

Michigan Department of State Police

ORIGINAL INCIDENT
REPORTORIGINAL DATE
Fri, May 01, 2015TIME RECEIVED
1310INCIDENT NO.
061-0003512-15 (01)FILE CLASS
97001WORK UNIT
MSP ROCKFORD DISP OP2COUNTY
MuskegonCOMPLAINANT
ALICIA KAY KANTOLATELEPHONE NO.
[REDACTED]ADDRESS: STREET AND NO.
[REDACTED]CITY
[REDACTED]STATE
[REDACTED]ZIP CODE
[REDACTED]INCIDENT STATUS
Open

Accident, Aircraft

SUMMARY:

PLANE DOWN/PILOT UNCONC [05/01/15 12:21:57 MCDCJE1]
[FIRE] AT EDGE OF ROAD IN FRONT OF ADDRESS [05/01/15 12:22:40 MCDCJE1]
[FIRE] 2ND CALLER BEN DARVIN [05/01/15 12:23:26 MCDMP01]
[FIRE] 1 SEATER GLIDER [05/01/15 12:23:30 MCDMP01]
[FIRE] ON SHERMAN BTWN MOORLAND AND THE HIGH SCHOOL [05/01/15 12:23:40 MCDMP01]
[FIRE] GYROCOPTER PER CALLER [05/01/15 12:22:57 MCDCJE1]
[FIRE] PILOT IS STEVE LATHROP [05/01/15 12:23:05 MCDCJE1]
[FIRE] CRASHED INTO WIRE AND NOW IN DITCH DEEP [05/01/15 12:23:55 MCDMP01]
[FIRE] CALLER DISC [05/01/15 12:23:12 MCDCJE1]
[FIRE] 231 725 5014 [05/01/15 12:24:08 MCDMP01]
[FIRE] 1891 AND 1895 DE [05/01/15 12:23:40 MCDRLJ1]
[FIRE] CMP COULDN'T STOP [05/01/15 12:24:28 MCDMP01]
[FIRE] ARRIVED [05/01/15 12:27:21 MCDRLJ1]
[FIRE] REQ AEROMED ON SB [05/01/15 12:27:46 MCDRLJ1]
[FIRE] PER 1895 [05/01/15 12:27:51 MCDRLJ1]
[FIRE] REQ CONSUMERS FOR BROKEN POLE [05/01/15 12:28:35 MCDRLJ1]
[LAW] (T831) SHERMAN AND MOORLAND/SHERMAN AND RAVENNA REQ
BARRICADES...WILL NEED TO BE SHUT DOWN --- [05/01/15 13:48:05 MCDMP01]
[LAW] MCRC NTFD**** [05/01/15 13:49:19 MCDMP01]

INFORMATION:

Officer was dispatched to the corner of E. Sherman Blvd and Wunsch Road on a gyro-copter plane crash. Pro-Med and Ravenna Fire Department on scene prior officer's arrival. Upon my arrival I discovered a single seat red gyro-copter which appeared to have been flying from the south to north upon impacting at the crash site.

VENUE:

MUSKEGON COUNTY, RAVENNA TWP
E SHERMAN BLVD
AT OR NEAR: WUNSCH RD

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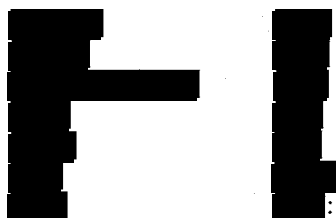
97001

DATE & TIME:

FRI, MAY 01, 2015 AT 1220

COMPLAINANT:

NAM: ALICIA KAY KANTOLA

**INTERVIEW COMPLAINANT:**

The complainant stated she was outside when she heard a loud noise of a plane flying north. Complainant further stated that she heard a loud booming sound and she looked up and seen black smoke from the small plane. The small plane crashed just north of the intersection of Sherman and Wunsch Road. Complainant stated she called 911 and reported the crash.

AIRCRAFT:

Red single seat gyrocopter #N5606X. The pilot was flying the north in the same direction of Wunsch Road and the plane struck the power-line on Wunsch Road about five hundred feet south of E. Sherman. The plane continued north to E. Sherman and crashed in the ditch north of the intersection.

EMERGENCY UNITS:

Pro-Med and Ravenna Fire Department on scene.

PHOTOGRAPH:

Officer and Det. Poulson photographed the crash scene.

FAA:

Sgt. Robinson called and requested the FAA reference the incident.

VICTIM:(PILOT)

NAM: STEVEN ALBERT LATHROP



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The pilot's right leg appeared to be broken and he received electrical injury from the power line.

WITNESSES:

NAM: THOMAS A CORCORAN

INTERVIEW WITNESS:

The witness stated he is a close friend of the pilot, Steven Lathrop. Witness further stated that the pilot is licensed with more than thirty years of flying experience. Witness stated he flew with pilot several times without any problems. Witness further stated the pilot usually flies over his property from time to time. The pilot usually calls the witness prior to flying to the above area as a point of reference for his flight.

Witness stated he received a call from the pilot this morning stating that he will be doing a low fly by the E. Sherman Blvd and Wunsch Rd. area today around noon. The witness stated that he was outside today several minutes after 12:00 p.m. Witness stated he heard the plane flying towards his home. Witness further stated he looked up to the southeast and observed his friend plane gliding to the ground at the intersection. Witness stated he called 911 to report the down plane and he then went to the crash site, to assist his friend with medical help.

Officer asked the witness if he saw the plane make contact with the power line. The witness stated he did not see the plane make contact with the power line, nor does he know what caused the plane to strike the power line. Witness stated that Lathrop is a licensed pilot with years of flying experience and he has always known him to be healthy. Witness was advised to call if has any further information.

