

Incident Report

OSHKOSH POLICE DEPARTMENT
420 JACKSON ST
OSHKOSH, WISCONSIN 54901
(920) 236-5700

Incident Number: OP18-018556

Incident Summary

Incident Type:	ASSISTS	Report Type:	
Inc Occurred Address:	00 WISCONSIN ST, OSHKOSH, WISCONSIN	Sector/Beat:	S112/WS11
Inc Occurred Start:	06/09/2018 12:25	Inc Occurred End:	06/09/2018 12:30
Domestic:	N	Bias Motivation:	
Other Agency:		Gang Related:	N
Reporting Officer:	LEHMAN, MARK	Substance:	U
Case Status:	CLOSED/ZEROED	Reported Date/Time:	06/09/2018 12:30
Jurisdiction:		Clearance Date/Time:	06/11/2018 12:49
Approved by:	BUEHLER, BRENT	Primary Assigned Officer:	
Approved date/time:	06/15/2018 04:11	Clearance:	NONE
Approve status:	Approved		

Offenses

Statute Code: ASSOTH
Enhancers:
Statute Desc: ASSIST OTHER DEPARTMENT
Counts: 1 Statute Severity:

Officers

Event Association	Emp#	Badge#	Name	Squad#
Primary Responding Officer	S315	S315	LEHMAN, MARK	
ASSISTING OFFICER	S27	S27	OTT, DUANE	
ASSISTING OFFICER	S375	S375	DENOR, BRIAN	
SUPERVISOR	S132	S132	GORTE, CHRISTOPHER	
ASSISTING OFFICER	S319	S319	SKEELS, EDWARD	
ASSISTING OFFICER	S446	S446	MAYNE, XAVIER	
ASSISTING OFFICER	S383	S383	FRANKLIN, DONALD	
SUPERVISOR	S131	S131	NELSON, JEFFREY	

Associated Events

Association:	Event Type:	Event#:	Event Date (Start):	Event Date (End):	Agency:
RELATED EVENT	INCIDENT	WI18-001865	6/9/2018 12:29:00	6/9/2018 14:09:00	WI

List of Attachments

Type:	Report ID:	Report Date:	Report Summary:
STATEMENTS			7

Persons Involved

Person#:
Event Association: CONTACT
Name: FREY, MARK SEVERIN
Contact Date/Time: 06/09/2018 13:00

Height:	DOB:	Age: 56 - 56	Sex: MALE	Race:
Phone Type 1: CELL	Weight:	Eye Color:	Ext 1:	Hair Color:
Phone Type 2:	Phone# 1:	Phone# 2:	Ext 2:	

Occupation: Employer/School:

Person address(es)

Address: HOME ADDRESS EAST TROY, WISCONSIN 53120
Address: BUSINESS ADDRESS, EAST TROY, WISCONSIN 53120

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Persons Involved

Person#: 0001

Event Association: WITNESS

Contact Date/Time: 06/09/2018 12:40

Name: REICHENBERGER, KEVIN D

DOB: [REDACTED] Age: 57 - 57 Sex: MALE Race: [REDACTED]
Height: [REDACTED] Weight: [REDACTED] Eye Color: [REDACTED] Hair Color: [REDACTED]
Phone Type 1: CELL Phone# 1: [REDACTED] Ext 1: [REDACTED]
Phone Type 2: Phone# 2: [REDACTED] Ext 2: [REDACTED]

Occupation:

Employer/School:

Person address(es)

Address: HOME ADDRESS, [REDACTED] OSHKOSH, WISCONSIN 54904

Person#: 0002

Event Association: WITNESS

Contact Date/Time: 06/09/2018 12:40

Name: BARBA, TERRIANN

DOB: [REDACTED] Age: 60 - 60 Sex: FEMALE Race: [REDACTED]
Height: [REDACTED] Weight: [REDACTED] Eye Color: [REDACTED] Hair Color: [REDACTED]
Phone Type 1: CELL Phone# 1: [REDACTED] Ext 1: [REDACTED]
Phone Type 2: Phone# 2: [REDACTED] Ext 2: [REDACTED]

Occupation:

Employer/School:

Person address(es)

Address: HOME ADDRESS, [REDACTED] OSHKOSH, WISCONSIN 54901

Person#: 0003

Event Association: WITNESS

Contact Date/Time: 06/09/2018 12:45

Name: BRASCH, KYLE S

DOB: [REDACTED] Age: 23 - 23 Sex: MALE Race: [REDACTED]
Height: [REDACTED] Weight: [REDACTED] Eye Color: [REDACTED] Hair Color: [REDACTED]
Phone Type 1: CELL Phone# 1: [REDACTED] Ext 1: [REDACTED]
Phone Type 2: Phone# 2: [REDACTED] Ext 2: [REDACTED]

Occupation:

Employer/School:

Person address(es)

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Person#: 0004

Event Association: CONTACT
Name: GHELLER, BARBARA E

Contact Date/Time: 06/09/2018 12:45

DOB: [REDACTED] Age: 80 - 80 Sex: FEMALE Race: [REDACTED]
Height: [REDACTED] Weight: [REDACTED] Eye Color: [REDACTED] Hair Color: [REDACTED]
Phone Type 1: CELL Phone# 1: [REDACTED] Ext 1: [REDACTED]
Phone Type 2: Phone# 2: [REDACTED] Ext 2: [REDACTED]

Occupation:

Employer/School:

Person address(es)

