Melissa Ott – Writing Sample

First Case of Hantavirus in New York

MAKING NEWS AROUND AMERICA TONIGHT...

THE FIRST POTENTIAL HANTAVIRUS CASE OUT OF NEW YORK THIS YEAR IS BEING INVESTIGATED.

[TAKE VO] {***VO***} [<mos>**A** anime Lower 3rd CHIP 00388111 AROUND AMERICA FIRST POTENTIAL HANTAVIRUS CASE NEW YORK</mos>]

IT WAS A MONTH AFTER MICHAEL VAUGHAN'S CAMPING TRIP TO THE ADIRONDACKS WHEN HE FIRST STARTED TO FEEL THE SYMPTOMS...

VAUGHAN REMEMBERED ONE NIGHT WHILE SLEEPING IN AN OPEN CABIN... HE WAS BITTEN ON THE THUMB BY A MOUSE...

THIS WAS A SIGNIFICANT CLUE FOR DOCTORS...BECAUSE RODENTS CARRY THE POTENTIALLY DEADLY HANTA VIRUS.

PRELIMINARY LAB RESULTS SUGGESTED VAUGHAN *WAS* INFECTED...ALTHOUGH DOCTORS ARE AWAITING FURTHER CONFIRMATION.

[TAKE SOT] {***SOT FULL***} [<mos>**A** anime Lower 3rd CHIP 00388109 AROUND AMERICA MICHAEL VAUGHAN POSSIBLY INFECTED WITH HANTAVIRUS</mos>]

<"I started feeling a little ill, I had nausea, headaches, a little out of breath from climbing the stairs. --BUTTED TO--

the first night I woke up with a pain in my finger and I looked at it, and there was a little bit of blood under my fingernail, a mouse must have bitten me.">

[TAKE: CONT VO] {***CONT VO***}

DOCTORS SAY THE INFECTION DID NOT LIKELY COME FROM A RODENT BITE... BUT FROM DUST CREATED BY THE RODENT'S DROPPINGS.