: CSO V. Rensch (2021)

### Incident Location/Incident

Location Type: Highway/Road/Alley

Address: Highway 35W Highway

Out Of County, MN

County: Hennepin

Cross Street: Washington Avenue

Cross Street County:

Description:

MapX / MapY: /

Latitude / Longitude: /

Map Zone:

District / Beat: /

Incident: Assist Another Agency/LE

**Subject**

Last, First Middle: Hollman, Terry Arnold

Role: Employee

DOB: (R)

Age Range: to

Gender: Male

Height:

Weight:

Race: White

Build:

Hair Color:

Hair Type:

Hair Length:

Eye Color:

Teeth:

Complexion:

Facial Hair:

Description:

Injury:

Weapon or Forced Used: null

Most Serious Offense:

Suspect Status:

Suspect Armed:

Clearance Indicator:

Victim Type:

Individual Type:

**Location**

Type: Home

Name:

Address: (R)

County:

Phone Number: (R)

Description:

**Phone Number**

Type: (R)

Number:

Description:

31

**Subject**

Last, First Middle: Klug, Steve

Role: Employee

DOB:

Age Range: to

Gender:

Height:

Weight:

Race:

Build:

Hair Color:

Hair Type:

Hair Length:

Eye Color:

Teeth:

Complexion:

Facial Hair:

Description:

Injury:

Weapon or Forced Used: null

Most Serious Offense:

Suspect Status:

Suspect Armed:

Clearance Indicator:

Victim Type:

Individual Type:

32

Public Narrative

1 Interview of PCI employee

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Narrative

1 | I { Director Olding } and Commander Maslowski interviewed PCI employee Terry  
2 | Hollman. The interview was conducted at the Command Center located at  
3 | 13th/Washington in the rear of an business. Mr.Hollman Stated: That he holds the  
4 | position of Boom Truck Equipment Operator. Has worked for PCI for Five years,  
5 | starting in April of 2002. Hollman started work at 16:30 hrs. he worked for  
6 | roughly one hour on the north end of the bridge. Hollman and another employ ee,  
7 | Steve Klug took a pickup truck to drop off equipment on the south end of the  
8 | bridge. Their route took them around onto the Hennipen bridge, to downtown, back  
9 | onto the I-35 bridge going north bound. At roughly 1805 while driving the  
10 | pickup truck across the bridge, the bridge started swaying back and forth.  
11 | Hollman stated the next thing he knew, the bridge had collapsed and he and Klug  
12 | were inside the pickup facing the river. They exited the pickup and proceeded  
13 | up the bridge on the south side of the river.  
14 |  
15 | He did not hear any loud sounds. No suspicious people around or on the bridge  
16 | during or previous to the incident. No suspicious activity at all. Everything  
17 | was normal. He did state that he felt the remaining concrete deck on the bridge  
18 | was very thin. he also complained he suffered neck and shoulder pain.

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Event Date/Time: 08/01/2007 06:05 PM ( Wednesday ) to ( )

Reported Date/Time: 08/01/2007 06:05 PM Written Date/Time: 08/02/2007 01:48 PM

Department: RCSD - WMD

Reporting Officer: Deputy B. Otremba (8962/251)

Entered By: Deputy B. Otremba (8962/251)

### Incident Location/Incident

Location Type: Highway/Road/Alley

Address: 35 Highway 35W Highway

Out Of County, MN

County: Hennepin

Cross Street:

Cross Street County:

Description: 35W/Washington Avenue, Minneapolis

MapX / MapY: /

Map Zone:

Incident: Assist Another Agency/LE

Latitude / Longitude: /

District / Beat: /

35

**Subject**

Last, First Middle: DeWitt, Randy Keith

Role: Employee

DOB (R) [REDACTED]

Age Range: to

Gender: Male

Height: 510

Weight: 200

Race: White

Build:

Hair Color: Brown

Hair Type:

Hair Length:

Eye Color:

Teeth:

Complexion:

Facial Hair:

Description:

Injury:

Weapon or Forced Used: null

Most Serious Offense:

Suspect Status:

Suspect Armed:

Clearance Indicator:

Victim Type:

Individual Type:

**Location**

Type: Home

Name:

Address: (R) [REDACTED]

County: Aitkin

Phone Number (R) [REDACTED]

Description:

**Phone Number**

Type: (R) [REDACTED]

Number: [REDACTED]

Description:

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Public Narrative

1 | Interview of Progressive Contractor Inc.(PCI) employee

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Narrative

1 On 08/01/2007 I was assisting at the Minneapolis Police Command Post, which was

2 located near 2nd Street S. and 12th Avenue S, in Downtown Minneapolis.

3 I was tasked to assist in interviewing the Progressive Contractor Inc.(PCI)

4 employees who were working on the bridge prior to the bridge collapse.

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7 I interviewed Randy Keith DeWitt, (R) [REDACTED] in the parking lot adjacent to

8 the Red Cross building. DeWitt stated that he started work at about 1000hrs. He

9 stated that he was working on pouring patches from the time he started till

10 about 1400hrs. DeWitt stated that they pour fresh cement/concrete into the

11 patches, which are holes in the road surface of varying sizes and get filled

12 with the cement/concrete.

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14 DeWitt stated that from about 1400hrs till close till 1800hrs, he assisted in

15 helping setup the equipment for the overlay project that was to start later that

16 night. He also stated that they did test runs with the equipment to make sure it

17 was working properly.

