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Video: body camera and squad camera
Supplement #1

I, Deputy Dillon, along with Sgt. Gempeler, Deputy Tschudy, Monroe Fire Department, and Monroe ambulance, on the date of Sunday, 06/10/18, was called to the area of State Highway 59 and Monroe Sylvester Road for what was being reported as a possible airplane crash. I responded from the Green County Sheriff's Office from another case.

When I arrived in the area, I was informed by Sgt. Gempeler to come to the Monroe Sylvester Road and grab as many firemen and EMTs as possible and bring them to the scene, which was located in a large field, north of Highway 59 and east of Monroe Sylvester Road. I was instructed by Sgt. Gempeler to follow his vehicle's path and I would be able to find the scene. I gathered two firemen and one EMT and responded to the scene.

While on scene, I met with the property owner of where the crash occurred. He was verbally identified as Roger Geigel. He informed me that he heard, from his house, a loud noise of what he thought were trucks going by his house. He stated then the noise stopped. Roger then advised he heard all of the fire sirens and came outside. He stated then he went down onto his property, where he located the plane crash site. This is all he could tell me at this time. He was requested to leave the scene and if he needed to be contacted, we would contact him. He understood and left the scene.

While on scene, I was requested by Sgt. Gempeler to start taking photos of the crash scene and to secure a large area for the scene. Deputy Tschudy and I roped off a large area around the plane crash site. I then began to take photos.

My next responsibility during this investigation was to speak with several witnesses that were later identified to have either heard the crash or seen a portion of it.

All interviews with witnesses were recorded on my body camera.

I first contacted Jinnine E. Villacrez; her address is [REDACTED]. She informed me that she was on the south side of her house when she heard a plane fly really close. She then heard a loud thud and her house shook. I asked her if the engine sounded like it was sputtering or if she could tell the plane was in any kind of distress. She informed me she could not tell that. She just thought the plane was flying really close. This is all the information she could give me. To note, she was very hesitant on wanting to be involved.

Villacrez did inform me that her neighbor, identified as Joanne Weeden, heard and saw a lot more. I thanked her for her time and this ended my contact.

I then made contact with Joanne K. Weeden; her address is [REDACTED]. She informed me that she observed and heard the plane going down. She was sitting in her kitchen area and was looking out the back window. She described the engine noise as a loud, screaming-type sound. She indicated to me her husband is a pilot and she is familiar with a sound of a plane going

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down. From the sound that she heard, she had a strong opinion this plane was going down. She then stated she had gotten a glimpse of the plane going down. I asked her several times if she saw anything wrong with the plane. She stated no, she did not see anything wrong with the plane. She saw it for a very short time. She, however, stated she saw a fireball from the ground after the plane had hit the ground. Joanne informed me she heard two thuds separately. She said both thuds shook the windows in her house.

Joanne then dialed 911 and attempt to report a possible plane crash. Joanne informed me that her daughter also heard the plane crash.

Joanne then informed me she and her daughter walked in the direction of the fireball. They came up on the ridge and the flames. Joanne informed me she only witnessed or observed one area where there was a fire. She heard and saw people around the area and she figured that was the Fire Department or people who also knew the plane crashed and were getting help.

I again wanted to make it very clear that she did not see the plane on fire prior to the crash. She again stated no, the plane was not on fire prior to the crash.

I then spoke with her daughter, identified as Rachel M. Weeden, who also lives at [REDACTED]. Rachel informed me she was sitting in her bedroom, which would be facing the same direction as the kitchen area. She also heard the sound of a plane flying low and then heard two booms. She also stated both booms shook the house. Rachel then drove around the area to see if she could locate the crash site. She drove up and down Monroe Sylvester Road and onto Highway 59, but could not locate the crash site. She informed me that she and her mother both walked in the direction of the fireball. Rachel stated when they reached the top of the ridge, she observed two separate areas on fire. She also heard voices and people down near the area and figured help was on its way. This is all the information Rachel could give me.

Joanne then informed me a neighbor, identified as Nathan Bloom, witnessed it also.

I arrived at the location of [REDACTED]. I made contact with Nathan H. Bloom and his wife, Kay F. Bloom. They both stated they heard a low flying plane and then two booms. They both stated these two booms also shook their house. Nathan informed me that he then began to drive around to see if he could locate what had happened. Nathan then had contact with the property owner, Roger Geigel, on Highway 59, near Monroe Sylvester Road. Nathan stated he could smell smoke.

Nathan then stated that after the two big booms, he could hear smaller popping sounds. He again stated the plane sounded like it was losing power and flying very low. This is all the information Kay and Nathan could give me.

I returned to the crash site and gave this information to Detective Fiez, who was the Investigating Officer on scene.

For more information, see the video of the interviews and of the crash scene.

Case still under investigation.

