



Price County Sheriff's Office

Incident Report 17-1241

Nature: Aircraft

Location: CATA

Address: State Highway 111 / Short Cut Rd
Catawba WI 54515

Agency: PRSO

Responsible Deputies: G Wirsing

Responding Deputies: G Wirsing, S Chojnacki, D Peterson, B Schmidt, S Dabler, K Thums, B Vergin, G Lind

When Reported: July 01, 2017 - 03:21 AM

Occurred Between: July 01, 2017 - 03:21 AM and July 01, 2017 - 03:21 AM

Clearance: RTF Report to Follow

Disposition: ACT - Active

Offense Codes:

AIRP Air Disaster

Narrative

Initial Report

On Saturday, July 1, 2017 at about 3:21 a.m. this Department received notification from Air Marine Operations Center of an airplane which lost altitude quickly before contact was lost.

I, Lieutenant Gregory Wirsing, was called and notified of the situation. During this time, I was made aware Deputy Steven Chojnacki, who responded to an area in the Township of Harmony, located debris from an aircraft on State Highway 111. Fire Department personnel were asked to respond to the area to assist with a search and rescue effort.

During response to the scene I obtained the Department's tracked ATV for anticipated use at the scene.

I arrived on scene around 5:10 a.m. where I met with Sheriff Brian Schmidt, Lt Gabe Lind, and several area Fire Department members. Firefighters and Sheriff's Deputies had started a ground search outward from State Highway 111. I noted the area was about 3.5 miles south of County Road J, or immediately north of the Needle Creek crossing. State Highway 111 was closed to traffic, Price County Highway Department was contacted for barricade placement, and Wisconsin State Patrol was contacted for traffic control assistance. Note this area is rural, heavily wooded with summer foliage, and relatively flat topography. There are seasonal recreational properties in the immediate vicinity.

I made contact with the Price County Airport manager to inquire about an aerial support unit. I was placed in contact with private pilot Donald Arvold who had access to a helicopter and was currently at the Price County Airport for an air show scheduled for this weekend. Arvold agreed to assist us with an aerial survey and responded to the scene. Upon conducting a flyover, they located the fuselage generally in an area southwest of our staging area. I was able to maintain communication with Arvold using my ground to air portable radio on a pre-determined frequency.

At about 5:55 a.m. ground search personnel arrived at the fuselage and initially described finding five deceased persons. At about 6:10 a.m. search personnel confirmed the location of the sixth deceased person in the fuselage.

I later met with Arvold and provided him with a Department owned digital camera with video capability, which he and his crew members took in the helicopter and obtained a video overview of the crash site prior to returning to Phillips. He later left the camera with the Airport Manager. At a later time I retrieved the camera and obtained the video, which was later transferred to DVD for archival purposes.

Dispatcher Deputy Mindy Dabler received and relayed information suggesting the aircraft had six persons on board when they departed.

At about 6:55 a.m. I contacted Denise Helgeland, 920-570-1615, of Civil Air Patrol and canceled an air support request for this mission.

At about 7:50 a.m. I arrived at the location of the fuselage to begin scene documentation. Emergency Responders had located an established woods trail from the roadway and used this in part to create a path to access the fuselage. I viewed and documented the impact site of the fuselage, which was resting upright facing generally in a northeast direction. Although impact damage was severe,

the fuselage itself was relatively intact. One partial ejection was noted on the right side, perhaps caused upon final impact and coming to rest, as the vertical wall structures between the windows had separated.

Outside the fuselage were numerous mechanical parts, papers, and personal effects strewn about the general area. The front nosecone was missing, and items of baggage and personal effects were sticking out of the remaining cavity. The engine and outboard wing on the left side were missing, as was the right side engine and outboard wing. The tail assembly, including the horizontal and vertical stabilizers, were missing.

I took photographs to document the body recovery process. Due to the inability to positively identify any one person at the time, I assigned a number to each body bag for removal from the scene. The bodies were brought from the scene to the roadway staging area by Emergency Responders, then taken by Heindl Funeral Home to the Phillips Police Department building where Investigator Christopher Jarosinski and Deputy Karie Thums worked on identification of each body.

In speaking with Price County Coroner James Dalbesio, it was decided an autopsy would be performed on the two persons found at the front two seating positions, as both of these persons had flight controls accessible to them. One of the two persons was later identified as the pilot, KEVIN J KING.

I initially assigned numbers to the bodies as they were removed, based in part to the general area where they were found within the fuselage and believed to be consistent with their seating positions during the flight. Number 1 was the front right seat, found to be CHARLES R TOMLITZ SR. Number 2 was the front left seat, found to be KING. Number 3 was the center right seat, found to be JAMES F FRANCIS. Number 4 was the center left seat, found to be GEORGE T TOMLITZ. Number 5 was the rear right seat, found to be KYLE DEMAURO. Number 6 was the rear left seat, found to be THOMAS P DEMAURO.

