



2023-2024 MOCK TRIAL

FINAL WEEK

Q&A

The answers to the Week One questions are below.

Changes are noted with red text.

Q1: Is there an assumption that the witnesses recognized as expert witnesses have read all the affidavits?

A1: It should be assumed that those witnesses that may be recognized as expert witnesses in this case have read all the affidavits associated with this case.

Q2: What time does the time series on the GPS log represent? Is it flight time (time in air/from takeoff?) or military time or some other time?

A2: In Exhibit 2, the time logged by the GPS is a portion of the overall log for the flight at question in this case. The times associated with the log are those that represent this specific flight in military time.

Q3: Which day did Treat Mitchell visit the hospital? There are discrepancies in the affidavits between the visit taking place on the 12th or 13th. Is the discrepancy an error or an intended part of the case?

A3: Treat Mitchell visited the hospital (where interviews with Goose and Tommi took place) on July 13th. Taran "Merlin" Hawkins' affidavit contains two sentences that should be discarded. Those sentences are on page 30, lines 114-116, which read, **"As I was walking out, I passed someone wearing an NTSB cap, who was making their way into Goose's room. I now know that person to be Treat Mitchel the NTSB investigator"**. – These sentences are not to be included in the affidavit.

Q4: On page 28, in Taran "Merlin" Hawkins' affidavit they refer to having received "radio warnings for "dangerously low altitude" in the past. What types of "warnings" is Merling referring to?

A4: This statement should be read as Merlin having received past warnings over the radio from either fellow pilots, air traffic controllers, or both.

Q5: Although both parties are aware of Jerrie Mock's death, Sunny (a witness but not a party) does not mention in their affidavit that they are aware of Jerrie's untimely death. Should we assume that Sunny, as Jerrie's friend, is aware?

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A5: Jerrie Mock's death took place between the time of Sunny Marshall's affidavit and the time of the trial. It can be assumed that all witnesses, including Sunny, are aware of the passing of Jerrie Mock.

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