Deputy Brian K. Dillon [REDACTED]

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On 06-11-18, I received an email from Dispatch, advising that they had received a call from ELAINE and LAVAUGHN EISEMAN, who live at [REDACTED]. ELAINE advised Dispatch that she had seen the airplane approaching the airport while working in her garden on Sunday (06-10-18). She advised when she observed the airplane, it seemed too high to be landing at the airport and noted that the wings tipped as though the wind took them. The plane went out of sight and she heard what sounded like a tire that blew out.

CONTACT WITH ELAINE AND LAVAUGHN EISEMAN:

On 06-13-18 at approximately 12:36 PM, I made contact with ELAINE and LAVAUGHN EISEMAN at their residence on [REDACTED]. ELAINE and LAVAUGHN took me back to the area of the garden and to the northwest corner on their property. I could observe the east end of the runway for the Monroe Airport. This runway runs more from the southeast to northwest and not a straight east to west. (I will call it east/west runway.)

They advised that they have lived here for 20 years and have seen many airplanes land and take off from the runway area adjacent to their property. They advised that any airplane that uses the east/west runway has to fly over their property to be able to land.

ELAINE advised that she was working in the garden on Sunday and had heard an airplane that sounded louder than normal. She advised that those smaller airplanes are usually louder. She advised that she looked up and observed a white belly of a small airplane and dark-colored (black or blue) numbers. She could not remember the airplane numbers.

ELAINE advised that the plane looked too high if it was going to try and land using the east/west runway. She advised that it was also not lined up with the runway and the airplane was too far west. She advised that the airplane did not have the correct angle if they were going to land on the east/west runway. They both advised that the airplanes that are landing usually take an approach and angle that is further to the east and would line up better with the runway.

She advised that she observed the plane's wings to tilt from side to side as if the wind had taken them. She advised that it was not windy that day. She advised that she did not think that it was alarming to see the wings do that because she has seen that happen when other airplanes have landed and it is windier out.

ELAINE advised that she lost sight of the airplane because of the trees along the back of the garden area. She continued to work in the garden. She advised that shortly after the airplane flew over, she heard what sounded like a tire exploding.

ELAINE explained that a few years ago, a payloader working in the area had started on fire. She advised that she heard the four tires explode during that incident. She advised that it sounded like the same type of explosion after the airplane flew over. She advised that she did not hear any metal scraping or bending as she thought maybe a tire exploded on the airplane when it was landing. She estimated that it was approximately 30 seconds to a minute from the time the airplane flew over her to when she heard the explosion sound.

ELAINE advised that she ran into the house and told her husband what she had seen and heard. She advised that she went back outside and could hear sirens coming from different directions. They advised they did not call 911 because

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they could hear sirens getting closer and believed they were responding to the area for the airplane.

While I was talking with them, we observed, on separate occasions, two airplanes come in from the east and land on the east/west runway. I observed the airplanes approach further to the north and east from where ELAINE had stated the airplane had flown over on Sunday. It was several hundred yards' difference. I heard the airplanes throttle down, and decrease altitude.

I could observe the airplane's registration numbers on the side of the airplanes. I could observe the airplanes to turn and line up with the runway. During one of the approach and landings, I observed the airplane's wings to flutter slightly from side to side. I then observed them to land on the runway. I could not clearly see the entire runway landing because of trees and vegetation.

I asked ELAINE if she remembered what the weather was like on Sunday when she was outside working. She advised that it was kind of misting and it was foggy. As we were standing in the west corner of the opening of their property where we could see the runway, she advised that she could not see the runway and could observe the trees that are on the south side of the corner of the runway. She didn't think that it was a thick heavy fog.

I advised them the airplane crash had happened north of STH 59 and about a mile north from the airport. They advised that they did not know that and when they heard about the airplane crash, they believed it to be southwest, near the airport, because of how the airplane had approached and the short timeframe between when it flew over and the explosion.

I advised if they had any further information to provide to contact me. I ended my contact and cleared from their residence.

WITNESS INFORMATION:

On 06-14-18, I received an email message from Dispatch advising they had received a phone call from MARA SPEICH reporting that she had seen the victim's airplane flying prior to the crash on Sunday. MARA had told Dispatch that the airplane sounded as if it had a labored engine.

CONTACT WITH MARA SPEICH:

I later called and spoke with MARA SPEICH. She advised that she lives in the [REDACTED] She advised that she had gone outside to take something to the dumpster shortly after 11:00 AM. She advised that a TV show she watches was done at 11:00 AM and she went to the dumpster shortly after that.

MARA advised that while at the dumpster, she heard the airplane flying west, coming from the southeast. She was looking to the west. She advised that the airplane was flying lower than most of the planes she has seen and that it sounded like the aircraft engine was labored. She advised that it didn't sound right and didn't have a good humming sound like it should. She advised because of that, it caused her to look up at the airplane.

