

Poinsett County Sheriff's Department

Incident Report

Incident Details

Incident # :	21-01856	Reporting Officer :	Rorie, Jason
Date Entered :	1/4/2021 3:24:16 PM	Cleared :	No
Status :	Closed	Location :	Field east of Flag Slough Rd Weiner AR 72479
Occurence Date :	1/4/2021 09:44 - 1/4/2011 13:07		
Incident Description :	Plane Crash		

Offense(s)

1 Results

#1

Offense :	General Information		
Premises Entered :	0	Completed :	True
Forced Entry :	False	Location Type :	Field/Woods
Bias Motivation :			
Suspect Of Using :			
Criminal Activity :			
Weapon Type :			

Property

0 Results

Victim(s)

2 Results

#1

Name :	Warren, Nickoles Lee	Type :	Individual
Age :	41	Sex :	Male
Race :	White	Ethnicity :	Not of Hispanic Origin
Home Phone :		Cell Phone :	
Other Phone :		Date of Birth :	
Address :	JONESBORO, AR 72404 Updated: 01/04/21		

Report By:

Rorie, Jason

Approved By:

Jasen Rorie

Victim(s)

2 Results

#2

Name :	Stem, Sean Wesely	Type :	Individual
Age :	52	Sex :	Male
Race :	White	Ethnicity :	Unknown
Home Phone :		Cell Phone :	
Other Phone :		Date of Birth :	
Address :	JONESBORO, AR 72404 Updated: 01/04/21		

Offender(s) / Suspect(s)

0 Results

Other Entities

7 Results

#1

Name :	Brock Davis	Type :	Witness
DOB :		Race :	Other
Home Phone :		Sex :	Male
Cell Phone :		Other Phone :	
Addresses :			
Caller Location :	Jonesboro, AR 72404		
Notes :			

#2

Name :	David Henson	Type :	Witness
DOB :		Race :	Other
Home Phone :		Sex :	Male
Cell Phone :		Other Phone :	
Addresses :			
Caller Location :	Cash, AR 72421		
Notes :			

#3

Name :	Bear Craft	Type :	Witness
DOB :		Race :	Other
Home Phone :		Sex :	Male
Cell Phone :		Other Phone :	
Addresses :			
Caller Location :	Weiner, AR 72479		
Notes :	First on scene		

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Rorie, Jason

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Jasen Rorie

Other Entities

7 Results

#4

Name : Brian Bible **Type :** Witness

DOB : [REDACTED] **Race :** Caucasian **Sex :** Male

Home Phone : [REDACTED] **Cell Phone :** [REDACTED] **Other Phone :** [REDACTED]

Addresses : [REDACTED]

Caller Location : [REDACTED]
Weiner, AR 72479

Notes : First on scene

#5

Name : Shannon Linderman **Type :** Involved Individual

DOB : [REDACTED] **Race :** Other **Sex :** Male

Home Phone : [REDACTED] **Cell Phone :** [REDACTED] **Other Phone :** [REDACTED]

Addresses : [REDACTED]

Caller Location : [REDACTED]

Notes : Landowner

#6

Name : Shana Warren **Type :** Family Member

DOB : [REDACTED] **Race :** Other **Sex :** Male

Home Phone : [REDACTED] **Cell Phone :** [REDACTED] **Other Phone :** [REDACTED]

Addresses : [REDACTED]

Caller Location : [REDACTED]
Jonesboro, AR

Notes : Wife of Nickoles Warren.

#7

Name : George Stem **Type :** Family Member

DOB : [REDACTED] **Race :** Other **Sex :** Male

Home Phone : [REDACTED] **Cell Phone :** [REDACTED] **Other Phone :** [REDACTED]

Addresses : [REDACTED]

Caller Location : [REDACTED]
Jonesboro, AR

Notes : Father of Sean Stem

Attached File(s)

0 Results

Report By:

Rorie, Jason

Approved By:

Jasen Rorie

Narrative(s)**4 Results**

#1

Title :	initial report
Date :	1/4/2021 3:23:00 PM Name : Jasen Rorie

On January 4th 2021 at approximately 9:44am dispatch received a call from Myra Schwarz in reference to a possible plane crash. Dispatch then notified Weiner 1st Responders and I (Sgt Jasen Rorie) was dispatched to the area of Flag Slough Ln to attempt to locate the aircraft. I arrived on scene at approximately 10:24am at the location of the crash which was in a field east of Flag Slough Ln and just north of Spring Hollow Rd right on the Poinsett/Craighead County line. The plane had been fully engulfed at one point and nothing but part of the tail and nose of the plane were identifiable. There were 2 bodies also located in the remains. The bodies were unidentifiable due to the fire but they were later identified at Nick Warren and Shawn Stem. I then placed a call to OEM, the FFA and the NTSB to notify them of the incident. Then scene was taped off to help preserve the evidence until the FAA arrives.

