

Incident Report

WINNEBAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
4311 JACKSON STREET
OSHKOSH, WISCONSIN 54901
9202367300Q

Incident Number: WI18-001865

Incident Summary

Incident Type:	FIRE CALL	Report Type:	INCIDENT
Inc Occurred Address:	FOX RIVER SOUTH, OSHKOSH, WISCONSIN	Sector/Beat:	
Inc Occurred Start:	06/09/2018 12:29	Inc Occurred End:	06/09/2018 14:09
Domestic:	N	Bias Motivation:	
Other Agency:	XREF: OPD 18-18556	Gang Related:	N
Reporting Officer:	GESCHREI, ERICA	Substance:	U
Case Status:		Reported Date/Time:	06/09/2018 12:29
Jurisdiction:		Primary Assigned Officer:	
Approved by:	CLEMENTS, KATIE	Clearance:	
		Clearance Date/Time:	
Approved date/time:	06/10/2018 07:12	Approve status:	Approved

Offenses

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

Officers

Event Association	Emp#	Badge#	Name	Squad#
SUPERVISOR	W20	W20	EICHMAN, TIMOTHY	
PRIMARY REPORTING OFFICER	W43	W43	GESCHREI, ERICA	
BACKUP UNIT	W28	W28	WEISSE, MATTHEW	
BACKUP UNIT	W38	W38	NICLA, CHRISTOPHER	
BACKUP UNIT	W46	W46	RIPPL, JASON	
ASSISTING OFFICER	W42	W42	SCHOONOVER, KYLE	
BACKUP UNIT	W20	W20	EICHMAN, TIMOTHY	
BACKUP UNIT	W25	W25	GRAHAM, CODEY	
BACKUP UNIT	W49	W49	KRESSIN, JONATHAN	

List of Attachments

Type:	Report ID:	Report Date:	Report Summary:
STATEMENTS			Matt Molash Kenneth Dodd Peter Boden Christopher Collins Troy Paulson Shallon Hagen Adam Kirmse Brinley Fischer Dive Team Operations Summary
OTHER			
BEAST EVIDENCE PRINTOUT			

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Persons Involved

Person#: 0001 MNI: 5403
Event Association: WITNESS Contact Date/Time: 06/09/2018 13:05
Name: DODD, KENNETH E
SSN: [REDACTED] DOB: [REDACTED] Age: 34 - 34 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: CELL Phone# 2: [REDACTED] Ext 2: [REDACTED]
DL State: WISCONSIN DL#: [REDACTED] DL Exp. Date: [REDACTED]
Occupation: [REDACTED] Employer/School: [REDACTED]
Verified by #1: [REDACTED] Verified by #2: [REDACTED]

Person address(es)

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

Person#: 0002 MNI: 37168
Event Association: WITNESS Contact Date/Time: 06/09/2018 13:06
Name: MOLASH, MATTHEW S
SSN: [REDACTED] DOB: [REDACTED] Age: 35 - 35 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: HOME Phone# 2: [REDACTED] Ext 2: [REDACTED]
DL State: WISCONSIN DL#: [REDACTED] DL Exp. Date: [REDACTED]
Occupation: [REDACTED] Employer/School: UNEMPLOYED
Verified by #1: [REDACTED] Verified by #2: [REDACTED]

Person address(es)

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

Person#: 0003 MNI: 417392
Event Association: DECEASED Contact Date/Time:
Name: BAHR, JONATHAN D
SSN: [REDACTED] DOB: [REDACTED] Age: 27 - 27 Sex: MALE Race: [REDACTED]
Height: [REDACTED] Weight: [REDACTED] Eye Color: [REDACTED] Hair Color: [REDACTED]
Phone Type 1: [REDACTED] Phone# 1: [REDACTED] Ext 1: [REDACTED]
Phone Type 2: [REDACTED] Phone# 2: [REDACTED] Ext 2: [REDACTED]
DL State: WISCONSIN DL#: [REDACTED] DL Exp. Date: [REDACTED]
Occupation: [REDACTED] Employer/School: [REDACTED]
Verified by #1: [REDACTED] Verified by #2: [REDACTED]

Person address(es)

Address: HOME ADDRESS, [REDACTED] LATTEVILLE, WISCONSIN 53818

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Person#: 0004	MNI: 417403			
Event Association: CONTACT		Contact Date/Time: 06/09/2018 10:00		
Name: BODEN, PETER				
SSN: [REDACTED]	DOB: [REDACTED]	Age: 55 - 55	Sex: MALE	Race: [REDACTED]
Height: [REDACTED]	Weight: [REDACTED]	Eye Color: [REDACTED]		Hair Color: [REDACTED]
Phone Type 1: HOME	Phone# 1: [REDACTED]	Ext 1:		
Phone Type 2:	Phone# 2:	Ext 2:		
DL State: FLORIDA	DL#: [REDACTED]	DL Exp. Date:		
Occupation:		Employer/School:		
Verified by #1:		Verified by #2:		

Person address(es)

Address: HOME ADDRESS, [REDACTED] BRADENTON, FLORIDA 34203

Person#: 0005	MNI: 417412			
Event Association: WITNESS		Contact Date/Time: 06/09/2018 13:10		
Name: COLLINS, CHRISTOPHER P				
SSN: [REDACTED]	DOB: [REDACTED]	Age: 53 - 53	Sex: MALE	Race: [REDACTED]
Height: [REDACTED]	Weight: [REDACTED]	Eye Color: [REDACTED]		Hair Color: [REDACTED]
Phone Type 1: CELL	Phone# 1: [REDACTED]	Ext 1:		
Phone Type 2:	Phone# 2:	Ext 2:		
DL State: WISCONSIN	DL#: [REDACTED]	DL Exp. Date:		
Occupation:		Employer/School:		
Verified by #1:		Verified by #2:		

Person address(es)

Address: HOME ADDRESS, [REDACTED] FOND DU LAC, WISCONSIN 54935

Person#: 0006	MNI: 417415			
Event Association: WITNESS		Contact Date/Time: 06/09/2018 13:20		
Name: PAULSON, TROY A				
SSN: [REDACTED]	DOB: [REDACTED]	Age: 39 - 39	Sex: MALE	Race: [REDACTED]
Height: [REDACTED]	Weight: [REDACTED]	Eye Color: [REDACTED]		Hair Color: [REDACTED]
Phone Type 1: CELL	Phone# 1: [REDACTED]	Ext 1:		
Phone Type 2:	Phone# 2:	Ext 2:		
DL State: MINNESOTA	DL#: [REDACTED]	DL Exp. Date:		
Occupation:		Employer/School:		
Verified by #1:		Verified by #2:		

Person address(es)