MARA advised that she observed the airplane to be yellow and white in color and she could observe the passenger side of the airplane. She advised that the airplane made a half circle maneuver and headed east towards the airport. She lost sight of the airplane as it went over Twining Park.

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MARA advised that she swept out the garage and went into her apartment. She advised that she heard sirens after that. I asked how long she was at the dumpster and in the garage and she advised she believed that it was approximately a half hour (30 minutes). She advised that she did not hear or see any other airplanes before or after this one. She did have her windows open to the apartment.

MARA advised that she has heard and seen many airplanes flying over the apartment complex. She again advised that this airplane was flying lower than she normally sees and the engine did not sound right.

MARA advised that she wanted to pass along the information that she had after she had learned about the airplane crash. I thanked her for her time and information and ended my contact with her.

FURTHER EVIDENCE:

On 06-14-18 at approximately 8:47 AM, I received the 911 calls and Sheriff's Office phone call recordings from Dispatch.

CEF-4 - DVD Recording containing 911 calls and Sheriff's Office phone line calls. Labeled - Console 2 - 06-10-18 12:04:11 - 15:57:11 - Airplane Crash G18-04454.

The evidence was placed in my Detective temporary evidence locker #33 for storage. On 06-21-18 at approximately 11:00 AM, I removed evidence item CEF-4, and listened to all the 911 calls and the majority of the phone recordings. I made a copy of all the calls onto my computer. I then repacked, labeled and sealed the evidence and placed it back into my Detective temporary evidence locker #33 for storage.

INFORMATION:

Deputy Dillon spoke with multiple witnesses that had observed the airplane flying in the area just north of the Monroe Airport immediately before the crash. We were told that there had been conflicting statements given by one witness, JOANNE WEEDEN, first stating that she had observed smoke coming from the flying airplane just prior to the crash; then stating she had not observed any smoke coming from the airplane. No other witness indicated that when they saw the airplane it was smoking or appeared to be on fire.

Several other witnesses had heard the airplane and stated it was flying low. Most of the witnesses advised that they had heard two loud booms/explosions. Several of the witnesses advised they could feel their houses shake after the loud booms/explosions.

See Deputy Dillon's report for his contact with multiple witnesses.

DISPOSITION:

From the information that has been obtained, there is no indication that there was any intentional act to cause the airplane to crash. We will be awaiting further information from the FAA and NTSB investigations to attempt to determine what caused the airplane crash.

This case will be closed and no further follow up will be conducted unless new information is received to follow up on.

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Supplement Report #2 by: Detective Christopher Fiez #33

FOLLOW UP INFORMATION:

On 07-24-18, I was advised by Sheriff Rohloff that he had received a phone call from WAYNE NIPPLE from Albany, WI. WAYNE advised that he had spoken with LOREN and KATHY RIEMER recently and they advised him they had witnessed the plane being in distress before the crash that occurred on 06-10-18. He provided some information as to what they had said happened.

CONTACT WITH LOREN AND KATHLEEN RIEMER:

On 07-24-18 at approximately 1:30 PM, I made contact with LOREN and KATHLEEN RIEMER at their residence [REDACTED]

They advised that on June 10, 2018 they remembered being in the kitchen eating dinner. They advised that they believed it to be shortly after 12:00 PM (noon). I asked about the windows and if they remembered them being open or closed. They advised that they were not sure, but believed they were closed as they got home from church just before dinner.

They advised that they heard a very loud noise which sounded to them like a bunch of very loud motorcycles coming down the road. They advised that they have seen increased traffic on their road in the last year because of the large dairy at the west end of Riemer Road.

They advised that the sound was getting louder and it was coming from the east headed to the west. They determined that it was not on the roadway, but actually in the air. KATHLEEN advised that she went outside to see what was going on and could hear the airplane headed west. She advised that she did not see the plane as it was already past their house headed west and the tree line blocked her view from seeing the airplane. She advised that the airplane was south of their residence, but she could not see how far south.

They both advised they knew the airplane was in trouble by the way it sounded as it was flying near their house. They advised that they told each other that they hoped the airplane would make it to the airport.

I asked if they could tell if the airplane was up in the air at a lower altitude than normal. They both advised that they could not tell if the airplane was lower than normal because they didn't see it. They just know it was loud and the airplane didn't sound right.

I asked if they remembered hearing or seeing any other airplanes fly in the area before or after this loud airplane had flown over. They advised they could not remember. KATHLEEN advised that she did remember seeing on the news that there had been an airplane crash near the Monroe Airport. She thought that the airplane they heard fly near the house was the same airplane that had crashed a short time later.

I asked if they heard the airplane fly close once or more than once and they advised they heard it just the one time.

They could not provide any further information. I ended my contact with them.

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