



CLARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

Clark, SD 57225



Case CPD15-00200

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Status Approved
Report Type Incident
Primary Officer Nathan Nickeson
Reported At 07/14/15 15:52
Incident Date 07/14/15 15:52
Incident Code ZAIRE-D : Aircraft Emergency - Delta
Location [REDACTED], CLARK, SD 57225
Zone Other
Beat

Disposition Closed
Dispo Date/Time 07/17/15 13:54
Disposition Comments

Asst Officers

[REDACTED] - Wellnitz, Jeremy

Case Comments

Witness

Lewis, Jared Alan

Male, DOB [REDACTED]

Miscellaneous - Miscellaneous - Open

[REDACTED]
Isanti MN, MN 55040

[REDACTED] Cell

Other

Wookey, John

Male, DOB [REDACTED]

Mentioned: Miscellaneous - Miscellaneous - Open

[REDACTED]
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Primary Narrative By Nathan Nickeson, 07/16/15 09:18

7/16/15 15:58

I was on duty and heard the reported airplane crash at the Clark Airport. I responded to the airport to provide assistance to the Clark County Sheriffs Office. Jeremy Wellnitz, Deputy Graving and Fire Department members were on scene upon my arrival, I observed a few people at the aircraft treating a male individual and another passenger with minor injuries walking around without a shirt on. The aircraft had been moved approximately 35-40 feet SW of the pilots location. I observed an open compound fracture to his right arm and along with what appeared

to be a leg injury. I observed Jeremy Wellnitz cut the male individuals clothing off due to fuel saturation. I assisted in treating John prior to him being transported to PLH. I then went to the passenger who was with John at the time of the crash, and he stated he was fine, just shaken up and minor injuries. He refused an ambulance transfer. Deputy Gravning obtained statements and photos.

Approximately 16:15 hours I took photos of the site and aircraft. No identification numbers on the aircraft. Select photo's were sent to [REDACTED] (FAA) to make a determination on movement of the aircraft from the site.

I provided security of the site until approximately 18:26 hours, when airport personnel (along with Chief Wellnitz) moved the aircraft via forklift to secure it in a hanger.

Photos attached, End of Report.

Supporting Narrative By Jeremy Wellnitz, 07/15/15 16:02

Wookey Ultralight crash

On above date at time, I was off duty and heard the reported airplane crash at the Clark Airport. I responded to the airport to provide assistance. Prior to the arrival dispatch was not able to get much information as the caller was frantic. There was a fire dept member was on scene prior to our arrival as well stating that there was a victim trapped. Myself along with Deputy Gravning arrived on scene, I observed a few people at the aircraft which I describe as an ultra light aircraft. I observed a forklift taking the plane off the subject who was pinned inside, Doug Hansen is the airport manager and was operating the forklift. As i got up to to the victim I observed the male subject who I knew as John Wookey. I observed an open compound fracture to his right arm and along what appeared to be a leg injury. I also observed his finger was injured as well. I asked John where he hurt and he stated he wasn't hurting. It should be noted that I cut off the clothes of John as he was covered in fuel. I assisted in treating John prior to him being transported to PLH. I then went to the passenger who was with John at the time of the crash, this subject had an ankle injury but was refusing transport via ambulance. I sam splinted the ankle and wrapped it which was swollen, of Kyle Kelly and his mother signed a refusal form. I obtained a pulse rate of 159 and 99% o2. Kyle was able to walk on his foot and was able to move it.

It was learned by witness on scene that the aircraft was approximately 100 feet in the air and had banked to the left and crashed into the ground. Speaking with Jared Lewis one of the witness's he had stated he felt the power of the ultralight was reduced or to idle(See statement). Also it should be noted while working on Kyle Kelly I observed the odor of alcoholic beverage coming from his person as he was seated in the vehicle. It should be noted while speaking with Kyle he stated he had a video of this event. I watched the video and asked if Deputy Gravning had seen it and he stated he had. I instructed Gravning to seize the phone and have it dumped at the Watertown Police Department so you get an copy of the video. (see Gravning report. I also had dispatch obtain the weather at the time of the crash from the national weather service. Weather in Clark at 15:52 - 86.4 degrees, dew point 66, humidity 51%, wind e/se not measuring a speed so under 5 mph, pressure 29.78, no precipitation.

Officer Nickeson and I assited the Sheriff's office. (See Officer Nickeson report)

End

Wellnitz

Case Forms

Attached Document 7/15/15 - Jared Lewis Statement
Supporting Narrative (Wookey Ultralight crash) 7/15/15 by Jeremy Wellnitz
Primary Narrative 7/16/15 by Nathan Nickeson

Property / Evidence

Item #	Category	Type	Status	Location	Description
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