Address: HOME ADDRESS, [REDACTED] BURNSVILLE, MINNESOTA 55337

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Persons Involved

Person#: 0007	MNI: 417416		
Event Association: WITNESS		Contact Date/Time: 06/09/2018 13:30	
Name: HAGEN, SHALLON M			
SSN: [REDACTED]	DOB: [REDACTED]	Age: 37 - 37	Sex: FEMALE
Height: [REDACTED]	Weight: [REDACTED]	Eye Color: [REDACTED]	Race: [REDACTED]
Phone Type 1: CELL	Phone# 1: [REDACTED]	Ext 1:	Hair Color: [REDACTED]
Phone Type 2:	Phone# 2:	Ext 2:	
DL State: MINNESOTA	DL#: [REDACTED]	DL Exp. Date:	
Occupation:		Employer/School:	
Verified by #1: VERBALLY		Verified by #2:	

Person address(es)

Address: HOME ADDRESS, [REDACTED] HOPKINS, MINNESOTA 55343

Person#: 0008	MNI: 417417		
Event Association: WITNESS		Contact Date/Time: 06/09/2018 13:36	
Name: KIRMSE, ADAM R			
SSN: [REDACTED]	DOB: [REDACTED]	Age: 21 - 21	Sex: MALE
Height: [REDACTED]	Weight: [REDACTED]	Eye Color: [REDACTED]	Race: [REDACTED]
Phone Type 1: CELL	Phone# 1: [REDACTED]	Ext 1:	Hair Color: [REDACTED]
Phone Type 2:	Phone# 2:	Ext 2:	
DL State: WISCONSIN	DL#: [REDACTED]	DL Exp. Date:	
Occupation:		Employer/School:	
Verified by #1:		Verified by #2:	

Person address(es)

Address: HOME ADDRESS, [REDACTED] DOUSMAN, WISCONSIN 53118

Person#: 0009	MNI: 417418		
Event Association: WITNESS		Contact Date/Time: 06/09/2018 13:44	
Name: FISCHER, BRINLEY N			
SSN: [REDACTED]	DOB: [REDACTED]	Age: 22 - 22	Sex: FEMALE
Height: [REDACTED]	Weight: [REDACTED]	Eye Color: [REDACTED]	Race: [REDACTED]
Phone Type 1: CELL	Phone# 1: [REDACTED]	Ext 1:	Hair Color: [REDACTED]
Phone Type 2:	Phone# 2:	Ext 2:	
DL State: WISCONSIN	DL#: [REDACTED]	DL Exp. Date:	
Occupation:		Employer/School:	
Verified by #1: PHOTO DL		Verified by #2:	

Person address(es)

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

Printed by: kclements
Printed date/time: 6/11/18 7:39

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Signatures

Reporting Officer

Date

Supervisor

Date

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ENTERED DATE/TIME: 6/10/2018 06:37:50

NARRATIVE TYPE: INITIAL NARRATIVE

SUBJECT: INITIAL - GESCHREI - 06/09/18

AUTHOR: GESCHREI, ERICA

FIRE CALL

06/09/18 1229 HOURS DEP. E. GESCHREI W43

On 06/09/18 at 1229 hours, Dispatch advised they were getting reports of a helicopter that hit a power line and went down in the river near the Wisconsin St bridge. Dispatch advised there were people possibly trapped in the helicopter and that several boats were trying to get them out of the water but were unable to. Dispatch also advised it appeared a power line had been hit and was now in the water. I immediately began to respond to the Wisconsin St bridge along with Lt. Eichman W20, Dep. Weisse W28, Dep. Nicla W38, and several units from the Oshkosh Police Department and the Oshkosh Fire Department.

At approximately 1250 hours, I arrived at the Wisconsin St bridge and began assisting Dep. Weisse, Dep. Nicla, and several City of Oshkosh police officers in taking statements of what had occurred. I made contact with an individual who was identified as Kenneth E. Dodd Jr. [REDACTED] Kenneth advised me he had been sitting on the pier just east of the Wisconsin St bridge when a helicopter crashed into the water.

Kenneth provided me with the following written statement:

"On 6-9-18 I was fishing off the pier to the east. There was a helicopter that flew east over head pretty low. After about two minutes the helicopter did a loop and then started back to the west. All of a sudden when the helicopter was over my head I heard a loud bang. When I looked up I saw the helicopter coming down in pieces. The helicopter came down into the water just west of us. I watched the helicopter slowly sink under the water and no one came up."

Signed by Kenneth Dodd.

This written statement will be included with this report. Next I made contact with the bridge tender over Wisconsin St bridge. I asked if he was able to review the camera during the helicopter crashing. The bridge tender advised the cameras were facing the Wisconsin St bridge and not looking east during the incident so it was unable to record any surveillance of the crash. After speaking with the bridge tender, I next made contact with Capt. Vendola W3. She advised the registration of the helicopter tail number is N529DW and comes back as a Robinson helicopter, model R44, and is a Rotorcraft-type aircraft. It was manufactured in 2001 and the owner is MF Helicopters LLC out of [REDACTED] East Troy WI 53120. While speaking with Capt. Vendola, I was advised all were on standby due to the live wires still being in the water. Dep. Weisse and Dep. Nicla will provide supplements with the statements they took.

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On 06/09/18 at approximately 1229 hours, a 2001 Robinson R44 helicopter struck a power line just east of the Wisconsin St bridge in the city of Oshkosh and crashed into the water. The dive team was called out and due to the power line being in the water, the WPS company was also called out to shut off electricity running through the wire so the divers could dive. Several statements were taken and supplements will be completed.
No further information.

Dep. E. Geschrei W43
Kc 06/10/18

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ENTERED DATE/TIME: 6/10/2018 06:58:51

NARRATIVE TYPE: SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE

SUBJECT: SUP001 - NICLA - 06/09/18

AUTHOR: NICLA, CHRISTOPHER

FIRE CALL

06/09/18 1229 HOURS DEP. C. NICLA W38

On 06/09/18 at 12:29 p.m., we were dispatched to the Fox River in the area of Mercury Marine for reports of a helicopter that hit some power lines and went down in the water. Myself and multiple officers responded to that location. Once I arrived on scene, I proceeded to the south side of the shore where some power lines had gone down over a pedestrian bridge. Some individuals were stuck on the other side. At this time they were safe and were not touching the power lines. We began to tape off the area with police tape and move back all civilians away from the area to ensure their protection. Once the area was secured, we had the power company come by and they stated that if the subjects were to crawl under the line and not touch the line that they would be fine. We had the subjects do so and then we began to take written statements from them about what they had witnessed.

I made contact with a male who was identified as Matthew S. Molash DOB: [REDACTED] Oshkosh WI 54901 [REDACTED] On 06/09/18 at 1306 hours, I took the following written statement from him:

"The first thing I heard was a pop and looked up. That's when I saw a helicopter crashing. I think there was two or three people in the helicopter. It went down in the area of north east of the power lines. I saw it go down and it went down fast. I did not see anyone come up."

Signed by Matt Molash.