After body removal from the scene, the interior of the fuselage was examined. A document showing to be the equipment list, dated 15 August 1978, was located. The paper showed this aircraft was a Cessna model 421 Golden Eagle III, serial number 421C0698, with FAA registration number N2655B. A Pilot's Operating Handbook was located. A US Customs and Border Protection aircraft/vessel sticker with number 7614543, with the white number 7 upon a red field, was affixed to the exterior outside the door opening. An expired certificate card showing the certificate of aircraft registration for N2655B was viewed, showing the registration was issued to Sky King Flying Service Inc, [REDACTED]

Various components and pieces of the aircraft were scattered generally in an area to the northeast of the fuselage location. Later documentation by the NTSB investigators detail those items and locations.

An unmanned aerial vehicle later arrived on scene to assist with locating other pieces of the aircraft. The foliage canopy proved difficult at best in locating any items from above.

NTSB and officials working with them arrived at the scene and conducted surveys of the site. A contract salvage company, Wentworth Aircraft Recovery & Storage, arrived and worked with Krug Towing Service of Medford to remove the fuselage and other parts from the site. Sheriff's Office deputies maintained a presence at the scene until the fuselage and recovered parts were removed from the area.

Personal items which had been recovered were secured at the Sheriff's Office and

storage building until arrangements were made with families to return items.
Please refer to separate reports and/or receipts for details.

Information obtained in this matter will be shared with NTSB investigators.
Nothing further on this report. (53-Wirsing)

Supplement

CAD Call info/comments

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Brian, from the Air Marine Operations Center with Customs and Border Protection, called to report an airplane which dropped altitude quickly and radio contact was lost.

Lt Wirsing was contacted and notified.

Deputy Chojnacki checked the Phillips Airport and then located some debris on State Highway 111.

Lt Wirsing was contacted and advised.

Catawba and Kennan Fire Departments were paged. Prentice Ambulance Service was paged. Prentice Fire Department was paged at Catawba Fire Department's request. (583-MDabler)

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STOC notified part of State Highway 111 will be shut down all night.

STOC was notified the highway was opened back up. (583-MDabler)

Supplement

Supplemental Report

On July 1, 2017, I, Deputy Steven Chojnacki, was on duty and in full duty uniform for the Price County Sheriff's Office.

At approximately 3:41 a.m., I was at the Sheriff's Office when Dispatch advised a call had been received from the Air Marine Operations Center reporting they lost contact with a plane traveling to Canada. The plane should be somewhere near the Catawba area north of US Highway 8 and west of State Highway 111.

At approximately 3:59 a.m., I arrived on scene on State Highway 111 just north of Short Cut Road, north of the bridge over Needle Creek. There was white aluminum debris on the roadway, mostly in the northbound lane. I got out of the squad car and observed the wreckage. I notified Dispatch, and it was confirmed to be part of the plane. I provided Dispatch with numbers from the debris of the plane. Dispatch was able to confirm the plane had gone down.

It was reported there were six people within the plane, one pilot and five passengers, all male. I searched up and down State Highway 111 until other units arrived. There were multiple other agencies involved including the Kennan-Georgetown Fire Department, Catawba-Harmony Fire Department, and Prentice Fire Department and Ambulance Service. We organized a search and found the left and right wings of the plane and nose cone on the east side of State Highway 111. Shortly after, a helicopter arrived on scene and located the fuselage on the west side of State Highway 111.

Fire Department members and I went to the location the helicopter was hovering over. We found the fuselage with six deceased subjects inside. I secured the scene and all other individuals left to organize a plan.

I assisted in removing bodies number five, six and three. At approximately 11:16 a.m. I cleared from the call. End of report. (553-Chojnacki)

Supplement

Supplemental Report

On July 1, 2017, I, Deputy Danielle Peterson, was on duty for the Price County Sheriff's Office. I was in full uniform and operating marked squad 509.

At approximately 3:31 a.m., I observed Dispatcher Mindy Dabler make a complaint for an aircraft. I was requested by Dispatcher Dabler to respond to the Prentice Airport to see if there were any aircraft that had landed there. Dispatch advised they received a call from Brian at the Air Marine Operations Center with Customs and Border Protection who advised an airplane dropped altitude quickly and radio contact was lost. It was requested deputies check local airports for the plane.

I responded from the Township of Fifield. When I got to the City of Phillips, dispatch updated Deputy Steven Chojnacki and I and advised the last radio contact had been in the area of Pass Road in the Township of Catawba. Deputy Chojnacki advised debris was on the roadway on State Highway 111.

At approximately 3:55 a.m., Deputy Chojnacki advised over the radio he was 100% certain the debris on the roadway was the aircraft. I responded in emergency mode from the southern end of the City of Phillips. Deputy Chojnacki requested I stop traffic at State Highway 111 and County Road J. I was asked to reroute traffic so the debris would not be disturbed.

I arrived at approximately 4:16 a.m. I stayed and directed traffic until I was relieved by the Price County Highway Department, who had set up a detour. I then continued to the scene at the request of Sheriff Brian Schmidt.

Once I was on scene I gathered all names of personnel who had responded to the scene. I left the completed list with Deputy Seth Dabler who was in the response vehicle.