Address: HOME ADDRESS, [REDACTED] OSHKOSH, WISCONSIN 54901

Person#: 0005

Event Association: WITNESS
Name: RAISLER, JUDITH E

Contact Date/Time: 06/09/2018 12:50

DOB: [REDACTED] Age: 76 - 76 Sex: FEMALE Race: [REDACTED]
Height: [REDACTED] Weight: [REDACTED] Eye Color: [REDACTED] Hair Color: [REDACTED]
Phone Type 1: Phone# 1: [REDACTED] Ext 1: [REDACTED]
Phone Type 2: Phone# 2: [REDACTED] Ext 2: [REDACTED]

Occupation:

Employer/School:

Person address(es)

Address: HOME ADDRESS, [REDACTED] OSHKOSH, WISCONSIN 54901

Person#: 0006

Event Association: CONTACT
Name: GLUTH, ROBERT A

Contact Date/Time: 06/09/2018 13:15

DOB: [REDACTED] Age: 67 - 67 Sex: MALE Race: [REDACTED]
Height: [REDACTED] Weight: [REDACTED] Eye Color: [REDACTED] Hair Color: [REDACTED]
Phone Type 1: CELL Phone# 1: [REDACTED] Ext 1: [REDACTED]
Phone Type 2: HOME Phone# 2: [REDACTED] Ext 2: [REDACTED]

Occupation:

Employer/School:

Person address(es)

Address: HOME ADDRESS, [REDACTED] OSHKOSH, WISCONSIN 54901

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Person#: 0007

Event Association: CONTACT
Name: MILLER, STEVEN K

Contact Date/Time: 06/10/2018 14:00

Height: [REDACTED] DOB: [REDACTED] Age: 51 - 51 Sex: MALE Race: [REDACTED]
Weight: [REDACTED] Eye Color: [REDACTED] Hair Color: [REDACTED]
Phone Type 1: CELL Phone# 1: [REDACTED] Ext 1: [REDACTED]
Phone Type 2: Phone# 2: [REDACTED] Ext 2: [REDACTED]

Occupation:

Employer/School:

Person address(es)

Address: HOME ADDRESS, [REDACTED] OSHKOSH, WISCONSIN 54902

Person#: 0008

Event Association: WITNESS
Name: KENNEDY, CHRISTOPHER

Contact Date/Time: 06/09/2018 12:55

Height: [REDACTED] DOB: [REDACTED] Age: 48 - 48 Sex: MALE Race: [REDACTED]
Weight: [REDACTED] Eye Color: [REDACTED] Hair Color: [REDACTED]
Phone Type 1: CELL Phone# 1: [REDACTED] Ext 1: [REDACTED]
Phone Type 2: Phone# 2: [REDACTED] Ext 2: [REDACTED]

Occupation:

Employer/School:

Person address(es)

Address: HOME ADDRESS [REDACTED] OSHKOSH, WISCONSIN 54901

Person#: 0009

Event Association: WITNESS
Name: HESSLER, LORIANNE

Contact Date/Time: 06/09/2018 12:55

Height: [REDACTED] DOB: [REDACTED] Age: 57 - 57 Sex: FEMALE Race: [REDACTED]
Weight: [REDACTED] Eye Color: [REDACTED] Hair Color: [REDACTED]
Phone Type 1: CELL Phone# 1: [REDACTED] Ext 1: [REDACTED]
Phone Type 2: Phone# 2: [REDACTED] Ext 2: [REDACTED]

Occupation:

Employer/School:

Person address(es)

Address: HOME ADDRESS, [REDACTED] WAUCONDA, ILLINOIS 60084

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Persons Involved

Person#: 0010

Event Association: WITNESS

Contact Date/Time:

Name: LEMIESZ, GARY L

DOB: [REDACTED] Age: 68 - 68 Sex: MALE

Race: [REDACTED]

Height: [REDACTED]

Weight: [REDACTED] Eye Color: [REDACTED]

Hair Color: [REDACTED]

Phone Type 1: HOME

Phone# 1: [REDACTED] Ext 1: [REDACTED]

Phone Type 2: CELL

Phone# 2: [REDACTED] Ext 2: [REDACTED]

Occupation:

Employer/School:

Person address(es)

Address: HOME ADDRESS, [REDACTED] OSHKOSH, WISCONSIN 54902

Person#: 0011

Event Association: WITNESS

Contact Date/Time:

Name: PATTERSON, MICHAEL L

DOB: [REDACTED] Age: 41 - 41 Sex: MALE

Race: [REDACTED]

Height:

Weight: [REDACTED] Eye Color: [REDACTED]

Hair Color:

Phone Type 1: CELL

Phone# 1: [REDACTED] Ext 1: [REDACTED]

Phone Type 2:

Phone# 2: [REDACTED] Ext 2:

Occupation:

Employer/School:

Person address(es)

Address: HOME ADDRESS, [REDACTED] NEENAH, WISCONSIN 54956

Person#: 0012

Event Association: WITNESS

Contact Date/Time: 06/09/2018 12:30

Name: SCHELKE, BRENDON DANIEL

DOB: [REDACTED] Age: 43 - 43 Sex: MALE

Race: [REDACTED]

Height: [REDACTED]

Weight: [REDACTED] Eye Color: [REDACTED]

Hair Color: [REDACTED]

Phone Type 1: CELL

Phone# 1: [REDACTED] Ext 1: [REDACTED]

Phone Type 2:

Phone# 2: [REDACTED] Ext 2:

Occupation:

Employer/School:

Person address(es)

Address: HOME ADDRESS, [REDACTED] OSHKOSH, WISCONSIN 54902

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Persons Involved

Person#: 0013

Event Association: WITNESS

Contact Date/Time: 06/09/2018 12:40

Name: FORBERT, JOHN A

DOB: [REDACTED] Age: 56 - 56 Sex: MALE

Race: [REDACTED]

Height: [REDACTED]

Weight: [REDACTED] Eye Color: [REDACTED]

