

Incident Report

WINNEBAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
4311 JACKSON STREET
OSHKOSH, WISCONSIN 54901
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Incident Number: WI15-002460

Narratives

ENTERED DATE/TIME: 7/23/2015 06:16:21

NARRATIVE TYPE: INITIAL NARRATIVE

SUBJECT: INITIAL - KAYE - 07/22/15

AUTHOR: KAYE, BRIAN

PLANE ACCIDENT

07/22/15 0745 HOURS DEP. B. KAYE [REDACTED]

On the above stated date and time, I Dep. Kaye W36 was dispatched to the Wittman Regional Airport at 525 W. 20th Av. Oshkosh, WI. 54902, for an airport emergency alert 3. At the intersection of runways 27 and 23.

07/22/15 0759 HOURS DEP. B. KAYE W36

On the above stated date and time I arrived at runway 27 to the scene of what appeared to be a small private aircraft that may have a hard landing and was possibly on fire. When I arrived, the aircraft was not burning and there were several fire dept. vehicles on scene as well as several ambulances. Lt. Rice [REDACTED] requested that I depart the accident scene en route to the Mercy Medical Center to speak with two individuals that were passengers in this aircraft, currently en route to Mercy Medical Center.

07/22/15 0825 HOURS DEP. B. KAYE [REDACTED]

On the above stated date and time I arrived at Mercy Medical Center and I was able to speak with one of the passengers in the downed aircraft, Nathan P. Gargano [REDACTED] St. Joseph MI. 49085 [REDACTED]. Gargano gave me the following written statement at 0835 hours.

"On 07-22-15 at about 0750 or so. We were supposed to land at a certain runway. We were told to land at an earlier spot on the runway. We were supposed to land on the green dot on runway 27. Another plane came onto the runway. We were then told to land at the closer orange dot on the same runway. We were on final, our final turn. We ended up turning too sharp as a result of the change in landing plans. We were on a right hand bank turn. Our turn was very sharp and steep, it appeared as though we fell out of the sky. I did see a Cessna high wing 4 seater on the runway. I'm not sure of our elevation at the time of our steep turn maybe 500 ft. or less. I think we touched down right wing first. I'm a pilot in training with 16 hours flight time. We were originally coming in from west to east. We needed to make a right turn and land from east to west, at a later part of the runway. When we were told to land earlier, Ken tried to turn sharper than planned and cut altitude sooner than originally planned to land farther east on the runway than originally planned. I was sitting directly behind the pilot facing rearward, in this six seat airplane. I was wearing a waist belt only seat belt. Our landing gear was down. I remember the impact and I'm not sure if I went unconscious or not. The plane was on fire and Ken was shuffling around trying to get everyone out. We left St. Joseph Benton Harbor Michigan this morning at about 0730. My head hurts and my left arm hurts. We were only staying for the day. Our plane is a six seater and we only had 5 on board. We burned off alot of our fuel flying over the lake. I don't think we could've been over loaded. I've flown with Ken a handful of times. Ken has been flying for 20 years I think."

Signed Nathan Gargano