

NARRATIVE SUPPLEMENT REPORT

J1-16-0013401

Subject: PLANE CRASH

Reporting Officer: SCHUMACHER, PATRICK [REDACTED]

Entered By: GRAY, PAMELA [REDACTED]

Entered On: 7/21/2016 2:10:00 PM

CRITICAL INFORMATION:

W/WILLIAMS, GENE A
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

PLAINFIELD, IL 60586
[REDACTED]

On today's date, 7/21/16, at approximately 12:30 hrs I was directed to speak with Gene Williams about what he saw regarding this investigation. Myself and Detective Martinez [REDACTED] met with Williams in a JPD squad car near the scene of the crash. Prior to taking a detailed statement from Williams I gained his consent to memorialize his statement on video recording. Below is a synopsis of statement and for verbatim version see the CD which will be placed into Evidence under this report number.

I asked Williams what he had scene relating to this plane crash. Williams advised that he is a weather spotter for NBC and that he was at home [REDACTED] when he received a call from another weather spotter about possible severe weather moving to the area and that he exited his house and was in his back yard. He states that his backyard faces the East. He stated that while he was in his back yard he saw a flash of lightning in the sky followed by one crash of thunder. Williams initially stated that at some point and time less than one minute later he observed a plane coming through the clouds spinning at a high rate of speed before crashing into the ground.

It should be noted later during the interview I attempted to see if Williams was able to narrow down the time from when he saw the lightning and heard the thunder and the time when he saw the plane come out of the sky. He was only able to stated it was less than a minute. I then asked him if it was possible that it was more than 10 seconds, closer to 30 seconds, when he stated that it was approximately 10 seconds after he heard and saw the lightning and heard the thunder that he noticed the plane come out of the clouds. He stated that the plane must have been flying above the clouds, because he did not see it at the time of the lightning strike and thunder crash.

I asked him to describe how the plane was spinning and he stated it was spinning like a "tornado". I asked him if the plane was upside down or in any other fashion and he stated that it was not upside down. I advised Williams that someone from JPD or another investigating agency may wish to speak to him further and may wish to meet with him, so he can show investigators his vantage point in his backyard at the time of the crash. He stated that that would be fine and agreed to be contacted if needed.

I then terminated my interview with Gene Williams.... [REDACTED]

Reporting Officer

Approved By