I then proceeded to the north side of the shore where our marina units as well as dive team members were staging. I provided assistance on shore as they waited to get the all clear from the power company that the power was indeed turned off and the water was safe. After the water was deemed safe, we had the dive company go in to the water and used airbags to bring the helicopter up. I responded on Marine 1 with Dep. Huth and Dep. Beaman. We used the tow rope from Marine 1 to bring the helicopter to shore. We used a crane to take it from the water and place it on the dock. Inside was one lone pilot who was identified by identification that was found on him as Jonathan D. Bahr DOB: [REDACTED] N Platteville WI 53818. We had to have the Fire Department come and extricate him from the helicopter. He was turned over to the Coroner's Office. After this I was no longer needed on scene and I cleared from the call. Please see other reports for further information. No further information.

Dep. C. Nicla W38

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ENTERED DATE/TIME: 6/10/2018 07:08:10

NARRATIVE TYPE: SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE

SUBJECT: SUP002 - SCHOONOVER - 06/09/18

AUTHOR: SCHOONOVER, KYLE

FIRE CALL

06/09/18 1900 HOURS DEP. K. SCHOONOVER W42

At approximately this time, I arrived at Mercury Marina located on the Fox River in the city of Oshkosh. I was asked to respond there to assist in the ongoing investigation in regard to an aircraft that had crashed into the Fox River. Upon my arrival I made contact with Lt. Eichman W20. He instructed me to gather a camera to begin taking photographs of the helicopter that had since been removed from the river and was now at this location. I retrieved the squad 1 camera and began taking photographs of the helicopter that had crashed. I took photographs of all sides of the helicopter. I was also asked to gather photographs of the male occupant who was deceased and had been removed from the helicopter. I took photographs of him including photographs of his back as well. I also took photographs of injuries that he appeared to have sustained. I also took photographs of several forms of identification that were located inside the helicopter.

After completion of taking the photographs, I remained on scene for some time to assist as needed. I then cleared from the scene. The photo disc containing the photos I had taken for the incident were handed in at the conclusion of my shift.

No further information.

Dep. K. Schoonover W42

Kc 06/10/18

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NARRATIVE TYPE: SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE

SUBJECT: SUP003 - RIPPL - 06/09/18

AUTHOR: RIPPL, JASON

FIRE CALL

06/09/18 1229 HOURS DEP. J. RIPPL W46

On Saturday 06/09/18 at 1229 hours I, Dep. Rippl, was dispatched to the Fox River in Oshkosh in reference to a helicopter that had struck a power line and gone down in the Fox River. I responded to the Sheriff's Office to retrieve dive team equipment and a different patrol vehicle. I responded to the scene gaining access to the river at Mercury Marine. Upon my arrival, I made contact with Lt. Eichman W20 who was already on scene. Lt. Eichman advised me to begin gearing up for a dive operation. A short time later, Lt. Eichman advised me to stand down as the power line that the helicopter had struck was possibly still live and hanging in the water. The power line was a electrical transmission line and could be seen hanging in the water to the east of Mercury Marine.

The Sheriff's Office waited for confirmation from Wisconsin Public Service and American Transmission Company that the line was, in fact, not live and it would be safe for divers to enter the water. While this was occurring, additional assets continued to arrive on scene including all three Sheriff's Office patrol boats as well as boats from the Department of Natural Resources and Mercury Marine. The Neenah/Menasha Fire Department had arrived on scene with divers. The Oshkosh Fire Department was also on scene with surface support units.

As equipment continued to get in place, officers from the Sheriff's Office began a sonar search of the river bottom in an attempt to locate the helicopter. While this was occurring, I made contact with persons possibly associated with the helicopter. I made contact with a Shannon K. Radtke [REDACTED] who advised that she was the promoter for the Four Horsemen Poker Run which was a boating event being held in the area that was utilizing the helicopter and a photographer to photograph the event. Radtke advised that the helicopter may have only had one occupant on it however she was not sure and directed us to make contact with the photographer, a Peter Boden. I relayed this information to Dep. Graham W25 who made contact with Boden.

Officers on the patrol boat using sonar had located an image they believed to be the helicopter. It should be noted that while this was going on and the power line was still in the water, the Sheriff's Office had closed the Fox River in that area. Dispatch was making broadcasts on marine channel 16 to advise boaters that the river was closed due to the hazard caused by the power line and the helicopter. Once the power companies had advised that the line was, in fact, no longer live and the officers utilizing sonar had confirmed a location for the object they had seen, Dep. Pankratz W27 and I geared up for a dive operation. We were assisted by a Mercury Marine vessel which transported Dep. Pankratz and I out to the area where Winnebago County Patrol Boat Marine 3 was anchored.

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Sgts. Makurat and Durrant directed Dep. Pankratz and I to the area they wished us to dive. Dep. Pankratz and I dropped down to the bottom of the river in approximately 30 feet of water. Upon reaching the river bottom in the area that Sgts. Durrant and Makurat had directed us to, we located an object we believed to be a helicopter. Additional searching on the bottom allowed us to confirm that the object was, in fact, a helicopter. Visibility was approximately one foot and only available with dive light. Dep. Pankratz and I attempted to obtain the orientation of the helicopter on the bottom. The helicopter appeared to be on its side, though it was difficult to determine which side the helicopter was laying on. The helicopter was likely oriented with the front of the helicopter pointed toward the northwest however again, this was difficult to determine.

The helicopter also had a significant amount of power line wrapped in it which made diving through the helicopter treacherous. Dep. Pankratz and I were unable to determine whether or not the pilot for the helicopter was in the helicopter due to the amount of debris around the helicopter. The helicopter appeared to have come apart and panels of the helicopter were loose and jagged.

We returned to the surface and made contact with Don Herman from Sunk and Dive Rescue. Don Herman advised us that we could transport lift bags back down to the helicopter and secure them and utilize the lift bags to bring the helicopter to the surface. I spoke with Herman about how the lift bags should be attached. He advised to chain them to the center hub of the rotor if possible. I advised that the center hub of the rotor was exposed and I would be able to attach the chains to the rotor. Dep. Pankratz and I changed dive tanks with the assistance of Sgt. Makurat, Sgt. Durrant and Lt. Rollo and then returned to the river bottom where we again made contact with the helicopter.

Once we reached the helicopter, Dep. Pankratz was able to hold a flashlight while I utilized a rope to pull the lift bag down to the helicopter. I was then able to attach the chain from the lift bag to the center hub of the rotor, as instructed by Don Herman. Once attached, I advised Sgt. Durrant to inform Herman he could apply air to the lift bag. As Herman applied air to the lift bag, the helicopter began to right itself underwater. Dep. Pankratz and I moved away from the helicopter and tried to remain above the helicopter as it was rising to the surface.

As the helicopter neared the surface, the lift bag broke the surface of the water, at which point the helicopter remained suspended underneath the lift bag, approximately one foot below the lift bag and the surface of the water. Don Herman gave us a second lift bag. I attached the second lift bag in the same fashion to the helicopter and Herman inflated that lift bag. This provided stability and additional support to the helicopter. Dep. Pankratz and I attempted again to determine whether or not the pilot for the helicopter or any other occupants were on the helicopter. We were again unsuccessful due to the amount of debris and the way the helicopter had crushed during the crash.