Hair Color: [REDACTED]

Phone Type 1: CELL

Phone# 1: [REDACTED] Ext 1: [REDACTED]

Phone Type 2:

Phone# 2: [REDACTED] Ext 2: [REDACTED]

Occupation:

Employer/School:

Person address(es)

Address: HOME ADDRESS, [REDACTED] OSHKOSH, WISCONSIN 54902

Person#: 0014

Event Association: WITNESS

Contact Date/Time: 06/09/2018 12:50

Name: SEDO, HEATHER B

DOB: [REDACTED] Age: 28 - 28 Sex: FEMALE

Race: [REDACTED]

Height: [REDACTED]

Weight: [REDACTED] Eye Color: [REDACTED]

Hair Color: [REDACTED]

Phone Type 1: CELL

Phone# 1: [REDACTED] Ext 1: [REDACTED]

Phone Type 2:

Phone# 2: [REDACTED] Ext 2: [REDACTED]

Occupation:

Employer/School:

Person address(es)

Address: HOME ADDRESS, [REDACTED] OSHKOSH, WISCONSIN 54901

Person#: 0015

Event Association: WITNESS

Contact Date/Time: 06/09/2018 13:00

Name: ELSNER, MICHAEL R

DOB: [REDACTED] Age: 47 - 47 Sex: MALE

Race: [REDACTED]

Height: [REDACTED]

Weight: [REDACTED] Eye Color: [REDACTED]

Hair Color: [REDACTED]

Phone Type 1: CELL

Phone# 1: [REDACTED] Ext 1: [REDACTED]

Phone Type 2:

Phone# 2: [REDACTED] Ext 2: [REDACTED]

Occupation:

Employer/School:

Person address(es)

Address: HOME ADDRESS, [REDACTED] RIPON, WISCONSIN 54971

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Persons Involved

Person#: 0016

Event Association: WITNESS

Contact Date/Time: 06/09/2018 13:05

Name: INOCELDA, DOMINIC MARTIN

DOB: [REDACTED]

Age: 30 - 30 Sex: MALE

Race: [REDACTED]

Height: [REDACTED]

Weight: [REDACTED]

Eye Color: [REDACTED]

Hair Color: [REDACTED]

Phone Type 1: CELL

Phone# 1: [REDACTED]

Ext 1: [REDACTED]

Phone Type 2:

Phone# 2:

Ext 2:

Occupation:

Employer/School:

Person address(es)

Address: HOME ADDRESS, [REDACTED] MENASHA, WISCONSIN 54952

Businesses Involved

Business # 0001

Event Association: LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY

Business Name: WINNEBAGO COUNTY SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT

Business Type: LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY

Phone Type 1:

Phone# 1:

Ext 1:

Phone Type 2:

Phone# 2:

Ext 2:

Business address(es)

Address: - 4311 JACKSON ST OSHKOSH, WISCONSIN 54901

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Crime Scene

Investigator:

Investigation Results:

Photography

Black & White Negatives Exposed:	N/A
Color Negatives Exposed:	N/A
Photography/Other:	16 DIGITAL PHOTOS

Fingerprints

Latent Print Processing Conducted:	N/A
Latent Fingerprints Lifted:	N/A
Latent Palmprints Lifted:	N/A
Latent Fingerprint Results:	
Latent Palmprint Results:	
Latent Prints/Other:	

Weapon/Projectiles

Projectiles Recovered:	N/A
Casings Recovered:	N/A
Cartridges Recovered:	N/A
Weapons Recovered:	N/A
Weapons/Other:	

Impressions

Footware Impressions:	N/A
Footware/Tire Casting:	N/A
Footware/Tire Photographed:	N/A
Tire Impressions:	N/A
Original Footware/Tire Surface Recovered:	N/A
Footwear/Tire Impressions/Other:	

Body Fluids

Blood-like Substances Recovered:	N/A
Body Fluid Controls:	N/A
Body Fluids/Other:	

Toolmarks

Original Toolmark Surface Recovered:	N/A
Tools Recovered:	N/A
Toolmark Casting:	N/A
Toolmarks/Other:	

Refer to Property Report:	N/A
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Crime Scene Description:

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Narratives

ENTERED DATE/TIME: 6/9/2018 12:30:00

NARRATIVE TYPE: INITIAL NARRATIVE

SUBJECT: INITIAL BY LEHMAN 06/09/18

AUTHOR: LEHMAN, MARK

ASSIST OTHER DEPARTMENT

On 06-09-18 shortly before 12:30PM I had been operating motor unit Squad 70 southbound on Wisconsin Street in the curb lane. Traffic had been backed up in typical fashion as though the bridge had been up and vehicles were stacking up on each side of the river. My assumption was the bridge had just gone down since I had not seen it in an upward position and traffic was slowing moving again.

I was approaching Pearl Street and was waiting on a red light when I heard a very loud popping sound that seemed quite unusual and I immediately caught movement to the southeast over the top of Mahoney's and slightly east which appeared to be behind the river near Mercury Marine and Mahoney's. What I observed was something light in color that seemed somewhat long and flat initially moving west and then dropping out of the sky.

It seemed unusual because I did not see any specific thing get hit by whatever this debris was in the air and I was trying to determine exactly what I had just seen. I observed a few people near the river standing up and looking in the direction of the river and immediately asked Dispatch if they were getting any phone calls regarding something occurring over the river and they advised yes so I made my way to the east on Pearl Avenue and turned south on Marion Road. I could see more people starting to look over toward the river. I drove to the east of Mercury Marine and up onto the grass where the large electrical power lines are across the river going north and south and immediately observed there was a power line going down into the river and parked my motor unit walking up to the river to determine if there was emergency assistance needed by one, but I could not see anything other than some boaters starting to look at the water and appearing to be watching for something.

