



Clark County Sheriff's Office

Summary

Print Date/Time: 07/22/2021 12:17
Login ID: [REDACTED]
Case Number: 2021-00009257

CLARK COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE
ORI Number: [REDACTED]

Case

Case Number: 2021-00009257
Location: [REDACTED] ROMADKA AVE
Curtiss, WI 54422
Reporting Officer ID: [REDACTED] - RENNIE

Incident Type: DEATH INV
Occurred From: 06/30/2021 11:01
Occurred Thru: 06/30/2021 11:01
Disposition:
Disposition Date:
Reported Date: 06/30/2021 11:01 Wednesday

Offenses

No.	Group/ORI	Crime Code	Statute	Description	Counts
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Subjects

Type	No.	Name	Address	Phone	Race	Sex	DOB/Age
OTHER	1	SNYDER, LINUS WEAVER	[REDACTED] BRIDGE RD Withee, WI 54498	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
OTHER	2	MARTIN, LISA MARTIN	[REDACTED] BROEK RD Curtiss, WI 54422	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
OTHER	3	FORDE, JOHN O	<UNKNOWN>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
OTHER	4	SPREEN, TIMOTHY K	<UNKNOWN> MILWAUKEE, WI 53207	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
OTHER	5	LEINBACH, JAMES	[REDACTED] RD ELKTON, KY 42220	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
OTHER	6	SCHAFER, STEPHEN W	[REDACTED] ROMADKA AVE Curtiss, WI 54422	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
OWNER	1	VISTAD, BRUCE WILLIAM	[REDACTED] SOUTHDALE DR FERGUS FALLS, MN 56537	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
REPORTING PERSON	1	DRIETZ, JOHN G	[REDACTED] CENTER RD Owen, WI 54460	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
VICTIM	1	LEINBACH, LAMAR MARTIN	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

Arrests

Arrest No.	Name	Address	Date/Time	Type	Age
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Property

Date	Code	Type	Make	Model	Description	Tag No.	Item No.
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Vehicles

No.	Role	Vehicle Type	Year	Make	Model	Color	License Plate	State
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Routing:

- ☐ Other Agency
- ☐ Other Police Department
- ☐ Other Sheriff's Office
- ☐ Investigator
- ☒ Other
 - ☐ Individual
 - ☐ Detectives
 - ☐ Insurance Company
 - ☐ Probation and Parole
 - ☐ Juvenile Court Intake
 - ☐ Corporate Counsel
 - ☐ Child Support
 - ☐ Community Services
 - ☐ Social Services
 - ☐ Circuit Court
 - ☐ District Attorney

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DETECTIVE SUPPLEMENTAL CASE ACTIVITY REPORT

Case Number	Date	Case Officer:
21-9257	July 31, 2021	Detective Captain Kerry Kirn, # [REDACTED]
Activity	Date of Activity	
Airplane Crash Investigation	June 30, 2021	

On Wednesday, June 30, 2021, at about 11:01 a.m. Dep. Brian Rennie was assigned to investigate a missing airplane and pilot. He had conducted initial interviews. Ultimately, it was determined that the pilot and the airplane did not arrive at their destination, which they were traveling from Curtiss, Wisconsin to New Richmond, Wisconsin. The pilot is identified as Lamar M. Leinbach, DOB [REDACTED].

At that point, Wisconsin State Patrol airplane and pilot were requested to search the potential flight path. In addition, the civil air patrol was contacted along with Clark County Emergency Management and Wisconsin Emergency Management. A command post was set up the Curtiss Fire Hall initially in the parking lot and then in the building once we were able to gain access it to it with the Owen Withee Curtiss Fire Chief. It should be noted, during that time I was coordinating search efforts and neighborhood canvas from where the plane had taken off as witnesses had heard the plane and seen the plane take off from the landing strip on Romadka Avenue in Curtiss. Please refer to the additional deputies and investigators reports regarding this crash for further detail in regards to the investigative efforts. In addition, a log was kept once the command post was established inside the Curtiss Fire Hall. Please refer to that for further detail.

On Wednesday, June 30, 2021, at about 5:06 p.m. a witness reported to the Clark County Sheriff's Office that he had located the plane on his property. Detectives and Deputies had responded to that location. I made contact with the National Traffic Safety Board along with Federal Aviation Administration. Ultimately, Todd Fox with NTSB was assigned to investigate the crash along with Tim Spreen with FAA.

Arrangements were made for an autopsy to be conducted on Lamar. In addition, follow-up would be completed on Thursday, July 1, 2021, with Todd Fox and Tim Spreen.

