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EMPLOYEE/WITNESS STATEMENT

My Name is [redacted]

My home address is [redacted]

I am employed by The Monterey Zoo
as a Zookeeper

Do I have your permission to record this interview? Yes No
Would you please write what you know with regards to the accident/violate condition on this form? Yes No
Do you wish for me () to write your statement? Yes No

I offer the following statement recorded in the presence of _____
Division of Occupational Safety and Health, Department of Industrial Relations, State of California.

[redacted] and I were leaving Bungalow 2 with the elephants. I was walking Paula. Paula didn't want to keep walking forward, so I tried some different things to see what was going on. I asked Paula to put her trunk and foot up to see if she was paying attention to me, which she was. So I asked her to start walking again and she didn't so I tried it all again. On the 3rd time [redacted] swapped elephants with me. She was asking Paula to move ~~some~~ putting some pressure on Paula. After a couple seconds Paula started moving her body towards [redacted] and then raised her head and tusks up. [redacted] tried to get out of the way but couldn't because her foot was under Paula's. [redacted] fell and then Paula started thrashing [redacted] around on the ground. While this is happening I am doing everything I can to get Paula off of her and to stop. I was hitting Paula with the walking stick.

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 2 day of July, 2018 [redacted] (Signature)

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Came. Also radioing for help. [redacted] was able to get out of harms way by running to the bungalow and I stayed with the elephants to get them settled down and secure.

[redacted] came up to help and is another elephant trainer. We then walked both Paula and Kristi (elephants) back to the yard to get them inside an enclosed area. Paula was fine with me so I walked Paula while [redacted] walked Kristi. We got them secured and radioed that they were back in the yard.



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