At approximately 8:10 a.m., I was released from the scene and returned to service. End of report. (584-Peterson)

Supplement

Personal Property Inventory List

One (1) Blue Columbia brand size medium wind jacket

One (1) large black Field & Stream duffel bag containing:

Four (4) cigars

One (1) cigar cutter

One (1) box of matches

Two (2) handkerchiefs

Six (6) one hundred dollar bills

One (1) small green bag containing a broken electric razor, a white cell phone charger, a black case containing a broken cannon digital camera and the respective charger.

One (1) small black duffel bag containing:

One (1) Pro Qualifier blue in color jacket

One (1) Chicago Bears hat

One (1) Pro Qualifier blue in color bibs

Two (2) sets of mosquito netting and plastic bags

One (1) tan colored boonie cap

One (1) plastic bag containing Kool Aid

One (1) broken wooden box

Two (2) cigars

Two (2) pairs of sunglasses

Three (3) cigar cutters

One (1) white Bic lighter

One (1) gray colored large tee shirt

One (1) white colored large tee shirt

One (1) green colored large tee shirt

One (1) white colored large tee shirt

One (1) bottle of Grey Goose Vodka wrapped in a black plastic bag

One (1) blue colored hygiene bag containing various over the counter medication, various hygiene products and an empty plastic prescription bottle for

Rabeprazole Soddr 20 mg prescribed to Charles Tomlitz at 1620 W JoAnn Lane in Addison, IL 60101.

One (1) pair of Outdoor Life regular blue jeans

One (1) tan colored boonie cap

One (1) blue pair of pajama pants

One (1) blue and brown flannel shirt

One (1) Guidesman multi-tool

One (1) white tee shirt

One (1) black pair of long underwear

One (1) gray long sleeved shirt

One (1) Chicago Bears tee shirt

One (1) pair of Timberland size 10.5 mens boots

One (1) gray hooded sweatshirt

One (1) blue pair of Canyon River blue jeans

Six (6) pairs of boxer briefs

Three (3) white colored sleeveless tank tops

One (1) pair of wool socks

Two (2) pairs of white socks

Five (5) pairs of green socks

One (1) camouflage Reebok brand duffel bag with ID tags attached to the outside for J & P Enterprise, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] as well as an American Airlines baggage tag for a June

30 flight 1205 to Chicago O'Hare. This duffel bag contains the following:

- One (1) green colored tee shirt
- One (1) tan colored tee shirt
- One (1) white colored long sleeve turtle neck
- One (1) tan colored long sleeve shirt
- One (1) green colored long sleeve shirt
- One (1) gray colored tee shirt
- One (1) Digi power cell phone battery charger
- Two (2) Samsung brand cellular telephone batteries
- Four (4) white colored boxer briefs
- One (1) red, white and blue colored flannel
- One (1) pair of winter socks
- Four (4) pairs of white socks
- One (1) blue colored handkerchief
- One (1) green colored handkerchief
- One (1) camouflage pair of long john pants
- One (1) black hard case containing two fishing poles WEBO DPS brand
- One (1) small blue bag containing several prescription pill bottles that had been completely disintegrated, one pill bottle still had a prescription label to James Francis for Januvia 100 mg.
- One (1) hygiene bag containing various hygiene supplies and candy as well as a black eyeglass case, a Timex Expedition watch, a Stone Mountain compass, a camouflage colored knife and a micro SD card adaptor
- One (1) green colored waterproof bag containing Vortex bibs and a green rain jacket
- One (1) plastic bag holding a package of AA batteries, a Garmin GPS, two Samsung cellular telephone batteries and a wall charger
- One (1) pair of camouflage pants
- One (1) blue tee shirt
- One (1) pair of blue jeans
- One (1) black tee shirt
- One (1) belt
- One (1) pair of sunglasses
- One (1) car charger
- One (1) pair of white socks
- One (1) green colored boonie cap holding numerous bags of candy
- Two (2) plastic tubes containing broken fishing poles
- One (1) pair of Cabelas Guidewear bibs
- One (1) evidence bag containing assorted fishing lures
- One (1) black Scott's vest
- One (1) bag of Q-Tips
- One (1) broken pair of sunglasses
- One (1) iPod touch model ME179LL-A with serial #C3LJNSWNF96V James iPod Touch
- One (1) iPad
- One (1) Armitron watch
- One (1) Samsung Galaxy S7 active cellular telephone
- One (1) Samsung cellular telephone
- One (1) Garmin GPS Map 396 GPS unit
- One (1) cigar
- One (1) yellow colored Bass Pro Shop boat bag containing:
 - One (1) weight scale
 - One (1) Garmin Legend GPS unit
 - One (1) map
 - Two (2) bags of baby wipes
 - Assorted fishing lures
- One (1) yellow Bass Pro Shop bag containing four fishing reels

One (1) large black bag with ID tag for James Francis containing:
Three (3) fishing rods, all of which were broken
Numerous fishing reels
Assorted fishing tackle
One (1) pair of gloves
Numerous spools of fishing line