Dep. Huth operated Winnebago County Sheriff Patrol Boat Marine 1 and was able to successfully tow the helicopter to the Mercury Marine facility where Don Herman and other Sunk and Diver Recovery members were able to hook the helicopter to a crane for removal from the water. Once the helicopter was brought in close and

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lifted toward shore by the crane, we were able to determine that the pilot, a male party, was seat belted in the cockpit of the helicopter and appeared to be deceased. Dep. Pankratz and I attempted to cover the body of the pilot as best we could to keep it from view and Don Herman was able to, utilizing the crane, lift the helicopter from the river and set it down on shore in the Mercury Marine parking lot.

The helicopter was examined by the NTSB and FAA who were also on scene, and the body of the pilot was examined by Dep. Coroner Shea. Dep. Pankratz and I decontaminated our gear and began to gear down from the dive operation. We then began normalizing our dive equipment and taking the patrol boats out of the water and returning to the Sheriff's Office. American Transmission Company continued to deal with the power line and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources along with Winnebago County Sheriff Boat Marine 1 remained on scene to secure the river while the power line was being restrung. After gearing down at the Sheriff's Office, I returned Winnebago County Sheriff Patrol Boat Marine 3 to the fire station in the city of Neenah.

On Sunday 06/10/18 at 0915 hours I, Dep. Rippl, was directed by Lt. Eichman W20 to make contact with Peter Boden and obtain a written statement from him about his flight on the helicopter and to verify that he was, in fact, the only passenger on the helicopter when it left from the Dockside Tavern which was the information we had through the investigation up to this point. I made telephone contact with Peter Boden and arranged to meet him at the Kwik Trip in the city of Fond du Lac as he was en route to the ferry dock in the city of Milwaukee.

At approximately 1000 hours, I arrived at the Kwik Trip on W Johnson St in the city of Fond du Lac where I made contact with Peter Boden [REDACTED] Bradenton FL 34203 [REDACTED] Boden provided me with the following statement in reference to this incident:

"On Saturday June 9th I had been hired by Shannon Radke of 4 Horsemen Poker Run to photograph boats involved in the event. To do this the event hired a helicopter. The helicopter is owned by Str8 Up Aviation. I met the pilot the day of the event at the Dockside Tavern in Oshkosh. We took off around 11AM and followed boats west. We were up for an hour and a half or hour and 45 min. The pilot and I were the only ones on the helicopter. At around 1245 the pilot brought me back to the Dockside Tavern. The aircraft seemed to be operating normally throughout the flight. The pilot seemed to be competent also. I was confident in the pilot's ability to fly the aircraft. The pilot left alone with the helicopter to go fuel up. I did not see exactly what way he went. The unused seatbelts in the helicopter were buckled while I was in the aircraft. I rebuckled mine when I got out of the aircraft. About 5 minutes later Mark the owner of the helicopter who was at the Dockside Tavern said to me a helicopter just crashed. I spoke to an officer about 1/2 hour later and also at the request of Shannon Radke I called the Sheriff's Office and told them I was ok."

Signed by Peter Boden.

After completing the statement with Boden, he advised that he had a backpack that he had left on the helicopter. I provided him with the location information for Meyer Aviation, advising him that was where the helicopter had been transported to and that he could contact the Federal Aviation Administration and Meyer Aviation in an attempt to get his piece of luggage back if it was, in fact, on the helicopter. I also provided Boden with the

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complaint number for this incident, instructing him that if he needed any further information from the Sheriff's Office he could reference the complaint number.

No further information.

Dep. J. Rippl W46

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NARRATIVE TYPE: SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE

SUBJECT: SUP004 - EICHMAN - 06/09/18

AUTHOR: EICHMAN, TIMOTHY

FIRE CALL

06/09/18 1229 HOURS LT. T. EICHMAN W20

On the above date and time, I was working as the assigned patrol shift supervisor when the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office received a report of a helicopter that crashed into the Fox River near the Wisconsin St bridge in the city of Oshkosh. Multiple Sheriff's Office units, including myself, responded to this area. While en route to the accident site, I was receiving updates from Dispatch for responding fire department units. With the report of an aircraft in the water along with the additional information that the Oshkosh Fire Department did not have any divers on duty, I requested Dispatch make a Dive Team pageout for the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office Dive Rescue Recovery Team.

As I was responding to the accident site, I received information that Fire and Oshkosh Police units had responded to Mercury Marine located on Marion Dr in the city of Oshkosh. Once I arrived at that location, I made contact with Fire Command as well as the on duty Oshkosh Police Department shift supervisor. I was met by a very chaotic scene with conflicting information coming from multiple witnesses. What was determined was that a helicopter had hit high tension power lines which crossed the Fox River, and had crashed into the river. Upon arrival, the helicopter was not visible from the surface however there was a small amount of surface debris floating on the river. I could also observe, what appeared to be, a high tension power line which had been snapped and was hanging into the water of the Fox River. Information from witnesses on scene varied occupants of the helicopter to be anywhere from one to four.

Shortly after my arrival, I made telephone contact with a worker of Wisconsin Public Service who stated that once the power line snapped, it most likely lost power. He stated that its possible that the power line held a residual charge and that he could not guarantee that divers would be safe once entering the water. With this information, I made a determination that I would not send Sheriff's Office divers into the accident site until the power line could be rendered safe. I made telephone contact with Capt. Vendola W3 and relayed this information. Capt. Vendola agreed with my assessment of the dive operation and waiting until the line could be rendered safe.

The process to render the power line safe took approximately two hours. During this two hour timeframe, deputies of the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office as well as police officers of the Oshkosh Police Department were able to better determine that the helicopter, prior to crashing, held only one occupant who was the pilot. This individual was later identified as Jonathan D. Bahr [REDACTED] N Platteville WI 53818. While waiting for the power line to be rendered safe, dive team members ran sidescan sonar and were able to locate the helicopter in approximately 27 feet of water near the center channel of the Fox River, directly out from the

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Mercury Marine complex.

Additionally, Don Herman from Sunk Dive & Ice Services arrived on scene for the recovery of the helicopter. A plan was made for the recovery between the Sheriff's Office and Mr. Herman. Once I received confirmation that the power company had rendered the power line safe, members of the Sheriff's Office Dive Team responded to the crash site which had been located by sidescan sonar, and entered the water. Due to very low water visibility as well as the condition of the helicopter as a result of the crash, they were unable to determine if an occupant was still inside the helicopter. It was also determined that the helicopter was wrapped in some kind of cable at the bottom of the Fox River.

With this information, a determination was made that we would raise the helicopter using lift bags provided by Sunk & Dive, and once at the surface, would verify if the pilot was inside and do the extrication at that point. The helicopter was eventually raised using lift bags and brought to shore. It was lifted to shore by a crane provided by Mr. Herman. When the helicopter was brought out of the water, the pilot, Mr. Bahr, was visible inside however due to his body positioning from the crash, divers were unable to immediately extricate him from the helicopter.