The command post was cleared at 8:17 p.m. on June 30, 2021, Deputies Charles Ackerman and Brandon Baxter had protected the scene overnight until Dep. Rennie relieved them on July 1, 2021 at 5:00 am. Dep Rennie remained on scene until FAA and NTSB could arrive and complete their investigation.

I have no other information at this time.

Detective Captain Kerry Kirn, # [REDACTED]
Clark County Sheriff's Office

CASE ACTIVITY REPORT

Clark County Sheriff's Office
DETECTIVE DIVISION

1. Case Number	2. Date	3. Case Officer:
2021-9257	July 20, 2021	Detective Steven W Struensee
4. Activity	5. Date of Activity	
Missing Aircraft	June 30, 2021	

On June 30, 2021 I was advised by dispatch of a missing aircraft that had left the Curtiss Area [REDACTED] Romadka Ave around 5:00AM and was scheduled to be landing at New Richmond. The caller was John Forde who was scheduled to look at the aircraft at New Richmond. I was later advised the aircraft was a Earth Star Go 2000, tail # N1712L, which was a single passenger aircraft owned by Dr. Bruce Bistad. It was also later verified that the operator of the aircraft was Lamar M Leinbach DOB [REDACTED]. This particular morning there was heavy dense fog during the morning hours. The FAA was advised of the missing aircraft.

I contacted the Wisconsin State Patrol and requested an aircraft to assist with the search. I also contact MNSP International airport to see if they had an information available of the aircraft taking off during the morning hours. They searched there radar logs and had no information available.

Dispatch had pinged Lamar's phone and I was given the last know location to be LAT --GAVE 044.55405541////LAT----090.2645809---MAPS TO [REDACTED] CTH N --MARSHFIELD. I responded to the area and began checking for the aircraft. Marshfield Airport was contacted and had not record of the aircraft being in the area. Wood County Sheriff's office had also made contact at the residence and found nothing.

I maintained contact with the WSP aircraft and they checked the area located near [REDACTED] CTH N in Wood County. The WSP then checked the area along the possible flight path towards Curtiss where the aircraft had taken off and was unable to locate anything. They then were directed to check the take off location and the possible route towards New Richmond.

Dispatch received a call advising the plane had been located near the address of [REDACTED] Romadka Avenue. The plane was located on the edge of a cornfield in a wood line and the operator was deceased.

At 5:15 I arrived at the address and drove to the crash site .

The Coroner pronounced and at 7:07PM Lamar's body was taken to Ridge Road evidence building located at [REDACTED] Ridge Road where I placed him into the cooler. The Autopsy was scheduled for 10:00AM the following day.

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On July 1, 2021, the FAA along with NTSB was scheduled to arrived at about 10:00AM to examine the aircraft. The Curtiss Fire hall was the incident command location.

At 12:41PM, I arrived back at the crash site and met with Andrew Fox of the NTSB and Timothy Spreen of the FAA. I along with other Sheriff's personnel and Curtiss Fire Department were able to secure the aircraft from the crash site and transport it to the Curtiss Fire Hall where it was examined.

At 5:17PM, I transported the Aircraft inside an enclosed trailer along with some tissue that was recovered from the cockpit of the aircraft to Ridge Road Evidence Storage. The trailer was secured inside the fenced area and the tissue was placed with the body in the cooler.

At 6:06PM, I cleared from the evidence building.

This is all the information I have at this time.

Detective Steven W Struensee
Clark County Sheriff's Office

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DETECTIVE SUPPLEMENTAL CASE ACTIVITY REPORT

Case Number 2021-9257	Date of Report 07/06/2021	Case Officer: A. Ruggles	
Activity Plane Crash			Date of Activity 06/30/2021

On 06/30/2021 at about 12:08 PM I began to assist with an attempt to locate a missing aircraft that had taken off from an airport located at [REDACTED] Romadka Ave in the Township of Hoard, Clark County. I was advised the subject had left the airport around 4:45 AM and did not arrived in New Richmond, his intended destination.

I was advised they had called his cellphone and that went directly to voicemail and had contact with another person who had also attempted contact with no success. I contacted Captain Kirn and explained the situation to him. Capt. Kirn authorized an emergency ping could be done through the cell phone company. I was able to obtain that the cell phone provider was AT&T and told dispatch a ping was authorized. This was done and a location outside of the Marshfield Airport, Marshfield, WI was obtained. Several searches by several members yielded no results at that location.

I arrived in the location of the airport on Romadka Ave and began traveling roads that may be near where the plane traveled, which nothing was located. I was assigned to do a neighborhood canvass near the airport to see if anyone had seen or heard anything that morning with the plane.