I eventually did see that there was a second wire down, which was crossing the grass just to the east of me underneath the power lines themselves and I continued to try to monitor that, as well as the river to determine if there was somewhat more specific I could do to direct other officers for what I found out was a helicopter crash. It seemed to correlate with what I had observed; my initial belief being that it may be a drone or remote control airplane had gone down, but what I believe I had observed was part of the tail of the helicopter that had broken off and flown through the air as I observed it and then it continued downward into the river.

After I and other officers directed other people back from the wires for their safety I spoke to two witnesses near the apartment buildings on Marion Road, one being Kevin D. Reichenberger, [REDACTED] and the other, Terriann Barba, [REDACTED]. They had not been together, but had been in relatively close proximity to each other when they observed the helicopter apparently going west traveling over the top of the river. Both

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specifically stated the helicopter clearly did not see the wires initially. I believe Terriann stated that she was concerned it was going to crash and then apparently witnesses saw the pilot notice the wires at the very last second and try to lift the helicopter over the top of the wires, but was unable to avoid it and the blades caught the wire and the main body of the helicopter immediately crashed straight down under the wires. There were conflicting reports about whether it had broken up or not, but my belief was the tail had continued in a westbound direction breaking apart from the main body of the helicopter and that was the portion I observed, as it did not appear as the main body of the helicopter was intact with the portion I saw traveling through the air.

I also spoke with Kyle Brasch, who indicated he had been walking south on Dawes Street at the time this occurred and he heard the loud popping as well and looked up to see the helicopter falling from the sky under the power lines as well.

Please see other officers' reports. cal 06-11-18

ENTERED DATE/TIME: 6/9/2018 12:31:00
NARRATIVE TYPE: SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE
SUBJECT: SUPP BY OTT 06/09/18
AUTHOR: OTT, DUANE

ASSIST OTHER DEPARTMENT

On the afternoon of Saturday, June 9th I was at the police department when I overheard radio traffic indicating a helicopter had crashed into the river near the Wisconsin Street Bridge. I responded in emergency mode and went to the north side of the river bank in the area of Mercury Marine.

I initially met up with Officer Lehman, who was the first officer on scene and was just to the east of Mercury Marine. From that vantage point I could see what appeared to be two power lines that span the river at that location appeared to have been snapped, one was hanging down into the water on the north side of the river with a second in an open field area underneath the power lines. It also appeared that power lines on the south side of the river were hanging in a similar fashion. There appeared to be a couple pieces of trash or debris floating in this area in the middle of the river, but I could not tell if they were related to this incident. There was no other sign of a helicopter, but there were several boats around the area at the time.

About a half hour to 45 minutes after the initial report I was advised that the owner of MF Helicopters LLC, Mark Frey was in the area and began speaking to him on the north side of the river. Frey told me that he had been at Dockside Tavern and had received a report of a helicopter crashing and had come to this location due to the fact he had a helicopter in the area. He stated it was piloted by Jonathan Bahr and later provided me with Bahr's birthday of [REDACTED] and his home address of [REDACTED] in North Platteville.

Frey told me that his company MF Helicopters LLC had been hired by a boating event to bring a photographer

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up into the air to photograph the event. Frey told me that he and Bahr had flown the helicopter up from East Troy earlier this morning and at the time just prior to this incident occurring he had seen Bahr land the helicopter in an empty lot to the west of Dockside Tavern near Oregon Street. Frey reported he had seen Bahr drop off a photographer who had been in the helicopter with Bahr and had then see Bahr take off and there shouldn't have been anything else in the helicopter with Bahr.

Frey told me he had spoken to Bahr earlier and the plan was that after the photographer was dropped off Bahr would fly the helicopter to Wittman Field to refuel and would then return the helicopter to the same lot and the plan was for Frey to pilot the helicopter and possibly take up a couple of other people in it. Frey told me from the Dockside landing spot Bahr should have been flying to the south rather than to the west along the river and he had no idea why Bahr would have been traveling in the area where it was reported he had crashed.

Frey reported that the helicopter was a 2001 R44 Clipper, commercially built, primarily aluminum and fiberglass and that it weighed about 1,500 pounds. He told me it is a maximum 4-passenger aircraft and told me it has manually activated floats which would seem to allow it to land in water based on his description; however, he told me that these floats only inflate when manually activated and had the helicopter crashed and the pilot not been able to activate them they would not be filled with air and; therefore, the helicopter would sink.

Frey told me that the only reason he could think of that Bahr would have been flying to the west or northwest along the river would have been if the airfield had directed him to take a different path, but he felt this was unlikely. Frey advised he had been in touch with someone at the refueling area at Wittman and Bahr had not arrived there to refuel. Frey also told me that at the time he heard about the crash there would not have been enough time for Bahr to refuel and then return to the area of the crash. Frey also reported emergency contact information for Bahr, indicating the contact he had was named Glen Bahr, with a phone of [REDACTED]

I remained at the scene until approximately 3:45PM primarily in a security capacity ensuring that the public did not approach the downed wires, which had been roped off with police line tape. Once WPS reported that the wires were safe I removed the police line tape and cleared the area.

I do have body worn camera footage of part of my conversation with Frey. cal 06-11-18

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NARRATIVE TYPE: SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE
SUBJECT: SUPP BY FRANKLIN 06/09/18
AUTHOR: FRANKLIN, DONALD

ASSIST OTHER DEPARTMENT

On June 9, 2018 at around 12:30PM I, Officer Franklin, of the Oshkosh Police Department, along with Officer Mayne, of the Oshkosh Police Department, in a two man squad unit did hear Officer Lehman indicate over the

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radio if there were reports of a helicopter crashing in the Fox River between the Wisconsin Street Bridge and the Oregon Street Bridge. Dispatch advised they were taking multiple reports of a helicopter crashing into the water.