Once the helicopter was on shore, I made the request for Oshkosh Fire Department personnel to respond to our location to assist in the extrication of the victim. Once this was completed, the victim, Mr. Bahr, was positively identified by multiple forms of identification which he had in his wallet in his pocket. Mr. Bahr's body was turned over to Dep. Coroner Shea. The helicopter was turned over to FAA and NTSB officials who had arrived on scene to complete their investigation. Once the helicopter and body were removed from the scene by the appropriate officials, the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office Dive Team ceased their operations for this event. This concluded my involvement in this incident.

A Winnebago County Sheriff's Office Dive Team Operations Summary was completed and will be turned in with this report.

No further information.

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NARRATIVE TYPE: SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE
SUBJECT: SUP005 - WEISSE - 06/09/18
AUTHOR: WEISSE, MATTHEW

FIRE CALL

06/09/18 1229 HOURS DEP. M. WEISSE W28

I received a general broadcast from the Winnebago Co. communications center of a helicopter that hit a power line and went down in the Fox River near the area of Mahoney's Restaurant in the city of Oshkosh, Winnebago Co. I activated my emergency lights and siren in my fully marked squad car and responded to the Wisconsin and Ohio St. bridge.

06/09/18 1236 HOURS DEP. M. WEISSE W28

I arrived in the area of the Wisconsin St. bridge from the north. I observed several boats in the water that had congregated on the southeast side of the bridge so I believed that would be the location near to where the helicopter had gone into the water. Upon my arrival Oshkosh FD vehicles had stopped by the boaters and the boaters had directed the fire dept. that the helicopter had gone into the water closer to the north side of the river near the Mercury Marine buildings. I then went to the north side of the Fox River and made my way into the Mercury Marine complex.

There were some Oshkosh FD personnel getting into dive gear however, they had been advised that there were some active power lines that were damaged and in the water near the location of where the helicopter had crashed. From the north side of the Fox River I was unable to see any debris from the crash so I left the location and went to the south side of the river where I made contact with some OPD officers however, they were unable to spot any debris on the south end of the river as well. There were 4 men on the pier that goes from the south bank of the Fox River and there was a power line going across the middle of the pier. We had been advised by a Wisconsin Public Service linesman that he was not sure if the line was active or not and that we should treat it as an active line.

Oshkosh police personnel were able to yell to the men at the end of the pier to stay away from the downed line and advise them they could be over an hour before the downed line could be removed. A short while later, a WPS employee stated the men could go across the line just not to touch it as it was believed the line was not active at this time. All of the men that were standing at the end of the pier stated they witnessed the helicopter crash. After the men were safely moved away from the downed power line, OPD officers, Dep. Geschrei W43 and Dep. Nicla W38 took statements from the various witnesses.

06/09/18 1310 HOURS DEP. M. WEISSE W28

I made contact with one of the men that were standing on the pier at the time of the helicopter accident. I verbally

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identified him as Christopher P. Collins [REDACTED] Fond du Lac WI. 54935,

[REDACTED] I took the following signed statement from Collins:

"On Saturday 06-09-18 I was standing on the pier near Ohio St. on the Fox River. I saw a smaller grey helicopter come over the Ohio St. bridge. It flew past the Main St. bridge turned around. I was talking to a buddy and heard what sounded like a stick of dynamite going off. I turned around and I saw the helicopter falling to the ground in pieces. It fell into the water, and it didn't float more than 30 seconds. It went down fast. I believe there was 2 people in it. The pilot and someone hanging out the door who looked like they were taking pictures. The power line came down accross the pier. I was not injured. I don't need any medical attention."

Signed Chris Collins

After I completed taking the statement from Collins, I was advised to submit the statement to Capt. Vendola W3 who was on the north bank of the Fox River. I reported to Capt. Vendola and submitted my written statement from Collins, to her.

I was then ordered by Lt. Eichman W20 to report back to the south bank of the Fox River and meet with an OPD officer who recovered some potential debris from the accident that had drifted to the south bank of the Fox River.

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I arrived back at the south bank of the Fox River where I met with OPD Off. Skeels S319. Off. Skeels turned over to me, two items. One item can be described as a black rubber like ring with imprinted numbers on it. The imprinted numbers on one side of the ring read, "40863G-01" and on the other side of the ring was the imprinted numbers, "0213". This item had been collected in a purple latex glove and the glove was wrapped around this item. I took this item from Skeels wearing latex gloves. The other item Off. Skeels handed over to me can be described as a gray and multicolored floor mat. Skeels advised me he initially thought this item was from a boat but that an unidentified 11 year old child used his smart phone and believed the floor mat like item was part of the helicopter. I took both items and secured them in the back seat of my squad car which was parked in the parking lot of 212 Ohio St.

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I then left the scene with the evidence to take it to the Winnebago Co. evidence storage area.

06/09/18 1428 HOURS DEP. M. WEISSE W28

I arrived at the Winnebago Co. evidence storage area where I submitted the black rubber-like ring into the evidence storage software program as item 001. While wearing latex gloves I had removed the purple latex glove that was covering this item. It was at this time where I observed the markings on the ring. This item was dry so I packaged it in a brown paper bag, sealing the paper bag with evidence tape and I initialed the seals. This item was secured in temporary storage locker #14. I then submitted the gray multicolored floor mat. This item was heavily saturated and dripping water. Therefore, I placed this item in the temporary storage cage to dry. I placed

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a large piece of paper underneath the floor mat item in temporary storage cage #1 where the floor mat was hung over a drying line. I then secured the storage cage.

06/10/18 1200 HOURS DEP. M. WEISSE W28

I had received an email from OPD Off. Krueger. The email advised me that there was an attachment of a video. That video was the helicopter flying east over Lakeside Marina where the witness Krueger had taken a statement from, Michael Patterson, was sitting about a half hour before the crash.

I was unable to open the video on my in-squad computer as I did not have the proper media software so I forwarded this email to Winnebago Co. evidence coordinator Skorlinski, requesting if she could advise me if she had software that was compatible with the video, sent to me by Off. Krueger.

SUMMARY

Witness: Christopher P. Collins [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Fond du Lac WI. 54935

Status: Witness to accident, statement taken.

No further information.

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ENTERED DATE/TIME: 6/11/2018 06:31:32

NARRATIVE TYPE: SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE

SUBJECT: SUP006 - GRAHAM - 06/09/18

AUTHOR: GRAHAM, CODEY

FIRE CALL

06/09/18 1240 HOURS DEP. C. GRAHAM W25

I received a pageout from the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office regarding a dive call stating I should report to the Sheriff's Office. On the way to the Sheriff's Office, I made contact with Dispatch and was advised that there was a helicopter that had crashed into the Fox River near Mahoney's Restaurant and that the dive team was setting up at Mercury Marine in Oshkosh. A short time later, I arrived at 505 Marion Rd in the Winnebago County city of Oshkosh where the incident command had been set up. It was at this time that I met with Dive Commander Lt. Eichman W20 who advised that there were four witnesses on scene that needed to give written statements.