At 3:47 PM I arrived at [REDACTED] Center Road. I spoke with Thaddeus M Nolt ([REDACTED]) and Irene S Nolt ([REDACTED]). Irene said that a few minutes before 5:00 she was up and saw the plane on the runway. Irene said it was foggy and she could only hear the plane and see the lights. Irene said the plane took off heading west and after a few seconds or minutes, she heard a loud metal like sound. Irene said it was like clanging of steel. Irene said she didn't watch after the plane had taken off as it was a regular occurrence. I provided them with a card and thanked them for their time.

At 3:57 PM I went to [REDACTED] Center road and spoke with Lee E Winslow SR. ([REDACTED]). Lee said he had heard the plane take off at about 4:50 or 4:55 AM. Lee said he was sleeping but it woke him up. Lee said he didn't think much of it and went back to bed. Lee said he didn't think about it until I just said something. Lee added that he normally could hear the planes traveling for a ways after takeoff. Lee said this time he didn't hear it but was unsure if he fell back asleep or something happened.

At 4:02 PM I went to [REDACTED] Romadka Ave and spoke with Jamie L Sherwood ([REDACTED]). Jamie indicated neither she nor her husband heard the airplane take off that morning as it happens regularly and they are used to the noise.

At 4:06 PM I went to [REDACTED] Center Road and spoke with John A Drietz ([REDACTED]). John indicated he had not heard anything but would go and check his property just in case. John was later the caller and the subject who located the downed aircraft. He was interviewed at that time by Deputy Rennie.

I was advised of a tip called in. At 4:46 PM, I attempted contact with Lavon R Zimmerman ([REDACTED]) at [REDACTED] County Road D. I was not able to make contact at the residence and called Lavon by phone. Lavon said at about 5:10 to 5:15 AM he was up and getting ready for work. Lavon said at that time he heard an airplane flying over his residence and remembered thinking to himself that is very loud and low. John did not see anything but said it sounded like the plane was working very hard.

I then continued to do the neighborhood canvas which was traveling from CTH T on Hickory Road toward the runway. At 5:06 PM I was notified by dispatch that they received a call from John indicating he found what he believed was a crashed plane on his property. John said he could see the pilot in the wreckage but was unsure of his injuries. Deputy Rennie and Detective Schreiber arrived and confirmed the subject was indeed deceased and requested the coroner.

I, as well as Deputy Bembmeister, arrived shortly after. I observed a large amount of wreckage in a southeast edge of a cornfield. This wreckage was located inside a small grove of poplar trees. Several of these trees were broken off from the edge of the field to the wreckage. This would indicate the wreckage, later identified as an airplane, had struck the trees on its decent causing the trees to break off because of the impact. It appeared the plane was in 2 separate pieces the engine and cockpit was about 10 feet to the east of the tail and what was left of the wings.

I was able to observe the operator and deceased subject. There was significant trauma to his face and head area. There was fluid coming from the facial area that I was associate as being brain matter due to the color and consistency. The deceased subject was located near the seat of the plane and still had seat belts on one shoulder. The engine of the plane was above the subject but not resting on him. The engine was resting on other debris.

I began taking photographs around the crash scene and inside the crash. I also photographed the deceased subject. A perimeter was established and marked with yellow tape. I assisted with the removal of the deceased subject from the wreckage. Detective Struensee transported the deceased subject to the body cooler at the evidence building. Arrangements were made for the scene to be guarded until the FAA and NTSB could do their investigation the next day.

The tail number located on the plane was N1712L which matched that of the airplane that was missing. I learned earlier this airplane was to be operated by Lamar M Leinbach ([REDACTED]). A wallet was removed from the deceased subjects back pocket. The driver's license indicated that it was Lamar M Leinbach ([REDACTED]). I was able to confirm that this was the missing plane and pilot from earlier.

On 07/01/2021 I returned with NTSB and FAA and assisted with their investigation. I was assigned to locate the maintenance logbook of the aircraft as well as Lamar's Flight logbook. With the assistance of Linus Snyder these items were located in Lamar's office as well as the hanger at the airport. I assisted with the removal of the plane as well as the ground search for any electronics. The electronics found were turned over the NTSB and FAA.

I have no further information at this time.

Detective A. Ruggles
Clark County Sheriff's Office

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DETECTIVE SUPPLEMENTAL CASE ACTIVITY REPORT

Case Number 21-9257	Date of Report July 6, 2021	Case Officer: Detective Nathan Schreiber
Activity Report of plane crash		Date of Activity June 30, 2021

On Wednesday June 30, 2021, at approximately 4:45 PM I assisted in the finding of this plane crash and the investigation.

