

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS  
DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH

INSPECTION # 1325562

EMPLOYEE STATEMENT

WITNESS  Injured EE

My Name is (Su Nombre): [REDACTED]  
My Home Address is (Su Domicilio): [REDACTED]  
Phone # (Numero de Telefono): [REDACTED]  
I am employed by (Nombre de su lugar de empleo): Monterey Zoo as a Zookeeper  
How long have you been working here (Cuanto tiempo tiene en este trabajo): 3.5 yrs  
I offer the following statement recorded in the presence of N/A -> not recalled  
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[REDACTED], and I were delivering breakfast to the bed & breakfast bungalows. Paula (elephant) was acting odd, not moving up when asked. [REDACTED] was her primary trainer, but Paula was not responding so we switched. I asked Paula to move up several times. It was not working so I asked [REDACTED] to move Christi (other elephant) back to give Paula some room. [REDACTED] told Christi to back up and Paula swung her head to the left to hit [REDACTED]. I stepped forward to get out from in between the elephants and Paula stepped on my right foot/ankle so I fell. Once I fell to the ground I rolled to my back and she stepped on my arm. She continued to step on me and use her tusks & head to crush me under her. At one point she picked me up with her trunk & set me on my butt then stepped onto my shoulder blades and stepped my upper body to the ground. I was rolling around trying to get out from under her. I was laying on my back and she brought her tusks down and I wrapped my arms & legs around her tusks to get off the ground. She swung her head back and forth several times & threw me about 3-4 feet away. I was able stand up & start to move away. As soon as I was able to move away she stopped coming at me and walked back to [REDACTED]. I walked onto the bungalow deck & laid down. [REDACTED] (employee) & [REDACTED] walked the elephants back to the yard.

(Use Reverse Side if Necessary)

I HAVE GIVEN THIS STATEMENT FREELY AND WITHOUT COERCION; IT REPRESENTS THE FACTS PERTAINING TO THE ABOVE REFERRED ACCIDENT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

SIGNED, This 25 Day of June, 2018 [REDACTED]  
(SIGNATURE)

[Signature]  
Witnessed by

J. S. E. 6/25/18  
Title