#2

Title :	Supplement
Date :	1/5/2021 4:15:00 PM Name : Brad Fe kins

On January 4, 2021 at 10:43 am I arrived in the area of the plane crash. I spoke to a gentleman named George Stem briefly. He told me that he was the owner of the aircraft and his son, Sean Stem, was the pilot and the passenger was Nickoles Warren. He asked to go to the crash scene and I told him that he would not be able to at that time. I was able to get a little closer to the crash site near the end of Spring Hollow Road and I was ferried out to the scene by a local in a tracked side by side. Upon arriving at the scene of the crash I noted the burnt remnants of a twin engine airplane. The plane was just south of some high tension highline wires and was facing southwest. The plane had been burned completely with just the tail, part of the nose, and the engines somewhat recognizable. The charred remains of two individuals were visible inside the wreckage. Weiner Fire Chief David Schwartz was already on scene along with some firemen. Chief Schwartz had started and maintained the accident scene log while we were there.

I took photographs of the scene from various angles and cordoned off the crash site with crime scene tape. After Poinsett County Coroner Butch Davis arrived the deceased were removed from the wreckage and placed into body bags. They were later transported to Westons Funeral Home in Harrisburg, AR by Coroner Davis for storage until they could be picked up by the medical examiner's office on January 5th. After the remains were removed I took additional photographs. A canvass was done of the area around the crash site and what appeared to be a piece of the plane was located a short distance northeast of the plane underneath the power lines. It's location was also cordoned off and photographed for the FAA investigators. I left the crash scene at 1:05 pm. A deputy was left to maintain the scene integrity until FAA investigators could arrive sometime on January 5th, 2021.

Later that day I was told that the medical examiner's office was requesting DNA to positively identify the remains. I then contacted George Stem and made arrangements to get a buccal DNA swabs from his wife Janice Stem, who is Sean Stem's mother. I met them at their residence in Jonesboro and obtained two buccal swabs to be sent to the medical examiners office. I then contacted Shana Warren, the wife of Nickoles Warren. I made arrangements to meet her and Nickoles's son at their residence. I then traveled to their home located in Jonesboro and obtained two buccal swabs from Nickoles's minor child. While at their home I asked Shana where Sean and Nickoles were going and the purpose of their travel. She said that they were headed to Conway from Jonesboro on a business trip. Both sets of swabs were packaged, labeled and sealed. They were placed with the remains on the morning of January 5th so they could be transported to the medical examiner's office.

Report By:

Rorie, Jason

Approved By:

Jasen Rorie

Narrative(s)**4 Results**

#3

Title :	Supplement		
Date :	1/5/2021 4:44:00 PM	Name :	Brad Fe kins

On January 5th, 2021 I was able to speak to two individuals who heard and saw the airplane just prior to it crashing. The individuals were Brock Davis and David Henson Jr. I spoke to both individuals via phone. I set up an appointment to meet Davis on January 6th and I was able to meet with Henson that afternoon.

Henson told me that he was duck hunting in the woods on in Craighead County north of the area of where the plane crashed. He said that he saw a plane flying west over the woods about 300-400 yards off of the ground. He said the plane's engine was loud and sputtering and popping. The plane went out of view, but he could still hear it. Henson said that the plane's engine stopped and about five seconds later he heard it impact the ground. He said he immediately called 911 (his phone's time showed 0933). About thirty seconds after hearing it impact the ground he heard an explosion and saw black smoke coming from the area he heard the plane crash. Henson provided a written statement and drew a small diagram of where he had been located. I asked if he saw any smoke coming from the plane while it was flying and he said "no".

What Brock Davis told me over the phone matched what Henson had told me. The detail in his statement will be added to this report after I speak to him in person on January 6th. I did ask him if he saw any smoke coming from the plane while it was in the air and he told me "no".