At this time, I was advised by Captain Kirn to begin going door to door on Center Road in the township of Hoard, in an attempt to find any information on the whereabouts of the pilot and plane in this incident. I was advised to travel west on Center Road from CTH E, just north of Curtiss.

As I began to travel the route, dispatch advised that a caller had reported he had found the plane crash site in his field. The address given was [REDACTED] Romadka Avenue. I went to this address, along with all other responding deputies and detectives. I arrived at this residence first, with Deputy Rennie shortly thereafter. I checked the residence and was unable to locate the caller and was then advised that the caller was in the field located to the northeast of the residence.

Deputy Rennie and I then drove back into the field and located the crash site and notified all other responding personnel. The crash site was about 15 yards off of the corner of the corn field, located just inside a wooded area. Both Deputy Rennie and I made contact with the pilot, who was unresponsive and deceased. It appeared that the pilot had been deceased for some time.

With other personnel on scene, including: Detective Aaron Ruggles, Deputy Schuld, and Deputy Bembnister, I took photos of the crash scene and pilot. I stayed on scene to assist with the investigation.

After gathering all information at the scene, Detective Ruggles and myself went to the airport landing strip of where the pilot took off from, which was [REDACTED] Romadka Ave. Family and friends were notified by Detective Ruggles of the investigation. I also took pictures and GPS coordinates of the runway that was used by the pilot.

Several pictures and GPS coordinates were sent to National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) Agent Todd Fox for his investigation.

We were advised that Agent Todd Fox and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Agent Timothy K Spreen would be on site tomorrow for their investigation of the plane crash and that Detective Ruggles and I would be there to assist.

On Thursday July 1, 2021, at approximately 11:40 AM, Detective Ruggles and I met with NTSB and FAA agents. They were both briefed on our investigation. We stayed on scene to assist with their investigation and the recovery of the plane pieces. The plane pieces were taken back to the Curtiss Fire Hall for inspection. Detective Ruggles and I went to the pilot's residence to locate flight logs, maintenance logs, and anything else beneficial to this investigation for the NTSB and FAA. All information was handed over to them.

On Friday July 2, 2021, at approximately 8:00 AM, Detective Ruggles and I transported the pilot's body to Ramsey for an autopsy. After the autopsy, the body was delivered to Schilling Maurina Funeral Home in Abbotsford.

Respectfully Submitted
Detective Nathan Schreiber

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Supplemental Report

Activity Report	Chief Deputy Hirsch	Case # 2021-9257
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On Wednesday June 30th 2021, at about 5:00am, I went outside my residence in the city of Abbotsford and noticed it was very foggy. A short time later, at about 5:30am, I left the city of Abbotsford and drove west on STH 29 by the village of Curtiss.

As I was driving, I had to operate my wipers to remove the water from my windshield. The visibility in the fog would vary between 100 feet to about 20 feet. It was extremely hard to see cars without their headlights/tail lights on. When I passed Curtiss I remember that was unable to see if there were any cars parked on the off ramps. I would estimate the visibility to be about 20 feet in that area.

This is all of the information I have at this time.

Chief Deputy James Hirsch
Clark County Sheriff's Office

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Case Activity Report # 1	Deputy Rennie # [REDACTED]	Case # 2021-09257
Squad Video ☐	Body Camera ☐	Digital/Audio ☐

On July 1st 2021, at approximately 445a.m.; I relieved the night crew securing the scene, I met with Timothy K Spreen from the FAA releasing the crash scene to him at approximately 11:45a.m.

I also made telephone contact with Bruce Vistad, the owner of the plane, Bruce stated Lamar should have the log book, and Lamar also maintained a renters insurance on the plane, as Lamar was renting the plane from Bruce. Detective Struensee also talked with Bruce about arrangements to collect the wreckage.

I also contacted Bruce Vistad who stated there was only one HP IPAC in a cradle, I also called Linus Synder, who stated only one IPAC, Lamar used the other holder for his cellular phone.

I have nothing further to add at this time.

Deputy Brian Rennie # [REDACTED]
Clark County Sheriff's Office

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Case Activity Report # 1	Deputy Rennie # [REDACTED]	Case # 2021-09257
Squad Video ☐	Body Camera ☐	Digital/Audio ☐

On 06-30-2021 at approximately 11:01 A.M.; the Clark County dispatch center received a call from John O Forde [REDACTED] reporting an overdue small airplane and pilot. John stated Lamar M Leinbach [REDACTED] the pilot, N1712L a white body, stainless steel wings wing span about 25'. I started my shift at 4:53a.m. This morning the fog was very low and very heavy, we had a semi drive off STH 29 because he couldn't see the road. On my travels the visibility at ground level was less than 100' and appeared to have a high density of moisture because I needed my wipers often.