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19 DeWitt stated that he was working on the south bound lanes of 35W, were both the

20 left hand lanes were shut down. He also stated that he was working about 200y ds

21 from the end of the bridge.

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23 DeWitt stated that after doing the set up, he got into a vehicle with co-worker

24 Greg Schwenger and they drove up to Washington Ave., spun around and was waiting

25 on the ramp to go back up the bridge. He stated that they started down the

26 ramp, when people started waving them back, because the bridge was gone.

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28 DeWitt stated that all he saw was a dust cloud were the bridge had been. DeWitt

29 stated that when he was in the truck, they had the radio turned up and never

30 heard a sound.

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32 DeWitt stated that the job was going good and that there was no problems with

33 anything.

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35 DeWitt was asked about the traffic flow and he stated that the south bound

36 traffic was bumper to bumper, which he stated was no different than any other

37 day. The north bound traffic, he stated was just a little lighter than the south

38 bound traffic.

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40 DeWitt stated that this was his 4th summer working for PCI and that every thing

41 was going ok.

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# Ramsey County Sheriffs Department

## Supplement Report

Printed: 08/02/07 05:02 PM

Report Number: 07020453

Event Date/Time: 08/01/2007 06:05 PM ( Wednesday ) to 08/01/2007 11:59 PM ( Wednesday )

Reported Date/Time: 08/01/2007 06:05 PM Written Date/Time: 08/02/2007 12:54 PM

Department: RCSD - WMD

Reporting Officer: Commander J. Maslowski (7574/918)

Entered By: Commander J. Maslowski (7574/918)

### Incident Location/Incident

Location Type: Highway/Road/Alley

Address: Highway 35W Highway

Out Of County, MN

County: Hennepin

Cross Street: Washington Avenue

Cross Street County:

Description:

MapX / MapY: /

Map Zone:

Incident: Assist Another Agency/LE

Latitude / Longitude: /

District / Beat: /

**Subject**

Last, First Middle: Lillehaug, David

Role: Lawyer/Attorney

DOB:

Age Range: to

Gender:

Height:

Weight:

Race:

Build:

Hair Color:

Hair Type:

Hair Length:

Eye Color:

Teeth:

Complexion:

Facial Hair:

Description:

Injury:

Weapon or Forced Used:

Most Serious Offense:

Suspect Status:

Suspect Armed:

Clearance Indicator:

Victim Type:

Individual Type:

**Subject**

Last, First Middle: Sloan, Tom James

Role: Employer

DOB: (R)

Age Range: to

Gender: Male

Height:

Weight:

Race:

Build:

Hair Color:

Hair Type:

Hair Length:

Eye Color:

Teeth:

Complexion:

Facial Hair:

Description:

Injury:

Weapon or Forced Used: null

Most Serious Offense:

Suspect Status:

Suspect Armed:

Clearance Indicator:

Victim Type:

Individual Type:

**Location**

Type: Home  
Name:  
Address: (R) [REDACTED]  
County:  
Phone Number: (R) [REDACTED]  
Description:

**Phone Number**

Type: (R) [REDACTED]  
Number:  
Description:

**Subject**

Last, First Middle: Weston, Steve

Role: Mentioned	DOB:	Age Range:	to
Gender:	Height:	Weight:	
Race:	Build:		
Hair Color:	Hair Type:	Hair Length:	
Eye Color:	Teeth:		
Complexion:	Facial Hair:		
Description:			

Injury:

Weapon or Forced Used: null

Most Serious Offense:

Suspect Status:	Suspect Armed:
Clearance Indicator:	
Victim Type:	Individual Type:

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Public Narrative

1 | Interview of PCI employ ee.

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Narrative

1 | Interviewed Sloan at the Minneapolis Police Command center which was in the rear  
2 | parking lot of a business at Washington Ave. and 13th Ave. S. The interview  
3 | was conducted in the presence of Mr. David Lillehaug who is the attorney who  
4 | represents PCI.

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6 | Mr. Sloan told me the following:

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8 | -He is the Vice President of PCI, Bridge Division Manager and Corporate officer.

9 | -He arrived for work at his St. Michael office at approximately 0800.

10 | -He is involved with numerous job sites and was out at these job sites during

11 | the day - however he doesn't remember all the sites he was at during the day ,

12 | but was not at the 35W site.

13 | -He received a call on his cell phone at approximately 18:10 from Steve Weston

14 | who is the project manager for this 35W project.

15 | -He stated when he answered his phone he heard Weston yelling "Get off, Run up

16 | the deck."

17 | -He stated it sounded like mass confusion and when he asked Weston what was

18 | going on, Weston told him the bridge collapsed, stating "The whole fucking thing

19 | collapsed!"

20 | -He asked Weston what do you mean and Weston stated "It's gone wall to wall!"

21 | -He told me that this project is considered a "Bridge Deck Repair Project",

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22 | which consists of repairing / replacing rebar and concrete decking, replacing

23 | expansion joints and deteriorating concrete. Once that is completed they apply

24 | a 2 inch wearing covering of concrete on the deck.

25 | -He stated they were in the process of prepping the bridge and were ready to go

26 | and lay the concrete on the decking. He wasn't sure if they had actually

27 | started pouring the concrete.

28 | -He stated they had no complaints of problems with the bridge.

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