At approximately 1320 hours, I met with Troy A. Paulson [REDACTED] Burnsville MN 55337 [REDACTED] At this time, Troy advised me that he had seen the helicopter crash and I began taking a written statement from him which reads as follows:

"On Saturday June 9th, 2018 at approximately 1:01 pm we were on the boat right in the channel on the Fox River between the Wisconsin Street bridge and the power lines. I observed a helicopter traveling west over the Fox River. The helicopter was going straight at a slight angle. Two of the blades struck the power line and broke off. The helicopter was hung up in the lines and the helicopter rear started in to the wires. This broke off the rear of the helicopter. The rear flew past approximately 15 feet where the helicopter entered the water. It took approximately 3 seconds for the helicopter to sink. The rear helicopter part landed approximately 20 feet from us. I know for sure I observed at least one person in the helicopter possibly 2. And they remained in the cock pit."

Signed by Troy A Paulson.

The next person I met with was at approximately 1330 hours and was verbally identified as Shallon M. Hagen [REDACTED] Hopkins MN 55343 [REDACTED] Shallon advised that she saw the helicopter crash and at this time I took the following written statement from her:

"On Saturday June 9th at 1:01 pm I was on a boat in the middle of the channel between the Wisconsin Street bridge and the power lines. I observed a helicopter spiraling downward approximately where the buoys land into the water. The helicopter sank fairly quickly. I did not observe anyone come out of the helicopter. The boat I was on was approximately 50 feet from where the helicopter crashed."

Signed by Shallon Hagen.

The next witness I met with was Adam R. Kirmse [REDACTED] Dousman WI 53118

[REDACTED] At 1336 hours I took the following written statement from Adam:

"On Saturday June 9th 2018 at approximately 1:01 pm I was on a boat on the west side of the Wisconsin Street

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bridge. I observed a silver in color helicopter with the name Straight Up written on it. I observed the helicopter clip the lines and observed propeller blades fly off. I observed the tail of the helicopter clip the lines and the tail of the helicopter then flew off. I then observed the main part of the helicopter hit the water of the Fox River approximately 75 feet west of the power lines. The helicopter sank in a matter of 3 to 4 seconds. I did not observe any one exit the helicopter. I did see 1 possibly 2 people inside the helicopter before it crashed."

Signed by Adam Kirmse.

The next witness I met with was identified by Wisconsin drivers license as Brinley N. Fischer [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Oshkosh WI 54904 [REDACTED] At approximately 1344 hours I took the following written statement from Brinley:

"On Saturday June 9th 2018 at approximately 1:01 pm I was in a boat on the west side of the Wisconsin Street bridge in the Fox River. I observed a silver/gray 2 person helicopter traveling west. Then the helicopter got caught in the power lines. The company name for the helicopter was Str8 Up written on it. The helicopter was attempting to get unstuck by continuing west. This caused the helicopter to turn 180° and land in the water upside down. We then drove over to see if any one needed help. I did not see anyone exit from the helicopter or in the water."

Signed by Brinley Fischer.

At approximately 1420 hours, Dep. Rippl W46 advised me that there was a photographer that potentially had been on the helicopter and I should try to contact him at his listed phone number of [REDACTED] A short time later, I made contact with Peter Boden [REDACTED] Bradenton FL 34203. Peter advised that he was on the helicopter before it crashed and that the pilot had dropped him off at Dockside Tavern and was going to fuel up. Peter advised that the helicopter took off with only the pilot inside it and he assumed was going to Whitman Airfield to get more fuel for the helicopter. At this point I ended phone contact with Peter and thanked him for his time.

For further information regarding this incident, see Oshkosh Police Department's report along with additional reports completed by deputies from the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office.

No further information.

Dep. C. Graham W25
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ENTERED DATE/TIME: 6/11/2018 07:24:05

NARRATIVE TYPE: SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE

SUBJECT: SUP007 - KRESSIN - 06/09/18

AUTHOR: KRESSIN, JONATHAN

FIRE CALL

06/09/18 1200 HOUR DEP. J. KRESSIN W49

At the above date and time I was off duty on my personal boat, docked at the boat docks in the Fox River on the north side of the river, between the Jackson St. and Wisconsin St. bridges. I was watching an event called the 4 Horsemen Poker Run that brought approx. 70 specialty speed boats to the area from all over the country for a charity event. I had been on the water in the area since approx. 11:00 a.m. when the boats that were participating in the event went west out of the river towards Lake Butte des Morts. During this time, there was a helicopter flying around the river at lower altitudes, that I assumed was part of the event.

The helicopter went west along the river with the rest of the boats in the event. I docked my boat on the north side of the river at the public docks so I could watch the boats return. At approx. 1215 hours the helicopter returned to the area and landed at the Dockside Tavern. The helicopter was only on the ground for a short period of time before it took off and went back west along the river, flying at the low altitude. It appeared that there was only one occupant in the helicopter, that was the pilot. As the helicopter flew past my location it did not appear it had any mechanical issues or that the pilot was in any kind of distress. The helicopter continued to fly down the middle of the river towards the Wisconsin St. bridge when I heard a loud cracking sound.

When I looked at the helicopter I could see it struck the highline wires that were crossing the river. As the helicopter blades got tangled up in the highline wires, I could see debris fall from the helicopter and it appeared to flip backwards and fall directly into the water, just a short distance west of where the highline wire was located, in the middle of the river. The helicopter sank almost immediately and I did not see any occupants get out. I immediately took my boat and began searching the area for any victims. I also contacted 911 during this time and advised dispatch who was already aware of the situation as they had received multiple calls. I could see that there were power lines that were in the water on each side of the river that had been cut and it appeared one power line may have been missing completely. The power lines that were affected appeared to be the top two power lines as there were numerous other power lines that were lower that were still ok. I stayed down river from where the crash occurred and searched for victims until other first responders arrived on scene.

While I was searching for victims I also stopped any boat traffic that was traveling west bound up river and directed them away from the crash scene. Once Marine 1 arrived on scene I spoke with Dep. Beaman W21 and pointed out to them where the helicopter had gone into the water and advised him of the information I had, at that time. I asked them if they needed any further assistance from me at this time and they advised they did not. Once there were adequate first responders on scene and there was nothing further I could assist with, I then cleared

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No further information.

Dep. J. Kressin W49

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WINNEBAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE STATEMENT OF:

DATE: 6-9-18
TIME: 1:06pm

NAME: Matt S Molash DOB: [REDACTED]
HGT: [REDACTED] WGT: [REDACTED] HAIR: [REDACTED] EYES: [REDACTED] PHONE: [REDACTED]
ADDRESS: [REDACTED] Oshkosh W2 54901
DL: [REDACTED] EXPIRES: [REDACTED]
COMP / ACCIDENT #: 18-1865 COMP / ACCIDENT TIME: 1229
COMP / ACCIDENT LOCATION: Fox River South

The first thing I heard was a pop and loud w.
That's when I saw a helicopter crashing. I think
there was two or three people in the helicopter.
It went down in the area or North East or the
down lines. I saw it go down and it went down
fast. I did not see anyone come up.

