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Re: State v. Raisbeck, 01 CF 2708

Mr. Sommers:

In light of Mr. Anderson's report regarding Deputy Gnacinski's second calculation of speed, I contacted Mr. Krenz to analyze Deputy Gnacinski's calculations and Mr. Anderson's analysis. Mr. Krenz generally agrees with Mr. Anderson on this point. Mr. Krenz believes that while Deputy Gnacinski arrived at the correct result, his methodology was flawed. According to Mr. Krenz, Deputy Gnacinski's use of the median drag factor does not fully take into account the different distances of deceleration and drag factor that may apply. Mr. Krenz believes that based on Mr. Krenz' training and experience, this is not the correct way to determine the coefficient of drag factor. Mr. Krenz also agrees that Deputy Gnacinski's calculations in this report seem to suggest locked brakes for an extended distance. As you already know, Mr. Krenz does not believe the brakes were locked for an extended distance. I have not discussed with Deputy Gnacinski his second set of speed calculations or Mr. Krenz' or Mr. Anderson's evaluation of them.

In light of this new information, and our confidence in Mr. Krenz, we have decided that Mr. Krenz will be our expert in the area of crash reconstruction and particularly as that reconstruction applies to speed calculations and analysis. Accordingly, we will not be offering expert opinion in the area of speed calculation from Deputy Gnacinski.

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cc: Hon Paul Higginbotham