

CASE SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT
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Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Office

OCA: **1966835**

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Case Status: **ACTIVE**

Case Mng Status: **NA**

Occurred: **12/21/2019**

Offense: **DEATH INVESTIGATION**

Investigator: **HATFIELD, J. M.** [REDACTED]

Date / Time: **12/21/2019 19:29:37, Saturday**

Supervisor: **(0)**

Supervisor Review Date / Time: **NOT REVIEWED**

Contact: **Ballard, Michael Reed**

Reference: **Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Office Supp**

[REDACTED] **Evansville**

On today's date I spoke with Michael Ballard, the manager at Tri-State Aero. Ballard confirmed that the aircraft, bearing tail number N601FL, was at Tri-State Aero prior to taking off. Ballard advised at 1300 hours, his employees filled the plane with 10.6 gallons of gasoline. Ballard advised the aircraft had fuel already inside of it before his employees added the 10.6 gallons but did not know how much. Ballard advised he would email a copy of the fuel ticket for this aircraft.

Ballard was able to confirm that Burke was the sole occupant of the plane at take off.

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Investigator: **HATFIELD, J. M.** [REDACTED]

Date / Time: **12/21/2019 19:54:40, Saturday**

Supervisor: **(0)**

Supervisor Review Date / Time: **NOT REVIEWED**

Contact: **Tyler, Trent N**

Reference: **Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Office Supp**

[REDACTED] **Evansville**

On today's date I spoke with Trent Tyler, manager at the Evansville Airport Control Tower. Tyler advised the Evansville Tower was in communication with Burke on his take off and when he was cleared to land. Tyler advised after clearing Burke for landing the radio traffic went silent from the aircraft. Tyler advised Burke did not advise of being in distress at anytime while they were in communication.

Tyler was able to provide an approximate take off time of 1420 hours. Upon take off, Tyler advised Burke traveled north to Lawrenceville Indiana before turning around. At 1520 hours, Tyler advised he cleared Burke for landing back at Evansville.

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Date / Time: **12/21/2019 20:01:13, Saturday**

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Contact: **Scales, Bradley Alan**

Reference: **Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Office Supp**

Evansville [REDACTED]

On today's date I spoke with Bradley Scales. The interview was recorded with my department issued audio recorder. Scales resides at [REDACTED]. The residence is north of Boonville New Harmony.

Scales advised on today's date at approximately 1510 hours he was retrieving the mail. Scales advised while retrieving the mail, he observed an aircraft traveling south over his residence. Scales advised the plane was traveling at a lower elevation than other aircraft he has observed traveling over his residence. Scales advised while observing the aircraft, he observed the aircraft turn sharply to the west and continued to lose elevation. Scales advised the aircraft engine was still running when it passed over him. Scales advised after turning and losing elevation, he observed the plane crash into the open field. Scales advised when the aircraft crashed, he observed the nose and right wing of the plane to strike the ground first.

The audio recording can be reference for exact details

The audio recording was submitted to the CID 2019 Audio file.

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Investigator: **VANWINKLE, D. G.** [REDACTED]

Date / Time: **12/21/2019 20:33:08, Saturday**

Supervisor: **(0)**

Supervisor Review Date / Time: **NOT REVIEWED**

Contact: **Mcquilling, Jeffrey Allen**
[REDACTED] **Evansville**

Reference: **Standard Supplement**

While on scene, I was approached by Jeffery Mcquilling. He stated he was doing yard work at his address on [REDACTED]. He heard an airplane fly over his address. He looked up in the sky and observed a white plane flying very low above the trees, a few seconds later her heard a "thud". He then went inside and his told his wife to call 911.

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Investigator: **WEISS, M. J.** [REDACTED]

Date / Time: **12/22/2019 07:20:34, Sunday**

Supervisor: **(0)**

Supervisor Review Date / Time: **NOT REVIEWED**

Contact: **Volkman, Scott William**

Reference: **Standard Supplement**

[REDACTED] **Evansville**

At approximately 0715 hours I spoke with Scott Volkman who came to but did not enter the crash scene. He stated that he observed the plane from his residence in a hard banking turn and it did not appear that the engine was in operation. I collected his contact information for the report.

[12/22/2019 07:23, MAWEISS, 554, VCSO]

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On 12/22/2019, Donald Masterson approached the crash scene and stated he was driving east on Boonville New Harmony Rd at around 1515hrs on 12/21/2019. Masterson said he observed the plane cross Boonville New Harmony Rd and was only 3 feet off the ground. Masterson described the plane as flying with its wings vertical. Masterson said the propeller was not turning and he had to apply his brakes to prevent striking the plane as it crossed the roadway.

Masterson said he has attempted to contact the FBI, and NTSB to report this but he calls went to voicemail or were not answered. Masterson said he did turn around to check on the condition of the pilot but by the time he arrived several other people were already on scene and traffic was starting to back up so he left.

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