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DATE: 6-09-18
TIME: 1305

NAME: Kenneth E. Dodd Jr. DOB: [REDACTED]
HGT: [REDACTED] WGT: [REDACTED] HAIR: [REDACTED] EYES: [REDACTED] PHONE: [REDACTED]
ADDRESS: [REDACTED] Oshkosh, WI 54904
DL: [REDACTED] EXPIRES: [REDACTED]
COMP / ACCIDENT #: 18-1865 COMP / ACCIDENT TIME: 1229
COMP / ACCIDENT LOCATION: Fox River South

ON 6-9-18 I WAS FISHING OFF THE PIER TO THE EAST. THERE WAS
A HELICOPTER THAT FLEW EAST OVER HEAD PRETTY LOW. AFTER ABOUT TWO
MINUTES THE HELICOPTER DID A LOOP AND THEN STARTED BACK TO THE WEST.
ALL OF A SUDDEN WHEN THE HELICOPTER WAS OVER MY HEAD I HEARD A
LOW BANG. WHEN I LOOKED UP I SAW THE HELICOPTER COMING DOWN
IN PIECES. THE HELICOPTER CAME DOWN INTO THE WATER JUST WEST OF US.
I WATCHED THE HELICOPTER SLOWLY SINK UNDER THE WATER AND NO ONE
CAME UP.

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WINNEBAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE STATEMENT OF:

DATE: 6-10-18
TIME: 1000NAME: Peter Boden
HGT: [REDACTED] WGT: [REDACTED] HAIR: [REDACTED] EYES: [REDACTED] DOB: [REDACTED]
ADDRESS: [REDACTED] Bradenton FL 34203
DL: [REDACTED] EXPIRES: [REDACTED]

COMP / ACCIDENT #: 18-1865 COMP / ACCIDENT TIME: 1229

COMP / ACCIDENT LOCATION: Fox River

In Saturday June 9th I had been hired by Shannon Rodke of 4 horses - Poker Run to photograph boats involved in the event. To do this the event hired a Helicopter. The Helicopter was owned by [REDACTED] ST8 up Aviation. I met the Pilot [REDACTED] the Day of the event at the Dockside Tavern in AshKosh. We took off around 11 AM and followed the Boats West. We were up for an hour and a half or hour and 45 min. The Pilot and I were the only ones on the Helicopter. At around 1245 the Pilot brought me back to the Dockside Tavern. The Aircraft seemed to be operating normally throughout the flight. The Pilot seemed to be competent also. I was confident in the Pilot's ability to fly the Aircraft. The Pilot left alone with the Helicopter to go fuel up. I did not see exactly what way he went. The unused seatbelts in the Helicopter were buckled while I was in the Aircraft. I unbuckled mine when I got out of the Aircraft. About 5 minutes later Mark the owner of the Helicopter who was at the Dockside Tavern said to me a Helicopter just crashed. I spoke to an Officer about 1/2 hour later and also at the Request of Shannon Rodke I called the Sheriff's office and told him I was ok.

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WRITTEN BY: [REDACTED]

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DATE: 06-09-18

TIME: 1310

NAME: CHRISTOPHER P. COLLINS M/W DOB: [REDACTED]

HGT: [REDACTED] WGT: [REDACTED] HAIR: [REDACTED] EYES: [REDACTED] PHONE: [REDACTED]

ADDRESS: [REDACTED] FORD RIVER, WI 54935

DL: [REDACTED] EXPIRES: [REDACTED]

COMP / ACCIDENT #: 18-001865 COMP / ACCIDENT TIME: 1229

COMP / ACCIDENT LOCATION: FOX RIVER

ON SATURDAY 06-09-18 I WAS STANDING ON THE PIER NEAR OHIO ST. ON THE FOX RIVER. I SAW A SMALLER GREEN HELICOPTER COME OVER THE OHIO ST. BRIDGE. IT FLEW PAST THE MAIN ST. BRIDGE TURNED AROUND. I WAS TALKING TO A BUDDY AND HEARD WHAT SOUNDED LIKE A STICK OF DYNAMITE GOING OFF. I TURNED AROUND AND I SAW THE HELICOPTER FALLING TO THE GROUND IN PIECES. IT FELL INTO THE WATER, AND IT DIDN'T FLOAT MORE THAN 30 SECONDS. IT WENT DOWN FAST. I BELIEVE THERE WAS 2 PEOPLE IN IT. THE PILOT AND SOMEONE HANGING OUT THE DOOR WHO LOOKED LIKE THEY WERE TAKING PICTURES. THE POWER LINE CAME DOWN ACROSS THE PIER. I WAS NOT INJURED. I DON'T NEED ANY MEDICAL ATTENTION.

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DATE: 06/09/2018

TIME: 1320

NAME: Troy Alan Paulson

DOB: [REDACTED]

HGT: [REDACTED] WGT: [REDACTED] HAIR: [REDACTED] EYES: [REDACTED] PHONE: [REDACTED]

ADDRESS: [REDACTED] Burnsville, MN 55337

DL: [REDACTED] EXPIRES: [REDACTED]

COMP / ACCIDENT #: 18-001865 COMP / ACCIDENT TIME: 1729

COMP / ACCIDENT LOCATION: Fox River

On Saturday June 9th, 2018 at approximately 1:01 pm. we were on the boat right in the channel on the Fox River between the Wisconsin street bridge and the power lines. I observed a helicopter traveling west over the Fox River. The helicopter was going straight at a slight angle. Two of the blades struck the power line and broke off. The helicopter was hung up in the lines and the helicopter started in to the wires. This broke off the rear of the helicopter. The rear flew past approximately 15 feet where the helicopter entered the water. It took approximately 3 seconds for the helicopter to sink. The rear helicopter part landed approximately 20 feet from. I know for sure I observed at least one person in the helicopter possibly 2. And they remained in the cockpit.