On January 5th I also spoke to Bear Craft and Brian Bible they were in the area during the time of the crash at Craft's shop on Flag Slough Lane. They did not see the plane, but did see the smoke of it burning once it had crashed. Both responded and were the first at the crash site. Both told me that the plane was engulfed in fire and there were no signs of life.

I also spoke to Shannon Linderman who is the landowner of where the plane had crashed. I informed him of the recovery progress. He thanked me and relayed to do whatever had to be done.

#4

Title :	Supplement		
Date :	1/6/2021 10:28:00 AM	Name :	Brad Fe kins

On January 6, 2021 I traveled to 2110 Sea Island Drive in Jonesboro and obtained a written statement from Brock Davis. He told me that he was duck hunting in the woods in Poinsett County. His location would have been southeast of where the plane had went down. Davis said that he heard a loud noise and saw a plane to the north of him flying west at a low altitude. Davis said that the engine was loud and did not sound normal. He said that the plane was slowly losing altitude and he lost site of it behind the trees. He could still hear the plane for a few more seconds and then he heard the engines stop. He said that a few seconds after that he heard the plane impact the ground and a few minutes after impact he saw the black smoke at the crash site. I asked Davis if he saw any smoke coming from the plane while it was in the air and he said that he did not. I thanked Davis for his statement and told him somebody from the FAA may be in contact with him.

This report, statements, and photographs will be forwarded to Daniel Dunn with the Federal Aviation Administration.

Report By:

Rorie, Jason

Approved By:

Jasen Rorie

Victim/Witness Voluntary Statement Form



NOTICE: By signing this document, you affirm that the following statement is true and correct to the best of your knowledge. Furthermore, you are also made aware that making a false or misleading statement to a law enforcement officer or agency is a crime which is punishable in a court of law.

Date of Statement: 1/6/2021 Time of Statement: 9:15 ☒ AM ☐ PM
Date of Occurrence: 1/4/2021 Time of Occurrence: _____ ☐ AM ☐ PM
Name: Brock T. Davis DOB: [REDACTED] DL State, #: [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED] Apt./Suite: _____
City: Jonesboro State: AR Zip: 72404
Home Ph# [REDACTED] Work Ph# _____ Cell # _____ Email: _____
Location of Occurrence: East of Flag Slough Ln, Poinsett County
Suspect Name (if known): N/A AKA: _____
Description of Suspect (if known): Gender: _____ Age: _____ Race: _____ Ht: _____ Wt: _____

Statement of Facts:

I was sitting on southeast portion of property when I heard a very loud noise from my north. I noticed a plane flying due west very low. The engine sounded different than what I'm used to hearing from a plane. The plane slowly was losing altitude when I lost sight of it behind the trees I could still hear it for a few more seconds until I heard the engines stop. A few seconds after that I heard the plane hit the ground. A few minutes after that I saw all of the black smoke.

I have read and understood the above notice and affirm that my preceding statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I further understand that making a false statement to a law enforcement officer can subject me to criminal penalties under the law.

Signature _____

Location

Date _____

Statement Page: 1 of 1

Witnessed By: Lt. Brad F. Kin
Print Name

1/6/2021
Date

Case #: _____

Witness Statement: Mr. Brock Davis

Mr. Brock Davis

[REDACTED]

Jonesboro, AR 72404

Occupation: Student

Phone: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Mr. Davis statement was taken by the Poinsett County Sheriff Department on January 6, 2021.

Inspector phoned Mr. Davis on January 8, 2021 to confirm his previous statement. Inspector asked about the engine sounds he described as "being different than what I am use to hearing" in previous statement. Mr. Davis stated that it sounded like one engine was operating and the other was making a sputtering sound and then operating normally, then sputtering again. Shortly after the engines quit. He said the altitude of the plane seemed to be the same height of a crop duster flying over and paralleling large power lines. He did not see any smoke coming from the plane nor impact.

