

Mr. Franco's direct examination concluded as follows:

12 Q. Mr. Sheridan, how long have you been examining
13 and reviewing the Jeep systems, the fuel systems on the
14 Jeep?

15 A. Well, as to the field failures, I began analyzing
16 in 2007. That's when I first officially began doing the
17 field failure analysis. My analysis of the Jeep itself
18 began in 1987.

19 Q. And do you have an opinion to a reasonable
20 degree of engineering certainty as to the cause of the
21 fire of Mr. Skyler Anderson-Coughlin's Jeep?

22 A. Yes. In my opinion the cause of the fire was the
23 defective design of the Jeep Grand Cherokee. The rear
24 of the Jeep Grand Cherokee that Mr. Anderson was in is
25 not crash worthy and it is not road worthy.

The Springfield DA, Mr. Joseph Forsyth, concluded his cross examination as follows:

23 Q. And for -- that rear-end collision is what
24 caused that fire on the -- on the -- on the Jeep Grand
25 Cherokee contacting the tractor-trailer?

1 A. The rear-end collision provoked the defect in the
2 Jeep which led to the fire.

3 Q. And this happened in 2013?

4 A. November 10, 2013.

5 Q. Very good, sir.

6 MR. FORSYTH: Thank you.