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WINNEBAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE STATEMENT OF:

DATE: 06/01/2018
TIME: 1330

NAME: Shanon Marie Hagen DOB: [REDACTED]
HGT: [REDACTED] WGT: [REDACTED] HAIR: [REDACTED] EYES: [REDACTED] PHONE: [REDACTED]
ADDRESS: [REDACTED] Hopkins, Mn 55347
DL: [REDACTED] EXPIRES: [REDACTED]
COMP / ACCIDENT #: 18-001865 COMP / ACCIDENT TIME: 1229
COMP / ACCIDENT LOCATION: Fox River

On Saturday June 9th at 101 pm I was on a boat in the middle of the Channel between the Wisconsin street bridge and the power lines. I observed a helicopter spiraling downward approximately where the buoy is land into the water. The helicopter sank fairly quickly. I did not observe any one come out of the helicopter. The boat I was in was approximately 50 ft from where the helicopter crashed

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WINNEBAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE STATEMENT OF:

DATE: 06/09/2018

TIME: 1336

NAME: Adam Robert Kirmse

DOB: [REDACTED]

HGT: [REDACTED] WGT: [REDACTED] HAIR: [REDACTED] EYES: [REDACTED] PHONE: [REDACTED]

ADDRESS: [REDACTED] Doussman WI 53118

DL: [REDACTED] EXPIRES: [REDACTED]

COMP / ACCIDENT #: 18-001865 COMP / ACCIDENT TIME: 1209

COMP / ACCIDENT LOCATION: Fox River

On Saturday June 9th 2018 at approximately 1:01 pm. I was on a boat on the west side of the Wisconsin Street bridge. I observed a silver in color helicopter with the name straight up written on it. I observed the helicopter clip the lines and observed propeller blades fly off. I observed the tail of the helicopter clip the lines and the tail of the helicopter then flew off. I then observed the main part of helicopter hit the water of the Fox River approximately 75 feet west of the power lines. The helicopter sank in a matter of 3 to 4 seconds. I did not observe any one exit the helicopter. I did see 1 possibly 2 people inside the helicopter before it crashed.

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DATE: 06/09/2018

TIME: 1344

NAME: Brinley Nicole Fischer

DOB: [REDACTED]

HGT: [REDACTED]

WGT: [REDACTED]

HAIR: [REDACTED]

EYES: [REDACTED]

PHONE: [REDACTED]

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

Oshkosh, WI 54904

DL: [REDACTED]

EXPIRES: [REDACTED]

COMP / ACCIDENT #:

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COMP / ACCIDENT LOCATION:

Fox River

On Saturday June 09, 2018 at approximately 1:01 pm I was in a boat on the west side of the Wisconsin Street bridge in the Fox River. I observed a silver/gray 2 person helicopter traveling west. Then the helicopter got caught in the power lines. The company name for the helicopter was Str 8 up written on it. The helicopter was attempting to get unstuck by continuing west. This caused the helicopter to turn 180° and land in the water upside down. We then drove over to see if any one needed help. I did not see any one exit from the helicopter or in the water.

Str 8 up

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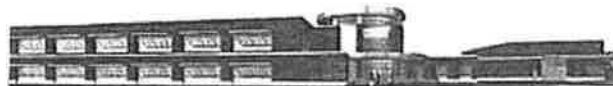
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DIVE TEAM OPERATIONS SUMMARY

Complaint #: 18-1865
Date: 6/9/18
Time of Page Out: 12:40
Time on Scene: 12:56

Reason for Operation: Helicopter crash in the Fox River near Wisconsin st Bridge
Requesting Agency: WISD
Location of Operation: Fox River; mercury marine

Intent of Operation:
Recover crash victim as well as helicopter

Weather Conditions: Sunny, clear
Surface Temp: 76° Water Temp: —

Operation Result:
Rescue/Recovery efforts delayed for 2 hrs due to power lines in the water
Helicopter & lone occupant recovered in 27' of water. worked w/ Sunk? pipe &
ice service

Total team time in water: 34 min.

Approvals: Operation OIC: _____
Team Leader: [Signature]

Winnebago County Sheriff Department Case Report

Department Case Number: 18-001865**Related Case # 's:****Case Information**

Case Officer: W28 - WEISSE, MATTHEW E.
Offense Date/Time: 06/09/2018 - 12:29Hrs
Offense Location: Fox River Near Ohio St., Oshkosh
Offense Type: H10-005M - AIRPLANE/ACCIDENT
Expiration Date:
Jurisdiction: WINNEBAGO
Court Date:
Disposition:
Disposition Date:
Case Comments:

Case Names

Case Items**Item Number: 001**

Container #:
Current Custody: Item Submitted Into Property - Submittal Locker SL14
Collection Date/Time: 06/09/2018 - 13:50Hrs
Collected By: W28 - WEISSE, MATTHEW E.
Collection Location: Parking Lot 212 Ohio St., Oshkosh, Wi
Packaging/Quantity/Item Type: One sealed paper bag containing - 1 - other items
Detail Description: black rubber like ring with imprinted numbers "40863G-01" and "0213"
Item Notes: 18-001865

Process: Hold for investigative purposes**Collection Purpose:** Evidence**Item Number: 002**

Container #:
Current Custody: Item Submitted Into Property - Temp Evidence Cage TC1
Collection Date/Time: 06/09/2018 - 15:00Hrs
Collected By: W28 - WEISSE, MATTHEW E.
Collection Location: Parking Lot 212 Ohio St., Oshkosh, Wi
Packaging/Quantity/Item Type: The following items were submitted: - 1 - other items
Detail Description: grey & multi-colored floor mat
Item Notes: 18-001865

Process: Hold for investigative purposes**Collection Purpose:** Evidence

Case Officer Signature

Date

Supervisor Signature

Narratives

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Incident Number: WI18-001865

ENTERED DATE/TIME: 6/13/2018 07:59:45

NARRATIVE TYPE: SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE

SUBJECT: SUP008 - ROLLO - 06/09/18

AUTHOR: ROLLO, SCOTT

FIRE CALL

06/09/18 LT. S. ROLLO W11

On Saturday 06/09/18, I responded to the city of Oshkosh for a Dive Team pageout in regard to a helicopter crashing into the Fox River near the Wisconsin St bridge. Upon arriving at that location, I assisted Dive Team members in setting up for a dive operation. While I was doing that, I was advised by Lt. Eichman W20 of the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office that the helicopter owner was possibly with OPD on the other side of the Mercury Marine building. At that point, I went over and made contact with the owner of the helicopter who was identified as Mark S. Frey [REDACTED]

In speaking with Mr. Frey, I asked if he was able to tell us how many people were possibly on the helicopter. He advised that at this time, the only person that he knew would be on the helicopter would be his pilot, identified as Jonathan D. Bahr [REDACTED]. He stated that he believed Jonathan was from the Platteville area. He stated that Jonathan had just dropped off the photographer at the Dockside Tavern and was supposed to fly over to the airport to refuel for the rest of the event. At that point, he does not know how he ended up over here or how he had struck the power line. It is unknown to him at this time what had occurred with the helicopter, other than he heard that it had crashed. He stated that Jonathan has family in the Platteville area but he was not sure of the number at this time for his emergency contact.

At that point, he also shared with me that the helicopter had emergency floats on the struts of the helicopter that could be operated by a switch inside the cab at which point, they would fill up with air. At this point it appears that those had not been activated by Jonathan before the helicopter hit the water. I thanked Mr. Frey for his information. I advised him that I would keep him updated in regard to what occurs with the helicopter as to if we got it removed from the river or not. I gave him my business card with my phone number on it to contact me if he had any questions in regard to what was going on with the incident. I advised him that we were assisting the FAA and the NTSB in regard to this incident, so any questions regarding the helicopter or when he could see it or insurance claims would have to be directed to those two agencies. Mr. Frey thanked me for the information. No further information.

Lt. S. Rollo W11

Kc 06/13/18