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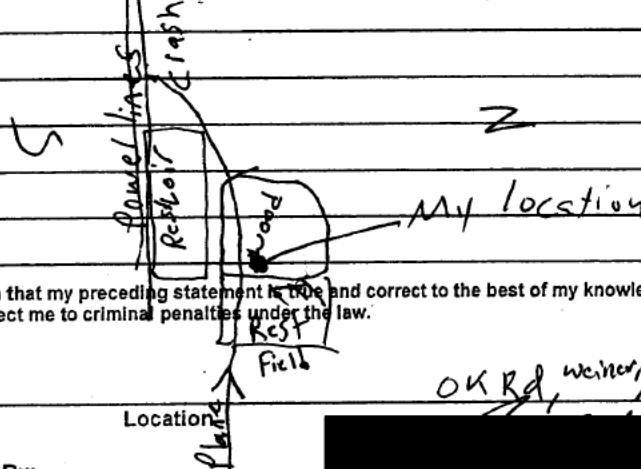


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-RE: A.C.A. 5-54-122-

Date of Statement: 1/5/2021 Time of Statement: 2:25 ☐ AM ☒ PM
Date of Occurrence: 1/4/2021 Time of Occurrence: 7:33 ☒ AM ☐ PM
Name: David L. Henson DOB: [REDACTED] DL State, #: [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED] Apt./Suite: _____
City: Cash State: AR Zip: 72421
Home Ph# [REDACTED] k Ph# _____ Cell # _____ Email: _____
Location of Occurrence: East of Flag Station Ln, Poinsett County
Suspect Name (if known): N/A AKA: _____
Description of Suspect (if known): Gender: _____ Age: _____ Race: _____ Ht: _____ Wt: _____

Statement of Facts:

Plane was heading west bound when it flew over woods it was maybe 300-400 yards high off ground when it past the woods you could hear the ~~eng~~ engine sputtering and popping it kinda sound like a lawn mower running out of gas appromly 30-45 seconds after I lost sight of plane heard it turn off and about 5 second heard it crash, I called 911 and about 30 seconds after crash heard I blow up and Big Cloud of Black smoke tried to give 911 the best location of plane, lost sight of it in the woods but could tell it was still close. Z



I have read and understood the above notice and affirm that my preceding statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I further understand that making a false statement to a law enforcement officer can subject me to criminal penalties under the law.

Signature: [REDACTED] Location: [REDACTED] Date: OK RA, Weiner, AR 1/5/2021
Statement Page: 1 of 1 Witnessed By: [REDACTED]

Witness Statement Mr. David Henson

Mr. David L Henson

[REDACTED]

Cash, AR 72421

Phone:

[REDACTED]

Occupation: Hunting Guide

Email:

[REDACTED]

Mr. Henson statement was taken by the Poinsett County Sheriff Department on January 5, 2021. Inspector phoned Mr. Henson on January 8, 2021 to confirm his previous statement. Mr. Henson stated he was hunting in the woods, east of the accident site, when the aircraft flew over his location at approximately 1000 feet, traveling east to west. Mr. Henson stated the engines were popping and sputtering and making a backfiring noise. He did not see any smoke coming from the aircraft. Mr. Henson stated visibility was good and no fog present in his location. Mr. Henson did not witness aircraft impact the power lines or ground.

Witness Statement

Larry Jullian [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Mr. Jullian is a 62 years old and a commercial rated pilot. Mr. Jullian stated he departed Runway 23 at Jonesboro approximately one minute behind accident aircraft, N325GC. Mr. Jullian noticed nothing out of the ordinary concerning the run-up or the departure of N325GC. Mr. Jullian stated the engines sounded normal and departure was uneventful.

Witness Statement: Mr. Tommy Muncrief

Mr. Tommy Muncrief

[REDACTED]

Pearcy, Ar 71964

Phone: [REDACTED]

Mr. Muncrief owns a concrete construction company and was working on a job site approximately 1 mile from the Jonesboro Airport on the day of the accident. Mr. Muncrief is a student pilot. He stated he seen the aircraft involved in the accident fly over his location at approximately 500 feet to 800 feet in a south westerly direction. He made a comment to his employee that the aircraft seemed to be too low and the engines did not sound good. He stated the engines sounded like it was not firing on all cylinders and was making a popping noise. Mr. Muncrief stated the engines never sounded like it was running properly.



