

**OCSO - OCEANA COUNTY
SHERIFFS OFFICE
Case Report**



Case No. [REDACTED]
Report Date/Time: 5/4/2019 10:42:00 AM
Reporting Officer: Fillips, Michael

INTERVIEW JAMES HUGHEY:

James advised he lives at the next farm to the north of the crash location on the east side of the road. The buildings from his farm could be seen from the crash scene. James advised he was at his house and saw the Powered Parachute flying over. He noted it was flying very low and commented that he had never seen one up close so much. He advised he looked at it though binoculars. During this time there was one person flying and no passengers. The pilot waved at him and he waved back. James estimated the craft to be about 250 in the air. James advised that he and his wife were going to leave in the truck when he observed the parachute collapse and the craft spiral to the ground. When James described the parachute collapse he swirled his arms in a circular motion. He then used one arm to motion the craft going to the ground. He advised he and his wife drove to the location where they found the craft on its side leaking fluids onto the pilot. He advised he flipped the craft onto its wheels and pulled the pilot out of the craft. Upon doing so he did not see signs of life and tried chest compressions and stated that the subject started breathing but described as snoring. Just prior to the parachute collapse James reported the engine changing sounds.

INTERVIEW LYNDA HUGHEY:

Lynda was with James and she described the crash the same way. She also described noting the engine changing noise. She was on the phone with 911 to report the crash.

INTERVIEW LORI FLORSHINGER:

Lori lives east of the crash location and was at her house during the incident. She advised that she was watching the craft fly in the area. She advised that after going past the craft banked to the south and was getting quite low. She stated she no longer could hear the engine and saw the parachute collapse. She then got in the car and drove to the scene. There she found the Hughey's already out and on 911 and she called her brother who was a fire fighter and paramedic to come to the scene. She advised that the pilot was not conscious but breathing. She also described this as snoring. Lori did advise that after the engine went quiet she did hear it again before the crash.

CRASH INFORMATION:

After speaking with the witnesses it was found that the craft had been flying in the area. The craft was described as flying very low. The craft appears to have been flying west north of the crash scene. The craft then turned south from that location. The craft may have been in another turn to the east after going south. This is the point the parachute collapsed and the craft spiraled to the ground landing on an uninvolved air strip of a grass field. A GPS location was obtained from the pilot seat of the craft.

IDENTIFICATION OF PILOT:

On scene initially I was advised that the pilot was Terry Dykstra by fire personnel who knows him. There was no wallet or identification on the subject at the time of the crash. Deputy Hiddema went to the house and spoke with Mary the wife. She advised that Terry had taken off around an hour and was due back any time or already. It was confirmed he was alone when he left and he took off from the house. Identification was made at the hospital by family. The pilot was Terrence Dykstra.

MEDICAL EXAMINER:

Medical Examiner Farber responded to Lakeshore Emergency Room where Dykstra was pronounced dead. After the exam the body was transported to Big Rapids for an autopsy.

VEHICLE INFORMATION:

The craft was a 2000 Destiny Powered Parachute with tail number N65481. This vehicle information is included in property of this report. Also a print out of the information from the FAA is included in attachments of this report.

WEATHER:

A weather print out is included in attachments of this report. It should be noted on my arrival the grassy fields had standing water in them that had dried up by later in the day and well prior to the arrival of the FAA and NTSB.