
Dustin Smith
Hot Springs Memorial Field
525 Airport Road
Hot Springs, AR 71913

[REDACTED] (work)
[REDACTED] (cell)

6/30/2023

Thomas Farago
FAA – FSDO
1701 Bond Street
Little Rock, AR 72202

To Whom it May Concern,

At around 7:55am on June 26, 2023 I was sitting in the FBO when Mr. Jones made his first radio call. You could tell something was wrong when we heard the tone in his voice. Everybody stopped talking and looked at the radio. But then he said he was coming in on runway 5 and that was it so I thought we were mistaken with his tone and myself and another lineman went to pull a plane out of A12.

That was when his second call came in, around 8:05am. When his second call came across our radios saying he had lost his engine and was still attempting to make runway 5. Within a matter of seconds the third call he made was him screaming they were going to crash. I ran and jumped into the operations truck and went to the end of runway 5 in attempt to locate and help but could not find them.

I then notified my team over the UNICOM that I could not see anything at the end of the runway. I quickly returned to the FBO where Ms. Ruthie was on the phone with 911 and already had ARFF outside the FBO. 911 advised us of their location off of Lake shore drive in the lake to which Ms. Ruthie and myself along with the fire fighters responded

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Dustin Smith

Lineman
Hot Springs Memorial Field

Ruthie Murphy
Hot Springs Memorial Field
525 Airport Road
Hot Springs, AR 71913

[REDACTED] (work)
[REDACTED] (cell)
[REDACTED]

6/29/2023

Thomas Farago
FAA – FSDO

[REDACTED]
Little Rock, AR 72202

To Whom it May Concern,

On Monday, June 26, 2023 I was walking in the office when the linemen just heard a call from a pilot in distress. This was at 8:05 and Dustin Smith was heading out to the end of RWY 5 while I called ARFF and declared an Alert III.

By 8:06 we knew the aircraft wasn't making it in and with his final call and had gone down. I then called 911 and asked that we get help to locate the aircraft and they informed me that a call had come in and gave me the address of where the aircraft went down. ARFF headed out to that location and by 8:11 I was on-scene.

I called the FT Worth NTSB Offices at 8:22 and spoke to John Branon who then conferenced in Thomas Farago with FSDO. At that point I had already seen the young woman being taken out of the water by first responders and reported what I was seeing and that the pilot as well as the aircraft were not visible.

The aircraft crashed landed into Lake Hamilton about 40 feet off of Laura and Dana Long's seawall. I gave the tail number (N3138T) and answered questions regarding any known information on their flight path and calls that had been made to HOT.

I was asked by Mr. Farago or Mr. Brannon via the phone to get a statement from the occupants of [REDACTED] Porta Prince which were Laura and Dana Long. –

Mrs. Long stated that she was in the restroom when she heard a loud crash and she ran towards the back of the house (which faces the lake) when she saw the aircraft almost cartwheel into the lake. Mrs. Long continued to state that her husband, Dana Long ran outside with her and the young lady "popped out" of the water.

Mrs. Long explained that the aircraft sank almost immediately and only the girl was on the surface. Her husband ran and jumped into the water and she and her husband put the girl onto a floating mat so she could stay up until help arrived.

She also stated that her husband tried to get to the pilot but it was too deep and they knew they needed to concentrate on the young girl. I asked Mrs. Long if the girl was able to talk and she said that the girl was crying out for her Dad and said they almost made it. She (Mrs. Long) said that the young lady said they had been diverted because of weather and needed fuel but Mena did not have any.

At that point Mrs. Long was upset and I thanked her for her time and her and her husband's quick action. With concern for the statement regarding "no fuel", I called Mr. Farago at 8:55am and informed him of that particular statement made to Mr. and Mrs. Long.

At this time the pilot, Daniel Dale Jones had been pulled from the lake and his pilot license was handed to me which I kept until the FAA arrived. I do not know the exact time of the pilot being pronounced deceased.

I then proceeded to answer questions from the Incident Commander as well as members from the HSFD in regards to what type of aircraft, wingspan and any additional information they may need from the aviation side of the accident. I do not recall all of the questions. I stayed on-scene until the FAA/FISDO arrived and nothing further was needed. The time was around 11:55.

If you should need any further information, please contact me at the numbers listed above.

