

INITIAL INCIDENT

Reporting Officer: LEESEBERG, [REDACTED]

09/01/18

INFORMATION:

On 09/01/2018 I was dispatched to a complaint of a plane crash located at the Harrisville Airport. I was advised by dispatch that EMS and Fire were also called to the scene to assist. On location the incident was found to have taken place at the south end of the runway. A small red and white colored single engine plane was seen crashed on the ground. The plane was sitting on the crest of the embankment that was also a treeline and the start to the forest. All four occupants that were in the plane at the time it crashed were outside when law enforcement and fire arrived on scene.

VENUE:

Harrisville Airport located at 5430 E. Walker Rd. Harrisville MI. 48740

DATE & TIME:

09/01/2018 @ 2:00pm

INTERVIEW PILOT: (*Lon Darwin Walter* [REDACTED])

I spoke with Lon Walters on scene about the crash. Lon stated he could not get his airplane up to speed because of the tall grass on the runway. Lon also mention the data he had for the airport showed an additional 600 feet more of runway. Lon seemed very frustrated and made a comment that he knew he did not have the speed or height to make it over the trees at the end of the runway. Lon stated he was unaware of how big the forest was or what was on the other side of it so he put the plane back on the ground before going into the woods. Lon was asked to submit to a blood draw on scene. Lon consented and Alcona EMS did the blood draw on scene.

AIRPLANE INFORMATION:

Tail Number -N5321E

Assigned Serial Number -D-5801

Make -Beechcraft

Model -K35 bonanza

Type -Fixed Wing Single Engine Aircraft

MFR Year -1959

Model S Code -51535133

Engine Model -IO - 470 Series

OTHER INFORMATION:

I was told on scene that two teen boys were seen taking video of the plan taking off with a cellphone and might have the crash on video. I was told they were at a family members home in the Harrisville area. i asked Dep. Dellar to go to the home and interview them and collect the video if possible. Dep. Dellar will be providing a supplemental report .

Federal Aviation Authority:

I spoke with Steve Betzer of the FAA on scene. I advised him of the details known on scene and type of aircraft involved. I provided Mr. Betzer the amateur video of the plane crash that had been collected. Mr. Betzer stated he did recieve the video and wold be in touch with me on Tuesday Sep. 4th 2018.

Photographs:

Photos were taken on scene on the day of the crash. All photos were placed on the Sheriff's Office computer as policy states.

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Reviewed By: [REDACTED]

Date Printed: 09/04/2018

EVIDENCE:

A video was recovered from two teens that were on site watching the plane take off. A blood kit collected from the pilot Lon Walters was also sent to the crime lab for further analysis.

STATUS:

Complaint is closed at this time. All information collected was forwarded to the FFA for further review and action.

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