One (1) large Bass Pro Shop bag containing:
Four (4) broken fishing poles
One (1) pair of Cabelas Guidewear bibs
One (1) rain jacket
One (1) Cabelas life jacket
One (1) full body suit mosquito net
One (1) brown loafer
One (1) Keen Dry waterproof boot, size 10
One (1) broken fishing rod
One (1) fishing rod cork handle
One (1) Musky Lure
One (1) end of a yellow bag
Eight (8) cigars
One (1) evidence envelope containing \$968 in US currency
One (1) Cannon digital camera
One (1) Samsung Galaxy S3 cellular telephone

One (1) black wallet containing:
One (1) California driver's license for James Franklyn Francis 
One (1) Blue Cross Blue Shield of California medical card for James Francis
One (1) California insurance card for James and Polly Francis
One (1) Molina Marketplace Health Care card for James Francis
Several business cards for J & P Enterprise
One (1) Bank of America Visa debit card for James Francis
One (1) RFID scan blocker card
One (1) AAA card for James Francis
One (1) Lifestream card for James Francis
One (1) AARP card for James Francis
One (1) Visa Travel rewards card for James Francis
One (1) Good Sam travel assist card to James Francis
One (1) Visa card to James Francis
One (1) Good Sam travel assist card to James Francis
One (1) RFID scan blocker

End of inventory list. (522-Hawn)

Supplement

Supplemental Report

On Saturday, July 1, 2017, at approximately 4:15 a.m. I heard over my police radio there was a possible aircraft that had crashed in the area of State Highway 111 and Short Cut Road. I responded to the area and arrived on scene to find multiple agencies on scene and conducting a search of the wooded area east of the roadway. I could see pieces of a plane on the roadway.

I was requested by Sheriff Schmidt to use my GPS unit to start marking locations of found items in the wooded area. I entered the wooded area on the east side of the roadway and with the assistance of fire personnel. I located and marked areas of debris.

I was then contacted by Lt Wirsing who stated there was a helicopter in the area which located the main part of the plane on the west side of the roadway. I made my way to the location of the main wreckage and assisted with locating and identifying the number of people in the plane. I had been told by Lt Wirsing it was reported there were six people on the plane. I could only count 5 people inside the plane. All 5 people were obviously deceased. Fire/rescue personnel then started to search the surrounding area for the sixth person.

Fire personal was able to open a rear door to the plane and located the sixth person. It was obvious at that point all persons were deceased.

I then started taking photos of the wreckage and marking the area with my GPS unit. I had all fire/rescue personnel exit the area. I had them assist with clearing a trail to the area to assist in the recovery efforts. I had Deputy Chojnacki remain at the area of the main wreckage for scene security. As I was walking out of the area I located an engine. I photographed it and GPS marked its location.

Once back out at incident command I met with Lt Wirsing and Sheriff Schmidt. It was decided that I would head back to the Sheriff's Office and coordinate staffing and media needs from there. Once I had staffing needs handled at the office I responded back to the area of the crash and set up a media staging area just south of the crash site. I then remained on scene until approximately 6:00 p.m. that evening.

On Sunday, July 2, 2017 I arrived back at the scene of the crash at approximately 5:30 a.m. I took over scene security from Deputy Vergin. I remained on scene and handled traffic control and media relations during the remainder of the day until I was called to another complaint at approximately 8:30 p.m.

On Monday, July 3, 2017 I arrived back at the scene of the crash at approximately 8:00 a.m. I assisted with media relations and logistics until approximately 2:00 p.m. This concluded my on scene involvement of this incident. End of report. (54-Lind)

Supplement

Supplemental Report

The following narrative reflects information that I, Deputy Karie Thums, received concerning the report of an aircraft crash on July 1, 2017 at approximately 3:21 a.m. hours in the area of State Highway 111 and Short Cut road in the Township of Catawba located in Price County, Wisconsin.

At approximately 9:10 a.m. I arrived at the location of State Highway 111 and Short Cut Road in a marked squad car and spoke with Sheriff Brian Schmidt. Sheriff Schmidt advised I would be providing an escort for Heindl Funeral Home as they transported the deceased from the scene to the Phillips Police Department for identification. At approximately 9:45 a.m. I provided an escort for Heindl Funeral Home owner Bill Heindl, who transported three of the deceased individuals from the scene to the Phillips Police Department.

At approximately 10:00 a.m. Bill Heindl and I arrived at the Phillips Police Department. We met with Phillips Police Officer Josh Englund, who opened up the police department's rear entrance. Shortly thereafter, Investigator Christopher Jarosinski arrived at the police department.

With the assistance of Bill Heindl, Officer Englund, Investigator Jarosinski and myself, we unloaded the three deceased individuals. Investigator Jarosinski stayed with the deceased individuals.

At approximately 10:13 a.m., Bill Heindl and I left the police department and drove to the scene of the incident. At approximately 10:28 a.m., we arrived at the scene and the other three deceased individuals were placed in the Heindl Funeral Home vehicle. At approximately 10:34 a.m. we left the scene of the incident.

Approximately 10:53 a.m., Bill Heindl and I arrived at the Phillips Police Department. Investigator Jarosinski, Bill Heindl, Officer Englund and I removed the three deceased individuals from the Heindl Funeral Home vehicle. Investigator Jarosinski and I took extensive photographs of the deceased and made identifications of the individuals.