I and Officer Mayne did respond in emergency lights and sirens fashion to the area where initially we stopped at Jackson Street and Marion Road to provide road blockage. A female yelled to us; the female was later identified as Heather Sedo, who later spoke to Officer Boerner and refer to his supplement report for anything further in regard to that. She stated she was on the Oregon Street Bridge and saw the helicopter crash happen and pointed in a westerly direction over the river.

I and Officer Mayne then readjusted our positioning blocking the road and moved in front of the Anthem Apartments in the 400 block of Marion Road just in front of the Mercury building. We were then requested to cone off an area between the Anthem Apartments and the Mercury building that had a downed suspected power line in an open field and there were people that were milling about. Officer Mayne did place cones around that area and then I and Officer Mayne put police line tape around an area to keep onlookers back.

I then began asking if anybody witnessed anything. Several people indicated they had not seen it, had heard what happened or had just shown up. I then had contact with several individuals, including a Barbara E. Gheller, [REDACTED] and a Judith E. Raisler, [REDACTED]

In speaking with the two of them separately Barbara stated that she saw the incident. She stated she was on her balcony at [REDACTED] on the first level, as she lives in [REDACTED]. She said she observed the helicopter initially east over the Fox River, land at a field around Dockside Tavern and then take off a short time later heading back west. She said she observed the helicopter flying low and hit the power line and nosedived into the water. She stated she could not tell how many people were onboard, but thought there were possibly two people.

I then spoke with Raisler, who stated that she was outside on her balcony when she observed the helicopter heading west over the river. She said she tried to take a video of the helicopter as it went past her balcony. She was able to get several photos; however, they were not completely clear. I did send those photos to my e-mail and they were later given to CID to submit as digital evidence. Raisler stated as she was watching the helicopter head west over the river she thought she saw two people, a pilot and a passenger who was taking photos. She then witnessed the helicopter's propeller hit the wire that was over the river and then nosedive into the water. She did not see or hear anything else after that.

I then had a conversation with a Chris Kennedy, [REDACTED] and a Lori A. Hessler, [REDACTED]. Both Hessler and Kennedy stated they were preparing to go out on a boat, were just in front of the Anthem Apartments when they observed the incident occur. I did take a written statement from Kennedy and Hessler and those statements are included with my report narrative and they read as follows:

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"Statement of Chris Kennedy. On 06/09/18 at around 12:30A-1:00P I Christopher Kennedy [REDACTED] was at Anthem Apts [REDACTED] in Oshkosh WI when I observed a helicopter take off near Dockside Tavern and head west over the water/sidewalk on north side of river. I saw it hit the power line a rotor came off and nosedived into the water. I saw it go straight in and sink. I saw a male on right side, closest to me, hanging out of door, he had a camera in his hand. The person was wearing an orange jacket. This statement is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. It was given freely to Officer Franklin. Signed Chris Kennedy. Time stopped 1:48PM."

"Statement of Lori A. Hessler. On 06/09/18 I Lori A. Hessler [REDACTED] was at [REDACTED] in Oshkosh WI when I observed a helicopter heading west over the river. I saw a male white, not old, wearing orange. I saw lime green but not sure on who. I believe there were at least two people. I saw the helicopter hit a line/wire, a propeller flew and the plane go straight into the water. This statement is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and given freely to Officer Franklin. Signed Lori Hessler. Time stopped 1:58PM."

I also spoke briefly with a Robert A. Gluth, [REDACTED], who stated he believed around 12:20PM he was riding his bike in a westerly direction along the water when he witnessed the helicopter taking off from the area of Dockside Tavern on the south side of the river. He said he witnessed it heading in a westerly direction over the river, flying low. He said he heard a clunk, saw something fall and the helicopter go down. He indicated he did not see how many people were in the helicopter and had no other information to provide.

I then had conversation with a Steven K. Miller, [REDACTED] who approached officers stating that he saw what happened. He indicated he was on the city bus heading north over the Wisconsin Street Bridge when he saw the helicopter heading toward the bridge. He indicated that he had made a comment to himself to the helicopter to stop as it was approaching the lines. He saw it was flying low so he yelled out stop and then "holy shit" and he said the helicopter hit the lines and then went right down into the water. He did not have any other information to provide.

The fact that there were possibly multiple people on the helicopter was passed on to incident commanders. No other parties approached me or Officer Mayne who had seen what had happened. Others had heard the impact, but did not have anything to provide for the report investigation. I and Officer Mayne provided scene security until cleared by Officer Ott and Sgt. Gorte. Prior to clearing Officer Mayne had taken photos of the scene, to include the wire that was down on the north side of the river, as well as the power pole and line. I and Officer Mayne did have our body worn video footage activated during the incident. cal 06-11-18

ENTERED DATE/TIME: 6/9/2018 12:33:00
NARRATIVE TYPE: SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE
SUBJECT: SUPP BY D. KRUEGER 06/09/18
AUTHOR: KRUEGER, DEANA

ASSIST OTHER DEPARTMENT

On 06-09-18 at approximately 1230 hours officers received word that a helicopter had crashed into the river near

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Mahoney's restaurant by the Wisconsin Street Bridge. I, Officer Krueger had been in the OPD shooting range and had to transition equipment and ultimately responded to this call.

