

Williamson County Sheriff's Office

Investigations

Captain Brian Thomas Williamson County Sheriff's Office

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Summary of fatal airplane crash

On Friday 06/10/16 at approximately 4:45pm I (Williamson County Sheriff's Office Captain Brian Thomas) was notified of a small private plane crash that had occurred on airport property. I first proceeded to Crenshaw Road where the crashed aircraft was visible from the road. Other Williamson County Deputies were blocking the road at this time. I contacted Williamson County Highway Engineer Greg Smothers and requested the road be blocked on both ends of Crenshaw Road. Greg Smothers contacted his employees and were able to block the road with barricades.

I next contacted Scott Kinley who is the Captain of the Williamson County Auxiliary. I requested Kinley to contact his members and schedule a security detail for the aircraft until I relieved them from the detail. Kinley contacted me later and had the detail for site security ready to go. Members of the Williamson County Sheriff's Office Auxiliary secured the site and aircraft until the next day (Saturday) at approximately 6:00 pm, when the aircraft was removed from the scene.

I was next requested at the scene of the crash to photograph the scene. Upon arrival I waited for the arrival of the Williamson County Coroner's Office. I spoke with the Coroner Mike Burke and Deputy Coroner Scott Kinley at the scene. I was advised that after the scene and remaining victim [REDACTED] was photographed, the process of removing the victim from the plane could start. The victim was sealed in a body bag by the Coroner's Office. The disk containing the photographs I took are attached to this report..

After the victim was removed from the scene, I requested the members of the Williamson County Fire District to search the field of the crash site for any personal property from the pilot or passenger. The search resulted in a "Garmin GPS watch" belonging to Todd Greiner(the other occupant in the plane) and cell phone with a green bay football logo on it belonging to the pilot John Alleman. I marked the location of those objects with stakes. The watch was turned over to FAA investigator Adama D. Allmond on Saturday. The phone was later given to the funeral home and returned to the victim's family.

On Saturday June 11th I met with FAA investigator Adama Allmond & National Transportation Safety Board Investigator Aaron Sauer. I gave them both a copy of the photographs I had taken of the scene and advised them of what had been done at the scene.

I was requested to interview two witnesses that had given an interview to the press after the accident. I watched the interview and know both Lily Abbott and her stepmother Loretta Abbott.

Sybil Loretta Abbott, [REDACTED]
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I contacted Lilly Abbott by phone and after some discussion; Lilly said that the news just made it sound like she (Lilly) witnessed the crash. Lilly told me that her stepmother Loretta had witnessed the crash and had called her (Lilly) after the crash. Lilly gave me Loretta's phone number and I contacted her by phone. She told me that she wasn't in town but gave to me the following events. Loretta said she was driving West on Crenshaw road and saw a plane low in the sky. She said the plane was at an odd angle because she could see the entire top side of the plane with the wings pointed up and down. She said she saw one of the plane's wings hit the ground and then the whole plane just because debris with pieces coming off of it. She said she called 911 and then called her stepdaughter Lilly Abbott. The Sheriff's Office has no record of the 911 call.

I asked Loretta if she would write me a statement of what she saw and she agreed. I have contacted her several times to pick up the statement with the last time on Sunday June 12th at approximately 4:30pm. During that call she informed me that she would bring it by the Sheriff's Office. On Tuesday June 14th, I contacted Loretta and she advised me that she would come to the Sheriff's Office and speak with me. She arrived at approximately 10 am and told me the same series of events that she had already told me. I asked her to write a statement but she refused. While getting her personal information, she refused to give her home address saying she receives all her mail at her post office box.

On Sunday June 12th the autopsy on John Dee Alleman was completed. Alleman died as the result of multiple major injuries from the plane crash that would have caused death.

I have also included the Coroner's report and the preliminary autopsy report by Forensic Pathologist Dr. John Heidingsfelder with this report.
Nothing further at this time.

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