Price County Coroner Jim Dalbesio also arrived at the Phillips Police Department.

The deceased were labeled #1-#6 when removed from the aircraft. These numbers corresponded to numbers on a rough sketch constructed by Coroner Dalbesio identifying the seating arrangements of the occupants. Individual #1 had a tag placed on his person identifying him as #1. Individuals #2-#6 had the numerals written on the exterior of their transport bags.

Individual #1 was identified as Charles R Tomlitz Sr, [REDACTED] by a driver's license photograph. The driver's license photograph was obtained through Price County Dispatch and sent through Price County e-mail to Investigator Jarosinski's county account. Also, a hard copy of the photograph was delivered by a Price County Deputy at the Phillips Police Department. The photograph was given to Investigator Jarosinski and used to identify individual #1. No money or wallet was located on Charles Tomlitz.

Individual #2 was identified as Kevin J King, [REDACTED] by an Illinois Concealed Carry License located in his wallet. Kevin King also had [REDACTED] in US currency on his person along with a wallet containing miscellaneous personal

items. See the Evidence-Recovered Property Receipt for a detailed description of the items held within his wallet.

Individual #3 was identified as James F Francis, [REDACTED] by an airplane ticket in the breast pocket of his shirt. Identity was further confirmed by a United States Passport and an American Airlines Ticket for James Francis which were located in a vest at the incident scene by Lt Gregory Wirsing. There was [REDACTED] in US currency located on James Francis.

Individual #4 was identified as George T Tomlitz, [REDACTED] by an Illinois driver's license. In addition, [REDACTED] of US currency and a wallet with miscellaneous personal items were located on this individual. Reference Evidence-Recovered Property Receipt for a detailed description of the items located on this individual.

Individual #5 was identified as Kyle P DeMauro, [REDACTED] by an Illinois driver's license. This individual had [REDACTED] in US currency along with a wallet containing miscellaneous personal items. Reference the Evidence-Recovered Property Receipt for a detailed description of items located on this individual. Also, a passport for Kyle DeMauro was located on his father, Thomas DeMauro.

Individual #6 was identified as Thomas P Demauro, [REDACTED] by an Illinois driver's license and passport. This individual had [REDACTED] in US Currency along with a wallet containing miscellaneous personal items. Reference the Evidence-Recovered Property Receipt for a detailed description of items located on this individual.

I took extensive photographs of the above individuals and the property found on their persons at the Phillips Police Department. In addition, I photographed Coroner Dalbesio's rough sketch identifying the probable location of the above individuals.

At approximately 2:46 p.m. Heindl Funeral Home arrived at the Phillips Police Department and took possession of Individuals #1 and #2.

At approximately 3:00 p.m. Heindl Funeral Home arrived at the Phillips Police Department and took possession of Individuals #5 and #6.

At approximately 3:12 p.m. Heindl Funeral Home arrived at the Phillips Police Department and took possession of Individuals #3 and #4.

I was advised by Investigator Jarosinski that Individual #2, Kevin King, and Individual #1, Charles Tomlitz, would eventually be transported to the Hennepin Medical Examiner's Office while the other individuals would be held at Heindl Funeral Home until other arrangements could be made.

At approximately 3:38 p.m. I collected the property located on the above individuals and placed those items in separate paper bags. Each bag was sealed with evidence tape and identified with my initials and badge number. I placed the sealed paper bags in Investigator Jarosinski's vehicle and secured them in the rear compartment. Investigator Jarosinski took possession of the SD card containing all the photographs. He will be uploading them to the Price County server.

On July 6, 2017, at approximately 8:00 a.m. I photographed and completed Evidence-Recovered Property Receipts for property related to Individual #1 Charles Tomlitz, Individual #4 George Tomlitz, Individual #5 Kyle DeMauro and Individual #6 Thomas DeMauro. These items were removed from the original

packaging from the Phillips Police Department and placed in smaller packaging to be eventually placed with the families.

Individual #1 Charles Tomlitz:

A large black duffel bag with embroidered "Field and Stream" was located at the incident scene. This bag was able to be identified as belonging to Charles Tomlitz by prescriptions articulating his name within the bag. This duffel bag was temporarily stored in Storage Unit #3 and retrieved for me by Lt Wirsing. Reference the four pages of Evidence-Recovered Property Receipt detailing all the contents located within the duffel bag. Also, several items were located on Charles Tomlitz by the Hennepin County Medical Examiner Office. I inventoried those items and detailed them on three pages of the Evidence-Recovered Property Receipt. In addition to miscellaneous personal items, a wallet was located at the Coroner's office containing \$159 of US Currency. Furthermore, Investigator Robert Hawn located [REDACTED] of US currency in the large, black duffel bag which I detailed in an Evidence-Recovered Property Receipt.

Individual #4 George Tomlitz:

The contents of his wallet was inventoried and identified on the Evidence-Recovered Property Receipt.

Individual #5 Kyle DeMauro:

The contents of his wallet was inventoried and identified on the Evidence-Recovered Property Receipt.