At approximately 12:40AM I assisted Winnebago County on this call by taking the position on the south side of the Wisconsin Street Bridge where several people along the river had been standing. I did speak with Officer Skeels, who was speaking with a witness to this crash whereby it did appear that a helicopter that had been initially flying low over the river westbound had apparently gone back eastbound and then now was headed back westbound just east of the Wisconsin Street Bridge and had hit some power lines and the helicopter immediately plunged into the river and sunk.

Initially there were statements of anywhere between 1 and 3 people in the helicopter whereby it was later believed there was a pilot that apparently had recently dropped off some photographers nearby. I was asked by Sgt. Gorte to get any statements of anybody that had witnessed the crash on my end of the river, as several county units and other officers were on the north side near Mercury Marine.

I initially spoke with a Gary L. Lemiesz, male, Dob [REDACTED] He advised he was at the Senior Center a few blocks west of the Wisconsin Street Bridge area on the dock there watching the river with his wife. They did remember seeing the helicopter earlier flying over, believed initially west and then eastbound about what they thought was 5 minutes before the crash. They advised when the helicopter was going eastbound it did appear to be what he thought was dark green in color. They advised initially when it flew over they thought they saw at least two people in the helicopter when it was going eastbound over them; however, when it went back westbound they could not tell how many were in the helicopter. It was later believed that after the helicopter went westbound it possibly had dropped other offs; however, this was not confirmed. Gary advised that he knows at least there was a driver in the pilot seat that appeared to be wearing what he thought was a green shirt and possibly one other passenger.

He advised they were still at the Senior Center when they saw the helicopter again going westbound along the river and appeared that some portion of the helicopter had hit some power lines, as all they saw were parts flying and the nose of the helicopter went directly into the river with the tail up and it appeared that it had sunk immediately. They advised they got into their vehicles and drove down to this location from the Senior Center and then came directly to the south side of the bridge where we were at and did not see any sign of any survivors.

Gary did comment that they believed the helicopter was flying low, as they appeared to see inside of it and thought it was low flying initially when it went past them. He did not have any more information to offer and again was several blocks down at the time of the crash, but advised he could still see what was going on.

Shortly thereafter I did speak with a male identified as Michael L. Patterson, male, Dob [REDACTED] with a cell phone of [REDACTED] He advised that he was parked in the marina with his family at Lakeside Marina when he earlier he believed possibly about 12:23PM saw the helicopter going eastbound over the river and he took a

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very quick video of it. It apparently was from the south side of the river and he did show me a video of what appeared to be a helicopter going eastbound over the river.

They also believed there was at least one pilot in there and they also were hearing information that they believed that the pilot had been escorting photographers in the helicopter up and down the river and apparently there was information that the pilot may have dropped off photographers somewhere near Dockside Tavern just prior to this crash.

I did remain on the south side of the river as debris started to float our way. Officer Skeels ended up retrieving a black cylinder type piece out of the river, as well as some sort of mat that possibly was from a boat and he ended up releasing these items to Deputy Weisse from Winnebago County. I advised Deputy Weisse I did have a very quick video that someone sent me not of the crash, but the helicopter flying eastbound over the Lakeside Marina area a few minutes before the crash. I ended up sending this video to Deputy Weisse via e-mail, as it was sent to me from witness Michael Patterson.

At around 2:15PM I was advised to go assist Officer Denor near the end of Michigan Street off of 4th Avenue near the walking bridge, as apparently some wires were still down over the bridge and that area needed to be cordoned off, as it was unknown how long it would take WPS to get at that location to fix this.

I ended up relieving Officer Denor at this location whereby I did standby until approximately 5:40PM where I did assist Officer Wilkens who ended up relieving me in cordoning off more of the area, as WPS advised there were no live wires at this time; however, they would be working in this area till up to 12:00AM replacing things on the overhead wires near the walking bridge and the pier and they wished to have the area clear of vehicles and pedestrians while they worked. I did coordinate with Officer Wilkens to cordon off more of the area and once that area was secure by him I ended up clearing the scene. cal 06-11-18

ENTERED DATE/TIME: 6/9/2018 12:35:00
NARRATIVE TYPE: SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE
SUBJECT: SUPP BY BOERNER 06/09/18
AUTHOR: BOERNER, RYAN

ASSIST OTHER DEPARTMENT

On June 9, 2018 at approximately 12:30PM Sgt. Gorte advised he was receiving information from individuals there was a helicopter that had crashed into the river somewhere between the Wisconsin Street Bridge and the Oregon Street Bridge. At that point in time I and Officer De Los Santos responded to assist.

It should be noted that approximately 5 minutes prior to this transmission I and Officer De Los Santos were southbound on Jackson Street near High Avenue when I observed a helicopter flying at a low elevation traveling eastbound. As we continued onto Pearl Avenue it appeared that the helicopter dropped below the

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tree line as if it was going to land somewhere near the area of Oregon Street and 6th Avenue.

Upon receiving the radio transmission from Sgt. Gorte I and Officer De Los Santos immediately responded to that area under the assumption that what we had witnessed may have been related to the helicopter crash. Upon responding to the Oregon Street Bridge we got out on foot and began looking around; however, did not see anything.

At this point in time additional information was coming in that it occurred closer to the Wisconsin Street Bridge, possibly near the Michigan Street pier, which is on the south side of the river. At that point in time I and Officer De Los Santos responded to the end of Michigan Street where we met up with Officer Denor and Sgt. Nelson.

Upon our arrival we discovered there was a large power line across the Michigan Street Bridge and individuals were stating the helicopter had crashed into the power lines and had nosedived into the river just below these power lines. I and Officer De Los Santos set up crime scene tape and began moving people back away from the area, as we were told that the power line may indeed be live.