OTHER PERSONS:(FAMILY MEMBER)

NAM: CHRISTOPHER LATHROP

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Open, pending further.

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JOURNAL:

None

INFORMATION:

On 5/1/15 around 12:30 p.m. I responded to the scene of an ultra-light Gyro-copter crash. The scene of this crash was at the intersection of East Sherman Blvd and Wunsch Rd. in Ravenna Twp., MI. Upon my arrival at the scene, I made contact with Tpr. Willie Buie, who was the first responding officer. Also present at the scene were Lt. Carl Rothenberger and Sgt. Michael Harvitt from the MSP Rockford Post/Grand Haven Detachment.

SCENE:

Upon arrival, I observed debris from what was described as a Gyro-copter. This debris was located in the ditch approximately six feet north of E. Sherman Blvd. at the end of the T-intersection of Wunsch Rd. The pilot of the craft was identified to me as Steven Lathrup. During my presence at the scene, I recorded the scene using both a video recorder and digital camera (stills) and assisted in managing the scene.

WEATHER:

The Weather Underground reported that the weather conditions for Ravenna, MI on 5/1/15 around 12:30 p.m. were partly cloudy; temperature sixty-six degrees; wind out of the west, northwest at ten miles an hour, gusting up to twenty miles an hour; visibility ten miles.

PERSONNEL AT THE SCENE:

I was provided a list of personnel at the scene by Tpr. Andrew Rothermal (MSP Rockford).

Mooreland Fire Dept.

[REDACTED]

Ravenna Fire Dept.

[REDACTED]

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Muskegon County Sheriff

[REDACTED]

MSP ROCKFORD

[REDACTED]

CONTACT FAA:

On 5/1/15 at approximately 3:00 p.m. John Miller from the Federal Aviation Administration arrived at the scene. It should be noted that in incidents such as this (aviation crash), the FAA takes jurisdictional responsibility for the incident.

Mr. Miller conducted an on scene investigation and requested that all of the records regarding this incident obtained by the Michigan State Police be forwarded to his office. On 5/4/15 I was contacted by Randy Steffes from the Grand Rapids FAA office who advised that he would be the authority assigned to investigate this incident and requested that all records pertaining to this investigation be forwarded to him.

John Miller (FAA Investigator), Badge #4550

[REDACTED]

Randy Steffes (FAA Investigator)

[REDACTED]

MSP AVIATION / DRONE:

On 5/1/15 at approximately 3:00 p.m. Troopers Donald Zinz and Jason Coon from the MSP Aviation Section arrived at the scene and photographed using the MSP Drone aircraft. The information recorded by the MSP Drone will be available upon its dissemination by MSP Aviation.

REMOVAL OF AIRCRAFT / IDENTIFICATION:

Benson B-8 Gyro-Copter / Aircraft registration N5606X

After receiving permission from FAA representative John Miller to remove the aircraft, the Gyro-copter was removed by [REDACTED] and taken back to their facility for storage. This information was forwarded to both FAA Investigators (Miller and Steffes).

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PROPERTY:

SEIZED BY: DET POULSON

Prop 0001 - Desc: ONE DVD CONTAINING VIDEO FOOTAGE OF THE AIRCRAFT CRASH SCENE

Type: Evidence

Obtained From: E. SHERMAN BLVD & WUNSCH RD

Prop 0002 - Desc: ONE DVD CONTAINING DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE AIRCRAFT CRASH
SCENE Type: Evidence

Obtained From: E. SHERMAN BLVD & WUNSCH RD

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JOURNAL:

No journal entries at this time.

VENUE:

MUSKEGON COUNTY , RAVENNA TWP
E SHERMAN BLVD
AT OR NEAR: WUNSCH RD

INFORMATION:

I was directed to respond to a crash that occurred at the venue involving an aircraft. I assisted at the scene for providing measurements, and a scene sketch.

ARRIVE ON SCENE:

I arrived on scene to the venue at approximately 1544 hours on 5-1-15.

SCENE:

I arrived on scene East of the venue on Sherman Blvd. Sherman Blvd. was blocked with closure signs East and West of the venue with traffic cones on Wunsch Rd. South of the venue.

On scene upon my arrival were Deputies from the Muskegon Sheriff Department, MSP-Rockford Personnel, Ravenna Towing, FAA investigators, and an energy crew tending to a down power line.

ROADWAY:

The roadway on Sherman Blvd. was a smooth, blacktop surface. The roadway on Wunsch Road was dirt. The crash scene at the venue was at a "T" intersection, with Wunsch Road coming to an end at Sherman Blvd. running East and West.

WEATHER CONDITIONS:

See Supplement #1 for weather conditions.

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MEASUREMENTS:

I took measurements at the venue, and was assisted by Tpr. Rothermal of the MSP-Rockford Post.

Three reference points were used for the measurements. Reference point #1 was a cable box labeled "10805", with the measurement taken from the NW corner. Reference point #2 was a cable post/sign, in the same area where the aircraft came to it's final rest. Reference point #3 was a "General system" phone sign/pole.

I took measurements at the scene on debris on Sherman Blvd., as well as debris that was South of Sherman, and West of Wunsch Road. Two gouge marks were measured that were on Sherman, South of the aircraft's final rest. Measurements were taken of the aircraft's final rest.

PHOTOGRAPHS:

Photographs were taken on the scene by D/Sgt. Poulson, out of MSP Rockford.

EXTERNAL DOCUMENTS:

Table of measurements
Scene sketch

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