The last usage on Lamar's cellular phone was at 4:47A.M., when all functions on the phone stopped sending or requesting data, we checked Gmail account, mapping, anything we had access to for data transmissions.

Lamar took off sometime between 430 a.m.-5:00a.m; to fly approximately one hour to New Richmond, Wisconsin. John made the arrangements and was in his camper at the airport waiting for Lamar to arrive, John stated he last talked with Lamar on 06-29-2021 sometime around 8:00 p.m. John stated after he hadn't arrived, he attempted contact by phone, and called the Sheriff's office reporting it missing.

Dr. Bruce William Vistad [REDACTED] is the owner of the plane according to John, I called Bruce around 2:00 p.m.; I left a voice male asking for contact, at time of the report I have not had contact with Bruce [REDACTED].

I responded to the address, no persons were home, I checked the hanger, the plane was gone, I observed tire tracks in the grass leading towards a grass airfield. No one responded to the knocks on the door.

I met with Linus W Snyder [REDACTED], Linus stated he arrived at the hanger because he heard Lamar was possibly missing. Linus stated he didn't know when Lamar was supposed to leave, however he was aware Lamar was flying to New Richmond to deliver a plane for a possible buyer. Linus volunteered to take another plane and fly the route, Linus heard he might be at the Marshfield airport, Linus flew the route to Marshfield and reported sighting which turned out to be plastic hay bale wraps. Detective Struensee along with Wood County Sheriff's Office also walked the locations.

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Linus stated the plane did not have a transponder, he stated it had approximately 25' wing span, the wings were stainless steel color shiny, the body of the plane was as a white fuselage. Linus stated he has confronted Lamar in the past and described him as a risk taker and unsafe pilot, due to his past flying habits. Linus stated Lamar has been flying about 2 years, and should have never taken off in the foggy weather this morning. Linus stated Lamar was stupid for taking off in the fog.

I contacted Lisa M Martin [REDACTED], she is the girlfriend of Lamar, and Lisa stated she last saw Lamar at his house around 8:30P.M., on 06-29-2021, and last contact by text was around 11:00P.M., with Lamar telling her, he was leaving around 4:30A.M. For the flight. Lisa stated she sent him a text message around 6:30A.M., which was not responded to.

Linus flew to Marshfield airport path looking for a crash, Wisconsin state patrol was assisting on flight path towards New Richmond Wisconsin, as was Wisconsin civil air patrol.

At approximately 5:07p.m.; dispatch was notified by John G Orietz [REDACTED] who resides at [REDACTED] Center Road, Owen, he found a plane crash in his field. John had been contacted by deputies about the search and took his tractor out to a back field and found the plane and called dispatch.

I arrived with Detective Schreiber at approximately 5:16p.m.; we confirmed no signs of life, and notified coroner. Detectives notified the FAA, and deputies will be securing the crash scene until relieved.

Photographing was conducted by Deputy Schuld, and detective Ruggles and will be added to the case file.

I obtained the name of Lamar's parents as James and Arlene Lienbach, [REDACTED] Butler Rd, Elkton, KY, 42220, [REDACTED]. This information was provided to dispatch, and to be passed onto Captain Kirn for notification. I obtained this information from a cousin, Keith M Hoover [REDACTED] [REDACTED].

Body camera footage taken, squad video taken.

I have nothing further to add at this time.

Deputy Brian Rennie # [REDACTED]

Clark County Sheriff's Department

Statement Form

Re: Case # 2001- 9257

Name ORIEZ GARFIELD JOHN OG DOB [REDACTED]
(last) (first) (middle)

Address [REDACTED] Center Rd Owen WI 54460

Telephone (Home) _____ (Work) _____ (Cell) _____

Parents (J) _____

Incident 6.30.2001 11:00 AM Statement 6.30.2001 5:20
(date) (time) (date) (time)

Details Today About 4pm A Deputy Stopped by my House saying
They were Looking For A Missing Plane I Began
Checking my Property and Saw Some White, I took
The TRACTOR over to See if it was a plane in the
Trees. I cut The Seatbelt to See IF I could Help
I went and Called 911 and Police Arrived, They told
me the Guy was not Alive [REDACTED]

Signed

Witness