Individual #6 Thomas DeMauro:

The contents of his person: wallet, passport(s), checkbook and additional items were inventoried and identified on the Evidence-Recovered Property Receipt. Furthermore, items located by Heindl Funeral Home were also inventoried and identified on the Evidence-Recovered Property Receipt.

On July 7, 2017, at approximately 8:00 a.m., I inventoried and photographed items relating to Individual #3 James Francis and Individual #2 Kevin King. These items were removed from the original packaging from the Phillips Police Department and placed in smaller packaging to be eventually placed with the families.

Individual #3 James Francis:

I inventoried and identified the items located on this individual at the Phillips Police Department on an Evidence-Recovered Property Receipt. Lt Wirsing was able to locate a wallet at the incident scene belonging to this individual in a vest just outside the aircraft. The wallet contained miscellaneous personal items and [REDACTED] in US Currency. These items were inventoried and identified on a Evidence-Recovered Property Receipt. Heindl Funeral Home located additional items on the person of James Francis. Those items were inventoried and identified on an Evidence-Recovered Property Receipt.

Individual #2 Kevin King:

I inventoried and identified the items located on this individual at the Phillips Police Department on an Evidence-Recovered Property Receipt. In addition, the Hennepin County Medical Examiner Office located a Ruger handgun with serial number [REDACTED]. Upon my exposure to this weapon, the weapon had been cleared. There were 7 rounds of Hornady .380 ammunition and a 6 round capacity magazine. A black, Santis plastic gun holder was with the weapon. In addition, a dime (\$.10) was located. The items located by the Hennepin County Medical Examiner were identified on an Evidence-Recovered Property Receipt.

At approximately 12:30 p.m., Lt Wirsing and I met with representatives of Geils

Funeral Home, Matthew Linsner and Joseph Stawarz, at the Price County Sheriff's Office. Matthew Linsner and I went through the Evidence-Recovered Property Receipts for Thomas DeMauro, Kyle DeMauro, Charles Tomlitz and George Tomlitz and confirmed that all items identified on the receipts were present. Matthew Linsner was given all identified property associated with the four individuals. He signed the back of each Evidence-Recovered Property receipt confirming he had received all identified items.

Matthew Linsner did provide paperwork identifying correspondence from Terri Tomlitz and Candice DeMauro articulating that property belonging to Thomas DeMauro, Kyle DeMauro, Charles Tomlitz and George Tomlitz could be provided to Geils Funeral Home. Also, a copy of the State of Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation was provided identifying James William Geils as a licensed funeral home director and embalmer.

At approximately 2:05 p.m., per the request of Matthew Linsner, copies of all Evidence-Recovered Property Receipts were faxed to Geils Funeral home at [REDACTED] by Lt Wirsing. Also, Lt Wirsing uploaded all photographs relating to pictures associated with inventory to the Price County server.

End of Report. (598-Thums)

Supplement

Supplemental Report

On the morning of July 1, 2017, I, Investigator Chris Jarosinski, was contacted at my residence by Lt Wirsing. Lt Wirsing advised me to respond to assist with this incident.

I arrived at the Sheriff's Office at approximately 9:40 a.m. I gathered some information pertaining to individuals named on a passenger manifest (M2655B). This is information received from Aviation Enforcement Agent Brian Paulsen, AMOC-LE Division, Riverside California.

Upon compiling this information, I proceeded to the Phillips Police Department. I was aware the decedents were being transported to that location. There I met with Deputy Karie Thums and William Heindl of Heindl Funeral Home. The six decedents were subsequently identified. Deputy Thums photographed the decedents and assisted in documenting belongings found on the decedents.

After making identification of all decedents, I began contacting law enforcement agencies at the locations where the decedents resided. I contacted the Bensenville Police Department and the Brookfield Police Department. I spoke with law enforcement personnel from the DuPage County Sheriff's Office and the Riverside California Coroner's Office. Notifications were made to next of kin by these aforementioned law enforcement agencies.

