Statement of Joe Hamilton

Everglades National Park Boat Tours

December 31, 2002

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PRIVACY ACT

The officer investigating this marine casualty wishes to collect your name, address, telephone and place of employment. In order to collect this private information, the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552A(e)(3)) requires that you be informed, the primary purpose for which the Coast Guard will use this information, any secondary purposes for the information and whether your disclosure of this information is required by law or is voluntary.

1. **Authority**: The investigating officer, as a Federal Law Enforcement Officer (14 U.S.C. 93(e)) is requesting this information pursuant to the authority contained in 46 United States Code 6301.
2. **Principal Purpose for this Information**: The statement you provide to the investigating officer will be used to determine the cause of this marine casualty. Your name, address and information is needed or to clarify certain aspects of your statement. Your identify and contact information is needed in order to use your statement at any administrative proceeding which may result from this investigation.
3. **Other uses for this Private Information**: No other uses are intended for your private information.
4. **The Disclosure of your Personal Information is Voluntary.**

Statement made by: Joe Hamilton Occupation: owner

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Time & Date of Occurrence: 12-30-02

Location: Panther Indian Key Pass

Understanding all these rights, and having received no threats, promises of reward or immunity, I voluntarily waive my rights as stated above and make the following statement:

Joe Hamilton 12/31/02

Signature Date

Brenda Hamilton 12/31/02

Witness to Signature Date

WITNESS STATEMENT

Arrived at Ranger Station
Around 4:30 P.M Monday.

Left Marina in Rescue Boat
& Found Panther I in Indian Key
Channel Basically Under Water

I Did Not Witness Rescue
of Passengers, was Assured All
Went Well

Was Told Not to Board Boat
until Coast Guard Arrived, They
Arrived on Site Around 10:P.M.

Was informed we were Allowed To
Beach Vessel.

Next Day Proceeded with Salvage
operation

I hereby affirm that the foregoing statement consisting of ____ pages is a true and accurate account of the incident in question to the best of my recollection.

Joe Hamilton
Printed Name

J. Hamilton 12/31/02
Signature Date

Brenda Hamilton 12/31/02
Witness to Signature Date