I eventually spoke with a female, who advised she had witnessed the crash. She was verbally identified as Heather B. Sedo, Dob [REDACTED] Heather informed me she was traveling over the Oregon Street Bridge and had been stopped in traffic on the bridge, as the bridge tender had activated the arms in order to raise the draw bridge to allow boats to go underneath. Heather advised she was the first car in line on the bridge and had a clear view of the area. She had two children with her and advised that her older child was the first to point out the helicopter, which was taking off from a field near the Dockside Tavern.

Heather remained on scene and gave me a one page written statement documenting what she observed. That statement reads as follows:

"Statement of Heather B. Sedo. While stopped at the Oregon St Bridge I observed a helicopter take off from the field next to Dockside Tavern. As it took off it appeared to be shaky or inexperienced. It lifted high enough to clear the raise bridge, but then continued over the river at the same level. I was concerned it would hit the power lines as it followed the river. Next thing I knew it hit power lines, there was an explosion, the helicopter spun 3x, debris flew off and it crashed into the river. I was yelling for help telling people to call 911 as mine wasn't going thru. I could see one person in helicopter in orange shirt. All of this is true to the best of my knowledge as told to me by Heather. Signed Heather Sedo. Time stopped 1309 hours."

Upon completion of the statement Heather read through it, agreed that it was correct and signed the bottom of the page. Once the statement was complete Heather was released and had no further information to share. Heather can be reached at a phone number of [REDACTED] for any additional information.

Prior to leaving the area I and Officer De Los Santos made contact with several individuals in order to have a parking lot south of our location cleared of vehicles at the request of WPS. Officer Denor remained on scene

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upon me and Officer De Los Santos clearing.

My body worn camera was activated during this incident. cal 06-11-18

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NARRATIVE TYPE: SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE
SUBJECT: SUPP BY DE LOS SANTOS 06/09/18
AUTHOR: DE LOS SANTOS, PARKER

ASSIST OTHER DEPARTMENT

On June 9, 2018 around 12:30PM I heard radio traffic from Sgt. Gorte about multiple calls of a helicopter going down into the Fox River. A couple minutes prior I and Officer Boerner 350 noticed a helicopter landing near the Oregon Street Bridge. Upon hearing the radio traffic we responded over to the Oregon Street Bridge to see if that is where the helicopter went down. In talking with a couple of witnesses they said the helicopter went more toward the Wisconsin Street Bridge and went down into the water.

We responded over to the Michigan pier where officers were already on scene. I saw an electrical cable down across the Michigan Street pier into the water. I began taping off the area and keeping people away from the scene for their safety. At the scene a witness came to me and said he saw the helicopter go down in the water. I identified him by Wisconsin D.L. as Michael R. Elsner, Dob [REDACTED]. I began taking a statement from Michael, which reads as follows:

"Statement of Michael R. Elsner. Coming over the bridge, I saw the helicopter going under the power lines and looked like he went back through the power lines. I heard an explosion and looked and saw the debris from the helicopter. I watch the helicopter fall nose down into the Fox River near the north side. Signed Michael R. Elsner, [REDACTED] Time stopped 1:21PM."

I had Michael look over his statement and he agreed that is what he said and he signed the bottom. Michael also left his home phone number at the bottom of the statement, which is [REDACTED]. Upon completing the statement Michael did not have any additional information to share and I released him from the scene. BWC is available.

After releasing Michael I and Officer Boerner cleared out the parking lot for WPS and were not needed any further. cal 06-11-18

ENTERED DATE/TIME: 6/9/2018 12:37:00
NARRATIVE TYPE: SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE
SUBJECT: SUPP BY NICHOLS 06/09/18
AUTHOR: NICHOLS, JOSEPH

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ASSIST OTHER DEPARTMENT

On Saturday, June 9, 2018 at 1:05PM I, Officer Nichols 364 met with Dominic Inocelda, who will be known as Dominic during the remainder of this report. Dominic was on the fishing pier at approximately 11:30AM and was getting his fishing gear ready when he stated he heard a loud bang and then saw a wire come down in front of him that landed on the fishing pier.

Dominic stated he then saw a helicopter hit the water on the Fox River and it stayed up for about 5 seconds before sinking. Dominic said he did not see anyone come up. Dominic had no further information. I did take a statement from Dominic on a Winnebago County Sheriff's Office statement form, which reads as follows:

"I arrived here at about 11:30AM. I was fishing and getting my fishing line ready when I saw a helicopter flying low over the river. I heard a loud bag and looked up and saw a wire coming right in front of me. I saw the helicopter go into the river and it stayed up for about 5 seconds before sinking. I didn't see anyone come up.
Signed Dominic M. Inocelda"

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NARRATIVE TYPE: SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE
SUBJECT: SUPP BY DENOR 06/09/18
AUTHOR: DENOR, BRIAN

ASSIST OTHER DEPARTMENT

Body worn camera footage is available.

On 06-09-18 at 12:30PM I did hear Officer Lehman call out asking Dispatch if there were any reports of a crash around the Ohio Street Bridge, as he believes a helicopter just crashed into the water there.

I did start driving to that location where ultimately I did go to the end of Michigan Street by the fishing pier, as I thought that would be a good vantage point to try to locate any evidence or possible victims involved with the crash. There were several fishermen at the end of the pier and halfway across the pier there is a wire coming from a power pole going across the pier and then into the water. I was told that the wire had almost hit some of them.

There were several people on the pier so the pier itself I believed was safe. I did go out on the pier and there was a guy standing by and he was identified as Brendon Schelke. Brendon did tell me he was at home; he lives at [REDACTED] he was basically loading up his motorcycle into a trailer on Michigan Street and he saw

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the helicopter flying around. There was a big speed boat poker rally going on where there were a large number of higher end speed boats driving around on the water. I did see earlier there was a smaller helicopter flying over them more likely photographing and videoing the boats.