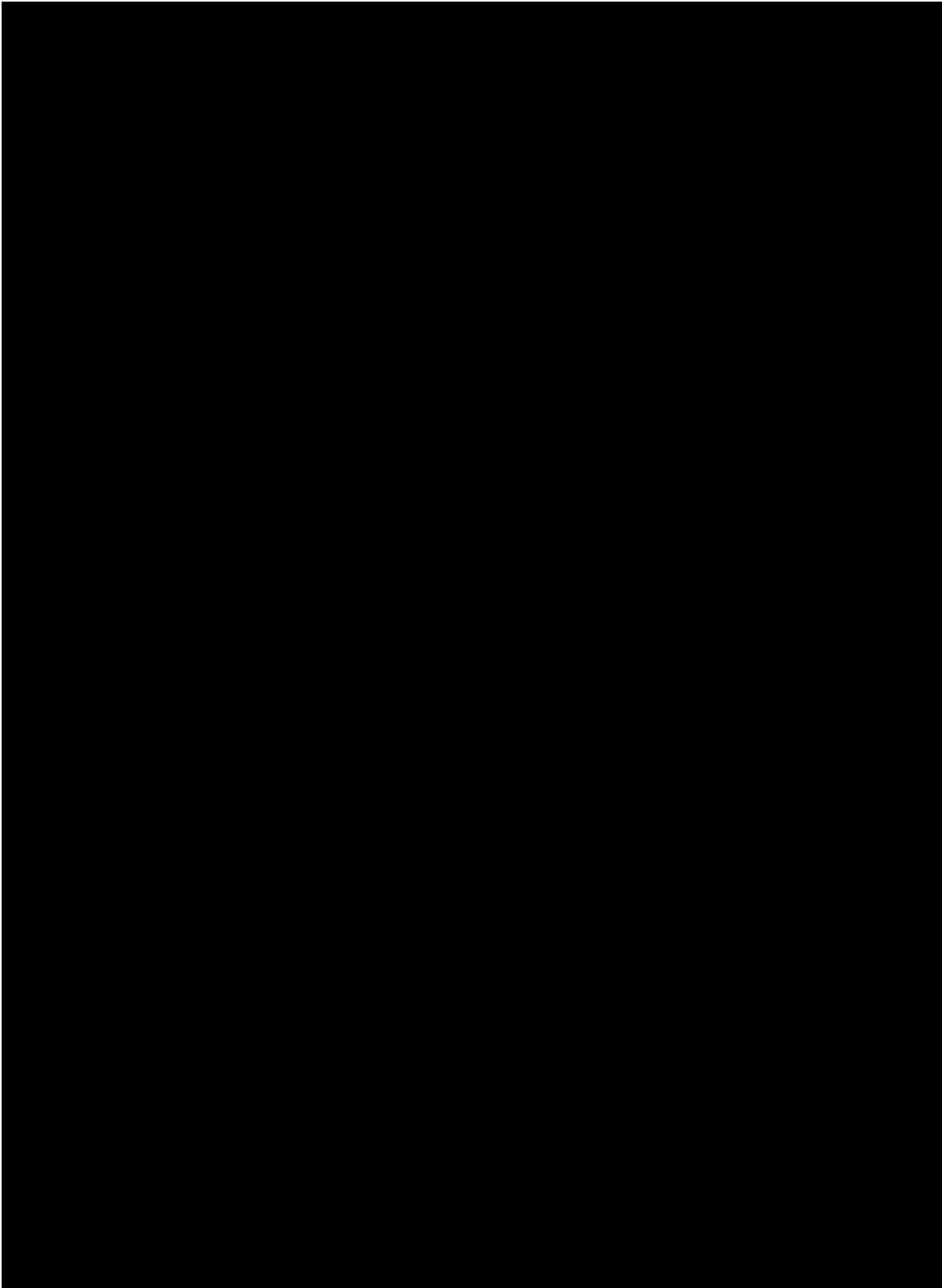
I also became aware that autopsy proceedings were to be conducted on two of the decedents, KEVIN J KING and CHARLES R TOMLITZ SR. I became aware I would be transporting the decedents for autopsy proceedings at the Hennepin County Medical Examiner's Office in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

On the morning of July 2, 2017, I transported the aforementioned decedents to the Hennepin County Medical Examiner's Office. I stood by during autopsy proceedings. Autopsy proceedings were conducted by Chief Medical Examiner Andrew Baker MD for Charles Tomlitz and Assistant Chief Medical Examiner Owen L Middleton MD for Kevin King.

After autopsy proceedings were completed I spoke with the physicians as to this incident.

At approximately 1:30 p.m. I proceeded back to the Sheriff's Office. I left the decedents at the Hennepin County Medical Examiner's Office.

On a August 1, 2017 I reviewed a preliminary report prepared by representatives of the NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION BOARD concerning this plane crash. A copy of this document has been made part of the case file End of report.
(521-Jarosinski)





Supplement

On August 25, 2017 at approximately 1415 hours I, Deputy Karie Thums, packaged up the Galaxy S III-Samsung phone and Canon 14.1 megapixel 4x optical zoom camera belonging to James Francis. These items, along with a letter of explanation, Evidence-Recovered Property Receipt and a self addressed stamped envelope, were provided to Leslie Hauschild to be mailed out on Monday, August 28, 2017 via UPS. I contacted James' wife, Polly Francis, via phone and notified her that the items would be mailed out to her on that Monday.

End of supplement.

Deputy K. Thums

Supplement

Supplemental Report

On February 4, 2019 I, Lieutenant Gregory Wirsing, examined, photographed, and subsequently released the remaining aircraft parts which had been located by private citizens and recovered by myself since the original recovery around July 2, 2017. This was in response to an NTSB request for additional information related to the investigation which is not yet finalized.

Aircraft parts had been recovered on three separate days in late 2017 and 2018, and said items have been in the custody of the Price County Sheriff's Office. Until late fall 2018, the items had been kept in the outdoor impound lot, and before freezing weather set in, I moved the items inside storage unit 3 at the storage building facility. Personal items recovered during these events had been kept inside storage unit 3.

Prior to release of the aircraft parts to the designated salvage company, Wentworth Aircraft Recovery & Storage, I examined and photographed each of the large pieces which had been recovered. I was able to identify parts which appear to be unaccounted for during the initial recovery. I utilized a diagram provided to me which detailed control surface parts which had not been found during the initial recovery.

