

**VERMILION COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
COMPLAINT FORM**

1. Complaint Assist Other Agency				Report Number V18-06156	
2. Complainant's or Victim's Name Stanley E Swank II		3. DOB	4. Sex	5. Race	6. Phone (Business) [REDACTED]
7. Complainant's or Victim's Address [REDACTED]		8. City Springfield		9. State IL	10. Phone (Residence)
11. Complainant's or Victim's Employment or School [REDACTED]			12. Location Where Incident Occurred [REDACTED]		
13. Reported by Dirk A Switzer		14. Address [REDACTED]		15. Phone No. [REDACTED]	
16. Date and Time Occurred 7-13-18 1815 hours		17. Time Reported 1815 hours		18. Time Police Arrived 1823 hours	
19. Vehicle Inv.	Year	Make	Color	License No.	State
20. Name and Address of Suspect(s) a.			DOB	Sex	Arrested ☐ yes ☐ no
b.					☐ yes ☐ no
21. Witness Name(s) a. Michael S Hillard, [REDACTED]		Address [REDACTED]		Age [REDACTED]	Phone Number [REDACTED]
b. Deputy Gardner, VCSD					
22. Property Stolen					23. Value
24. Narrative 21c Deputy Kobus, VCSD 24. On 7-13-18 at approximately 1851 hours, Deputy Gardner, Deputy Kobus and myself responded to the area of [REDACTED] reference a small white plane that had crashed into a nearby field. While en route communications advised a second caller had located the plane and that the pilot was out of the aircraft and was awake and breathing and then disconnected. Deputy Gardner was the first to arrive, followed by Deputy Kobus. See their supplemental reports for further information. Deputy Gardner advised that the plane was in the field located on the northeast corner of [REDACTED] I arrived on scene at approximately 1829 hours and observed a white and blue airplane bearing tail number N629LA in the soybean field. The plane was later identified as a 2001 Air Tractor Inc AT602, serial number 6020629, owned by PRO-AGR Inc [REDACTED] This information was located via the FAA website. The pilot was later identified as a Kyle E Dowdy [REDACTED] Bismarck Fire personnel were already on scene and advised that Airlife was en route and that they wanted to use the middle of the roadway as a landing zone. At approximately 1835 hours, I requested that communications advise the Federal Aviation Administration and the National Transportation Safety Board of the incident. I received a call from Stanley E Swank II (Principle Operations Inspector) from the FFA at approximately 1840 hours. Stanley advised that he was currently at the Vermilion Regional Airport for the balloon event and that he would gather his team and respond to my location. While waiting for Stanley to arrive, I spoke with Dirk A Switzer (m/w) who was the initial caller. Dirk advised that he was watching the plane spray the cornfield from 1930 East Road which was approximately 3/4 of a mile to					
25. Deputy Sgt T Pasquale #119 tb			26. Date 7-13-18		Carded Scanned

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west. Dirk stated that he saw the plane banking during a turn and that it appeared the plane just lost air. Dirk advised the plane appeared to spin out and then went into what he described as a flat spin. Dirk advised the next thing he observed was a cloud of dust come up and advised that he immediately called 911 and began trying to locate the plane.

At approximately 1900 hours, Stanley arrived on scene and had with him Edward Martin (Aviation Safety Inspector Air Worthiness) also with the FAA. At approximately 2130 hours Stanley and Edward took possession of the tail rudder from the aircraft and requested that the Vermilion County Sheriff's Department store the rudder in a secured location until an inspector from the NTSB could look at it. Stanley and Edward transported the rudder from the scene to the Public Safety Building and secured the rudder into the Vermilion County Sheriff's Department's patrol cage located in the Sallyport.

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On 7/13/18 at 1815 hrs. myself, Deputy Kobus and Sgt. Pasquale were dispatched to the area of [REDACTED] for a plane that had crashed into a soy bean field. Upon my arrival I observed a small white and blue plane bearing the tail number N629LA. It appeared the plane had crashed due to heavy damage over its entire body. The soy bean field was located in the northwest corner of the intersection [REDACTED]

As I walked out to the crash scene, I observed a white truck that was already out there and believed it was one of the callers who called in the accident. I observed two male whites. Once I got out to the crash scene, I was able to speak with the pilot and sole occupant of the plane, later identified as KYLE E. DOWDY, [REDACTED]. It should be noted that I observed Kyle's bone, on his lower left leg, to be sticking out through the skin. His right foot appeared to be broken and he was complaining that his arm was broken as well. I then asked Kyle if he knew what had happened and he stated that he did not.

The two gentleman that were assisting Kyle from the accident were later identified as DIRK A. SWITZER, [REDACTED] and the other gentleman was identified as MICHAEL S. HILLARD, [REDACTED]. Dirk advised that he witnessed the plane crash and was first on scene assisting Kyle. At this time Kyle was awake and conscious and appeared to be in the right state of mind answering questions I was asking but he was in extreme amount of pain.

Shortly after I arrived on scene Bismarck Ambulance arrived as well as Deputy Kobus and Sgt. Pasquale. For further information, see both Sgt Pasquale's original report and Deputy Kobus' supplemental report.

Deputy B. Gardner #108/bc

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Narrative

On the above date and time I responded to the area [REDACTED] in response to a possible plain crash.

Upon arrival to the scene I met with Michael S. Hillard [REDACTED] who originally reported the crash. Michael advised that he was outside of his residence at [REDACTED] watching the plane crop dust the fields near his home. Michael advised that he turned around to enter his residence and then heard a loud noise from the distance. Michael advised that he then turned around and could no longer see the plane in the sky. Michael advised that he knew that something was wrong and left his residence in his vehicle to search for the plane.

Michael advised that when he located the plane in a bean field, he then drove his vehicle through the beans and made contact with the pilot, Kyle E. Dowdy [REDACTED]. Michael advised that Dirk A. Switzer [REDACTED] arrived on scene approximately 3 minutes after Michael arrived. Michael advised that he found Kyle outside of the plane on the ground. Michael advised that Kyle's feet were facing east and his head was facing west. Michael advised that it appeared that Kyle pulled himself out of the plane in an effort to get away from the fuel running out of the plane. Michael advised that Kyle's helmet was on the ground next to Kyle and that Kyle was holding his leg. Michael advised that it appeared that Kyle's leg was broken. Michael advised that Kyle asked him how far he had landed from the road, where he was and if smoke was coming from the plane? Michael advised that he went up to the plane and found Kyle's phone laying in the pilot seat and reached into the plane and collected Kyle's phone for him.

Michael advised that police then arrived on scene.

See Sgt. Pasquale's original report and Deputy Gardner's supplemental for further.

Deputy: A. Kobus #104 bh

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