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

Michael J. Hodges
Air Safety Investigator
Central Regional Office
Office of Aviation Safety
National Transportation Safety Board

Date: 01/08/2021

Person Contacted: George Stem (Father of the Accident Pilot – Sean Stem)

NTSB Case Number: CEN21LA107

Narrative:

The following is a synopsis of the information provided by George Stem to the NTSB investigator-in-charge, via a telephone conversation:

- The airplane was purchased in June 2020.
 - George is an experienced pilot and Sean has previous experience flying in Baron airplanes and King Air airplanes.
 - George would fly with his son, as a father and son crew. Sean was a great pilot who had lots of training.
 - The airplane had intermittent heater issues. Back in November 2020, the heater was worked on. The heater was repaired, re-installed, and it still did not work. The heater was worked on again, a wire short was found, the wire short was replaced, and then the heater worked fine.
 - There were no other issues or concerns with the airplane.
- **** Nothing Follows ****



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

Michael J. Hodges
Air Safety Investigator
Central Regional Office
Office of Aviation Safety
National Transportation Safety Board

Date: 01/25/2021
Person Contacted: Amy Stem (Wife of the Accident Pilot – Sean Stem)
NTSB Case Number: CEN21LA107

Narrative:

The following is a synopsis of the information provided by Amy Stem to the NTSB investigator-in-charge, via a telephone conversation:

- The purpose of the flight, on 01/04/2021, was for a business trip. Sean was flying with a business partner. This was a normal workday.
 - From 01/01/2021 to 01/03/2021, Sean was not working and was relaxing and doing errands.
 - Sean would only use alcohol in a social setting.
 - Sean did not use any drugs, either medication drugs or illegal drugs.
 - Sean did not use tobacco or caffeine.
 - Sean did not have any recent major stress events in his life.
 - Sean did not have any issues with fatigue or sleeping and he had no known medical conditions.
 - Sean never reported any concerns with flying. He did mention that the airplane had recent work performed on the heater system.
- **** Nothing Follows ****

RECORD OF ☐ VISIT ☐ CONFERENCE OR ☒ TELEPHONE CALL		TIME 9:33 AM	DATE 01/08/2021
NAME (S) OF PERSON (S) CONTACTED OR IN CONFERENCE AND LOCATION MR. PAUL J. CENTINARO, FAA ASI		ROUTING	
		SYMBOL	INITIALS
Mr. Al Morvin - [REDACTED]			
SUBJECT Summary of phone conversation regarding maintenance actions on N325GC			
DIGEST Mr. George and Sean Stem hired Mr. Al Morvin to troubleshoot and repair the cabin heater on their Beech 58 (N325GC). Mr. Morvin troubleshooted the defect to bad blower assembly. The Stems decided to send the unit for overhaul and the unit was sent to Harold Haskins, Inc. (FAA Repair Station# IS4R269M). Haskins performed the heater overhaul and returned the heater to Mr. Morvin with a 8130-3 on December 18, 2020. The remarks in block 12 of the 8130-3 state, "1. Overhauled I/A/W Harold Haskins, Inc. Maintenance & Overhaul Manual HH-24E25-1, Rev. 1, 10/25/2012. Complied with A.D. Note 2004-21-05 Para. (f) (1) (i); 2. Overhauled I/A/W Janitrol Maintenance Instructions 92D89-1. April, 1974. Functional Test O.K." Mr. Morvin installed the overhauled heater but the system did not work. Mr. Morvin troubleshooted the defect to a faulty air pressure switch and purchased a replacement from Haskins on December 30, 2020. Mr. Morvin installed the new switch and the system operated as designed. Mr. Morvin returned the aircraft to service on December 31, 2020. In addition to the above, Mr. Morvin has performed the following maintenance on N325GC: - Troubleshoot an alternator out issue with the Garmin PFD. Determined normal operation. ***** CONTINUED ON REVERSE *****			
CONCLUSION, ACTION TAKEN, OR REQUIRED			
DATE	TITLE	SIGNATURE	

DIGEST (CONT)

***** CONTINUED FROM FRONT *****

- Attempted to upload and update terrain and nav database on Garmin avionics system. Mr. Morvin inserted the Garmin factory cards supplied by Wings Avionics but after several attempts, the nav data would not load. Mr. Morvin was successful in uploading the terrain database. Mr. Morvin made Mr. Sean Stem aware of the situation and told Mr. Stem that Mr. Stem would need to take the aircraft to an avionics shop for the nav database update.
- Replaced a cabin door seal.
- Performed a filter and oil change on both engines. The aircraft was flown post oil change with no issues.

During the time Mr. Morvin performed maintenance on N325GC, Mr. Morvin did not see the aircraft, airframe, or propeller logbooks. Mr. Morvin provided his logbook entry to the Stems on a label and gave instructions to insert it into the logbook.

PAUL J. CENTINARO, FAA Aviation Safety Inspector
Little Rock Flight Standards Office

***** END OF THIS ENTRY *****