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Record of Interview: Linda Blount

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On 03/06/19 I spoke with Ms. Linda Blount who was the Charge Nurse for Beaufort Hospital on the night of the boating accident. Ms. Blount stated that Morgan was the first patient from the boating accident in question to come arrive to the ER. Ms. Blount stated that Morgan was placed into the ER room #15. After Morgan was treated for a hand injury, she was moved to room #26.

Ms. Blount stated that a young man (who was identified as Paul who was also involved in the boat accident) came into the ER wearing with only his boxer shorts. She observed Paul cursing, being demanding and had an, "attitude. "Paul was put into room #10 at the ER. Ms. Blount stated that Paul's father was in the ER and wanted to know where room #15 (Morgan) was because he wanted to talk to her.

Ms. Blount stated that two (2) more patients from the boating accident in question came into the hospital ER. These 2 people were identified as Connor and Miley. Ms. Blount stated that Miley stated that she did not want to be treated and wanted to stay with Connor. Ms. Blount stated that Miley was seen by nurses at the ER after her parents arrived at the ER and talked her into being treated.

Ms. Blount stated that she observed Paul's father trying to get into Morgan's room. Ms. Blount stated that Paul's father was advised to go back to his son's room or leave the ER. Ms. Blount stated that she could smelled alcohol on Paul's father. Ms. Blount said that she told a hospital security guard to keep an eye on Paul's father and that room #15 did not want any visitors. Ms. Blount stated that recalled having to tell Paul's father multiple times to stay in his son's room.

Ms. Blount stated that after Morgan had her procedure done and was being rolled back into her room, she observed Miley whisper something into to Morgan's ear and Morgan became visibly upset. Ms. Blount stated that she overheard Morgan say to DNR officers that were there in the ER that she wanted to, "change her story". Ms. Blount stated that Morgan appeared to be the most upset and concerned about Mallory.

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