Sincerely,



Ruthie Murphy

Operations Manager
Hot Springs Memorial Field

**GARLAND COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE**



Mike McCormick
Sheriff

**Supplement Statement Form
Victim/Witness**

Report# 202312114 ASD

Name: Dana Michael Long Date: 6/26/2023 Time: 8:55 AM

FIRST/MI/LAST NAME

MONTH/DAY/YEAR

ADDRESS: [REDACTED] Port Au Prince, Hot Springs AR - 71913

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED] DOB: [REDACTED]

Area Code/Telephone

Month/Day/Year

Driver License #: [REDACTED] Social Security #: [REDACTED]

Location: [REDACTED] Port Au Prince

Statement From: Victim _____ Witness X

I was getting ready for work and heard a loud boom and saw the splash from the window. My wife and I ran out and saw the young lady in the water yelling for help. The airplane was already submersing into the water so I grabbed a pole and floats and went into the water. My wife Laura was able to reach the young lady with the pole and pulled her to the wall and hung on to her. I went out to ~~the~~ where the plane went into the water but no way to retrieve the pilot. We got the young lady onto a blue float mat so she could be secure. EMT's arrived.

Young lady said that they were diverted to Meng due to weather but airport had no fuel. The proceeded onto Hot Springs but ran out of fuel and crashed into Lake Hamilton.

[REDACTED]
Signature

[REDACTED]
Investigating Officer



Mike McCormick
Sheriff

Supplement Statement Form Victim/Witness

Report# 20231211415P

Name: Laura Long Date: 6-26-2023 Time: 8:45

FRIST/MI/LAST NAME MONTH/DAY/YEAR
ADDRESS: Port Au Prince, AR 7913

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER [REDACTED] DOB: [REDACTED]

Area Code/Telephone

Month/Day/Year

Driver License #: [REDACTED] Social Security #: [REDACTED]

Location: Port Au Prince Hot Springs, AR

Statement From: Victim Laura Long Witness Laura Long

I was in the bathroom getting ready for work. I heard a huge splash and ran to the window. I saw a small white plane on side in the water. It then fell upright and the front quickly sank into the water. My husband (Dana Long) and I quickly ran downstairs to help. The young girl came up + was crying for her dad. She made it to the wall. My husband went out to try + recover her dad and was unsuccessful. He then came to help me with the girl. We were able to get her onto mat until authorities arrived. Denise said that they had just gotten plane. They were coming from Kentucky and were diverted by weather, which left them short on fuel. They were planning on getting fuel in Mena and they didn't have any, so they were trying to get to the Hot Springs Airport.

[REDACTED]
Signature

[REDACTED]
Investigating Officer

**GARLAND COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE**



Mike McCormick
Sheriff

**Supplement Statement Form
Victim/Witness**

Report# 20231214AS1

Name: Alan Jansky Date: _____ Time: _____

ADDRESS: FRIST/MI/LAST NAME Hot Springs AR MONTH/DAY/YEAR 71913

CITY STATE ZIP CODE
PHONE NUMBER: _____ DOB: _____
Area Code/Telephone Month/Day/Year

Driver License #: _____ Social Security #: _____

Location: Par A Prince

Statement From: Victim _____ Witness Alan Jansky

viewed a small aircraft fall from sky
into the lake. appeared to fall straight
down.

Signature

Investigating Officer



Mike McCormick
Sheriff

Supplement Statement Form Victim/Witness

Name: Kenneth W Wesche Date: 6/26/2023 Time: @ 8am Report# 2023 1214 ASP
FRIST/MI/LAST NAME MONTH/DAY/YEAR given take
 ADDRESS: [REDACTED] Minneapolis MN 55417
CITY STATE ZIP CODE
 PHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED] DOB: [REDACTED]
Area Code/Telephone Month/Day/Year

Driver License #: _____ Social Security #: _____

Location: [REDACTED] Port-au-Prince

Statement From: Victim _____ Witness X

On the dock behind [REDACTED] Port-au-Prince
 looking toward Lake to opposite shore. Suddenly, a
 huge crashing sound, then a second. Looked over
 our left shoulder (my wife and me) saw the plane's
 tail facing east. Heard loud, frantic, incoherent
 screaming. Then we saw thru trees two individuals
 going back & forth from site. Someone cried out all-
 we did so - but the call had already
 been placed

Signature

Investigating Officer