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Hi Jon

Second one to redact as per my crossings out or anything you spot

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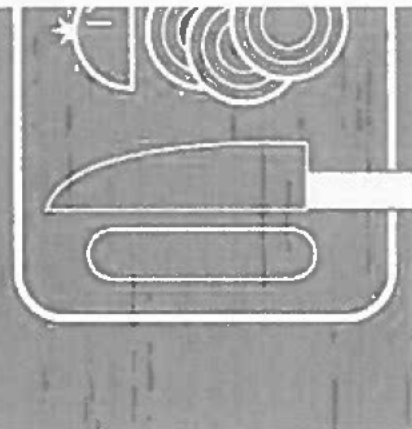
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Hi Steve,

For your information if it is helpful for the hearing,
Below are the statements [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] wrote a few days after [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Best Regards

[REDACTED]

Statements

We were going down country lanes at around 2am and he didn't have his full beams on and both of his mirrors were in, he said it was so they wouldn't get damaged because the roads were so narrow. He didn't see the corner coming up even though [REDACTED] said there was one soon, so i think he was looking at his phone or sat nav for directions maybe. He started to swerve away from the corner but we were going too fast and ended up going on to the embankment, the passenger side went into the hedges and then the car flipped. The passenger sides doors wouldn't open as they were crushed shut. I was sat behind the driver so I opened my door and crawled out then everyone else got out using the doors on the drivers side. When we got out i noticed it smelled like burning and realised the tires were still spinning super fast and not slowing down at all. [REDACTED] went into the car and turned off the engine. the taxi driver then started to say how we shouldn't go to the police and he will say he was by himself "so we wouldn't get in trouble," he was trying to guilt us by saying this was his livelihood and he doesn't want to lose his job, he kept encouraging us to leave and said he wanted to "get our story straight so we all knew what to say to the police." He then kept saying how he'll wait by the car and we should go back to [REDACTED] house as it was about a 5 min walk away so we did and i called the police and an ambulance when we got there.

[REDACTED]

We were driving down narrow lanes at about 1:30 AM and he was going way too fast to be in control of his car in that environment and he didn't have on his full beam head lights and only went to turn them on as we crashed. I remember saying something along the lines of 'watch the corner' as I knew it was coming up. I think he may have been looking down at his phone and looked up too late to react and so we ended up going up into the bushes and the car flipping. I was in the back in the middle and leant over to open one of the doors and it not opening as it must've been crushed going into the bushes. We opened the door behind the driver and [REDACTED] pulled me out of there.

[REDACTED] noticed it smelt like smoke and the wheels weren't stopping spinning or slowing down , at that point my instinct was to turn off the engine so I went into the car and turned it off.

The driver then was telling us to leave and told me we had to have our story straight as this was 'his livelihood' and so we should go and say we weren't in the car.

We then didn't know what to do and felt like we would for some reason be in trouble so went back to my house which was only a 3 minute walk, as the original adrenaline wore off myself and others began to realise we had injuries and needed an ambulance and the police.

[REDACTED]