

Case No: 160610014222

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On 06/10/2016, at approximately 1519hrs, I was patrolling in my police vehicle, traveling north bound on S. Country Club Rd. Deming, NM, 88030.

I was just north on Florida St. on Country Club Rd when I observed a white plane, flying west bound over the golf course. The plane caught my attention, because it was flying low in my opinion. The plane was just several feet above the golf course tree line. The plane was banking left in a south west direction as if it was going to return to the airport. Then suddenly the plane banked right hard and return to banking left and turning around towards the runaway.

I have no experience or knowledge in aviation and I was unable to tell if the plane was in trouble or if the pilot had the plane under control. It appeared the plane was going towards the runway and the plane was now lower to the ground, I'd estimate it at approximately 50 to 75 feet above the ground directly over the runway. At this point the plane is now facing east. Suddenly the plane banked hard to the right and it fell out of the sky to the ground.

I radioed this information in to Central Dispatch and advised them to send some help. I initiated my lights and sirens and got to the airport as fast as I could.

When I arrived at the scene of the crash there were two men who were playing golf attempting to pull a male out of the left side of the plane, I advised the two men to stop what they were doing, so that they didn't hurt the male subject anymore than he already was. The male subject they were attempting to pull out of the plane was unconscious, but breathing.

The two male subjects stated they were only trying to remove the men from the plane, because there was a lot of fuel leaking from the engine and inside the cab of the plane. I took a look around and did confirm that the plane was in fact leaking a lot of fuel. I advised the two men to step back and away from the scene for their safety. The two men left the scene before I could identify them.

I looked inside the plane and found another male subject unconscious, but also breathing. He was lying in the right seat of the plane. The male subject was seat belted in his seat.

New Mexico State Police (NMSP), Emergency Medical Services (EMS), and Deming Fire Department (DFD) shortly arrived on scene. NMSP took over the investigation and I assisted EMS in removing the male subject still inside the plane while other police officers and EMS attended to the male subject on the other side of the plane.

After I assisted EMS with removing the male subject from the plane I gave a statement to NMSP Officer Contreras about what I had scene. From that point I took no further action on scene.

The pictures added to this report were taken by Officer D. Lovelace of the Deming Police Department. I have nothing further to report.