

While the process of debris removal and removal of victim Mirimri Jama Farah's remains were being conducted, a visual observation in the basement level revealed a lighter amount of fire damage noted in the south sector of the basement, with wood fir strips for wall siding not fire-damaged at all. Also, the rear area of the grocery store's main level in the middle sector was not fire-damaged at all. Plastic containers were stacked up in a hallway adjacent to a large walk-in cooler and these were not distended. Boxes of breakfast cereal were noted on shelves in the front area of the store and these items also were not fire-damaged.

### **Evidence**

I did not retain any evidentiary artifacts from the scene.

### **Photographs & Diagrams**

Digital photographs were taken prior to and during the scene examination. A photo inventory of those photos I took is attached to this report. Due to the extensive collapse in the structure and the inability to gain access prior to collapse, a sketch is not included at this time.

### **Interviews & Investigation Activity**

I did not conduct interviews to this point in the investigation. The scene activities related to visual observation and victim location/removal were foremost in the examination.

On January 7, 2014, I traveled to the State Fire Marshal Division St. Paul Central Office and met Pat Donovan. Donovan had obtained a copy of a video recording from an MTC Bus on its normal route and traveling south on Cedar Avenue in the early stages of the fire. We reviewed the digital recording and Donovan provided a copy to me.

On January 8, 2014, I traveled to Minneapolis Police Arson offices in Minneapolis and met Sean McKenna. McKenna provided me a copy of the digital recording from a MN State Trooper who was responding to the scene from the south on Cedar Avenue and had the dash camera operating. That recording was also reviewed.

After reviewing both recordings, it appears the second level east window in the south wall is blowing fire out of it in very early stages, even more than what is appearing out the east wall second level windows as the State Trooper pulled up and arrived. Also, the smoke appeared light in color at first and then built to a dark color very fast in both videos, especially the MTC Bus from the north.