Brandon told me he saw it coming from Ohio Street going east toward Oregon Street. He said he saw it do a circle and then lost sight of it and all of a sudden heard a loud bang, saw what appeared to be parts of a helicopter flying in the air. He ran over there to look for possible victims, as he's an EMT and then saw the power line laying across the bridge and stopped people from going on the bridge.

I did make contact with the people and told them not to touch the railing and not to get close to the wire. It wasn't arcing, it was just saying still. They told me they would do so and they were all fine. One said that the wire almost hit him. Eventually a WPS guy came and stated there would be some voltage going through that wire and basically said if someone touched it they would probably need to go to the hospital. He did state it would be safe to crawl underneath the wire.

The wire was a safe distance up where we felt comfortable to have people crawl underneath it. Also he said it would be at least an hour and a half before the wire was deemed safe. I and other officers assisted people in crawling underneath the wire. Statements were taken by various officers of those individuals. I did take a written statement from Brendon, which reads as follows:

"Statement of Brendon D. Schelke. On 6-9-18 a few minutes before 12:30pm I was on Michigan St by my house located at [REDACTED] in the City of Oshkosh. My wife and I saw bluish/gray smaller helicopter flying along the Fox River coming from Ohio St going toward Oregon Street. It started doing a circle. I closed my trailer parked on the street. I heard a really loud snap, bag, crash. I looked towards the river, I could see the rear propeller flying through the air and other debris flying through the air and other debris flying. I then could hear something crashing into the water. I ran over to the fishing pier at the end of Michigan. I saw a wire across the pier and nothing was in the water. Signed Brendon Schelke. Time stopped 1:24PM."

I then stood by on scene security as the area was taped off to ensure no one went out on the pier to touch the wire until I was relieved by Officer Krueger at approximately 1430 hours. cal 06-11-18

ENTERED DATE/TIME: 6/9/2018 14:46:00
NARRATIVE TYPE: SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE
SUBJECT: SUPP BY SKEELS 06/09/18
AUTHOR: SKEELS, EDWARD

ASSIST OTHER DEPARTMENT

On June 9, 2018 at approximately 12:30PM I, Officer Skeels heard Officer Lehman call out reference a possible helicopter crash in the Fox River or near the Fox River. I headed toward that location and then heard Sgt.

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Nelson state he had witnesses to the incident on the south side of the river behind the dental office near Probation and Parole in the 200 block of Ohio Street.

I located Sgt. Nelson, who identified to me a witness, later formally identified as John A. Forbert. John told me he was walking his dog on the walking trail next to the river behind the dentist office when he heard a helicopter in the air. He said it seemed louder than normal for some reason and as he looked up he saw the helicopter had struck a power line that extends over the river causing the helicopter to crash into the water.

He said the helicopter did not have a very hard impact with the water and seemed to have slowly come from the sky after striking the power line and then impacting the water. He said once it hit the water it went down very fast and he did not see anybody come up from the water after it had gone underneath the waterline. John was obviously very upset at this time. I was advised by Sgt. Gorte that any witnesses should have a written statement taken from them. I advised John that I could meet him a little bit later and take a written statement from him at his residence if he wished and he said that would be much better than right now.

I stayed on scene on the south side of the river. Various people were pointing out objects that were floating in the river heading toward the south side shoreline. I advised Dispatch, who advised Winnebago County Boat Patrol, who was on scene, I believe Deputy Luker was able to pick up two of the three pieces that we were visually able to see at that time; the third had come too close to shore and I was able to retrieve it from the Fox River. I placed that piece of what appeared to be possibly the foam rubber type lining that one would use for earphones or headphones to cover the ears.

After retrieving that item other people in the area advised me of another piece that may be related to the helicopter crash. I was able to retrieve this item, which appears to be a floor mat, which may or may not have been a part of the helicopter. I stayed on scene and did not see any other debris flee to that part of the shore. I made contact with Dispatch and advised them of debris we had recovered from the Fox River. At 1:50PM I met with Deputy Weisse in the parking lot of the dental office. I handed over the items that I had recovered for possible follow up with their investigation. I also showed Deputy Weisse exactly where that debris had been recovered from the Fox River.

After being advised by Sgt. Gorte that we could clear the scene I then went to Forbert's residence at 1017 W. 4th Avenue for a written statement. I did take a written statement from Forbert at that time, which reads as follows:

"Statement of John A. Forbert. On June 9, 2018 at about 12:30pm I John A. Forbert was sitting on a bench behind the dentist office in the 200 block of Ohio Street on the walking trail next to the river. I heard a helicopter in the air which was louder than normal, unusually loud. It was distinctively louder than the boats. I looked up and saw it making contact with the power lines going across the river. The blade of the helicopter, the main blade had stopped rotating as it was falling. The top of the helicopter was facing me towards the southwest. The helicopter was almost upside down facing me when it hit the water. The white landing legs were the last thing I saw go under water. Once it landed in the water it went down very fast. The impact with the water did not seem

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very violent, it was not a real fast impact. I could see that something white had detached from the helicopter, estimated approximately 3 feet in length. I started to record on my cell phone camera right about the time it had gone into the water. The helicopter was traveling upriver when it struck the power line.

This statement is true to the best of my knowledge. Officer Skeels wrote this statement as I told him what happened. Signed John A. Forbert."

One thing that John had told me that I did not seem to include in the statement was that when the helicopter hit the water it was almost all the way flipped onto the top of the helicopter when it struck the water. John also said that the white thing that he thought was about 3 feet in length that seemed to have detached from the helicopter also went under water. He did not see it floating after it had gone into the water. cal 06-11-18