Parts recovered on about October 16, 2017, generally in the area of woods west of State Highway 111 and generally northeast of the fuselage location, are identified as follows:

- One engine cover, possibly for the left side engine, roughly 38x48 inches;
- One piece of aluminum panel from an unknown location, roughly 39x24 inches;
- One baggage compartment door, roughly 29x21 inches;
- One rudder trim tab, roughly 16x38 inches;
- One aileron, possibly from the left side wing, roughly 54x14 inches;
- One vertical stabilizer, roughly 40x72 inches;
- One aft engine cover door, roughly 21x28 inches;
- Twelve miscellaneous small metal pieces;
- Six miscellaneous items, including one exhaust tube;
- Seven miscellaneous fiberglass pieces.

Parts recovered on about November 2, 2017, generally in the area of woods west of State Highway 111 and generally northeast of the fuselage location, are identified as follows:

- One elevator, possibly from the left outboard horizontal stabilizer, roughly 18x58 inches;
- One elevator piece, possibly from the right outboard horizontal stabilizer, roughly 15x41 inches.

Parts recovered on about May 6, 2018, generally in the area of woods just east of State Highway 111 and generally northeast of the fuselage location, are identified as follows:

- One elevator piece, possibly separated from the aforementioned 15x41 elevator piece, roughly 18x57 inches;

- One baggage compartment door, roughly 35x25 inches.

Most of the above items were recovered by the respective landowners and compiled

in a single location for ease of location prior to pickup by myself.

During one of the pickup assignments, I took some time to conduct a grid search of the area immediately west of State Highway 111 and generally northeast of the fuselage location. In addition to the parts recovery, I located several personal items, including clothing, fishing lures, and bags containing clothing and electronics.

All personal items which had not yet been claimed were sent with the aircraft parts to be processed by the NTSB staff.

On February 4, 2019, at 1:30 p.m. I turned over all aircraft parts and personal items which had been contained in storage unit 3 to driver Kelsey Larson of Wentworth Aircraft Recovery & Storage for conveyance to the examination location in Minnesota. Nothing further. (53-Wirsing)

Supplement

Supplemental Report

On May 6, 2018 I, Lieutenant Gregory Wirsing, was made aware a citizen had dropped off a piece of the aircraft which they had found on a property located along State Highway 111 in the Township of Harmony. Another part which had been described as being larger than the one they brought in, was still at the property in the woods, but visible from the highway.

On May 6, 2018, at about 6:30 p.m. I traveled to the property, located at fire number N5202 State Highway 111, and met with the reporting party, identified as Tony Tuttle, [REDACTED]. He and another adult male were present and provided me with the piece of aircraft. I noted this property is located to the east of State Highway 111, and is generally in line to the northeast of where the original crash site was located across the highway.

I conveyed the part to the Sheriff's Office where I stored it with the other part for some time in my office, eventually transferring both parts to the storage building until receiving further direction.

I spoke with FAA Inspector Raymond Yank about the parts. He indicated he would be in contact with me in the future about disposition of the parts. (53-Wirsing)

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Supplemental Report

On October 16, 2017 I, Lieutenant Gregory Wirsing, spoke with Steve Schmidt, [REDACTED] the property owner where the crash site was located. He indicated they had found several more pieces of the aircraft along with personal items while hunting in the woods in the general area of the site. Personal and small items had been compiled at their cabin location, N4953 State Highway 111. The larger items had been compiled along the trail and were available for pickup.

On October 17, 2017, I traveled to the site and obtained the items, including duffle bags, cameras, an iPad, and a Bible, along with some larger airplane parts. Personal items were secured at the Sheriff's Department storage unit 3 pending disposition. Photographs were taken at the time of receipt.

On November 2, 2017, I spoke with Steve Schmidt, who is a nephew to the property owner of the same name. He found additional aircraft parts in the woods while walking and hunting on the property, and had collected the items and piled them along the access trail leading from State Highway 111 to the original crash site. I obtained his permission to enter the property and obtain the parts.

I traveled to the site and obtained the items, which included pieces of the aircraft. During this time I conducted a cursory grid search of the general area between the trail and State Highway 111 and located some additional personal items. These items were secured initially at the Sheriff's Department impound lot and later moved inside storage unit 3 pending disposition. Photographs were taken at the time of receipt. (53-Wirsing)

Supplement

Supplemental Report

On February 5, 2019 I, Lieutenant Gregory Wirsing, reviewed the autopsy report for KEVIN J KING, received from Hennepin County Medical Examiner's Office on about August 28, 2017.

I noted the final diagnosis was that of multiple blunt force injuries. The report is signed by Dr. Owen Middleton, Assistant Chief Medical Examiner. Please review the report for details about the injuries.

On February 5, 2019 I reviewed the autopsy report for CHARLES R TOMLITZ SR, received from Hennepin County Medical Examiner's Office on about August 28, 2017.

I noted the final diagnosis was also that of multiple blunt force injuries. The report is signed by Dr. Andrew M Baker, Chief Medical Examiner. Please review the report for details about the injuries.

Photographs contained on CDs for each victim were included in the reports. Nothing further. (53-Wirsing)