

Fox Todd

From: Fox Todd
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2023 1:10 AM
To: Farago, Thomas J (FAA)
Cc: Fox Todd
Subject: RE: Sevier County Airport

Importance: High

Inspector Farago,

Thank you for forwarding the email statement from Chief of Police Scott Simmons, who is also the airport manager at J Lynn Helms Sevier County Airport (DEQ), De Queens, Arkansas.

Sincerely,
Andrew Todd Fox
NTSB, Air Safety Investigator

From: [REDACTED] [\[REDACTED\]@cityofdequeen.com](mailto:[REDACTED]@cityofdequeen.com)
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2023 11:02
To: Farago, Thomas J (FAA) [REDACTED]
Subject: Sevier County Airport

In reference: Daniel Jones N3138T it is believed that approximately 8 p.m. Sunday June 25, 2023 the aircraft landed at De Queen at the Sevier County Airport because of the weather and at approximately 10:30 p.m. Sevier County Deputy Chris Turner picked them up walking on Hwy 70 and transported them to the Western Plaza Motel. It is believed that early morning of June 26th they arrived back at the airport. I was notified of the accident and contacted Suzann Fitzsimmons (Secretary for the Sevier County Airport) and requested that she look at the fuel sales, and it was determined that at 7:14 a.m. Daniel Jones scanned a Visa card for 100LL and then voided the transaction.

On Saturday June 24th at 1:54 p.m. I, Scott Simmons, refueled my aircraft and purchased 16.7 gallons of 100LL fuel. The fuel hose was rolled up in a neat manner, and the ladder was folded and placed laying on its side at the east end of the fuel island and the pump handle was placed in the down position and I retrieved the paper receipt from the scanner. On Monday the 25th at approximately 2:00 p.m. the pump was still registering the 16.7 gallons that I had purchased. It appeared that the fuel hose had been extended from the hose reel and had been rolled back up in a different manner than I had left it on Saturday, also the ladder was standing upright in front of the gas pumps and the 100LL fuel pump handle was in the down position. The Sevier County Road Foreman Craig Hensley and myself verified that the scanner and the 100LL pump was working properly.

Scott Simmons
Chief of Police
De Queen Police Department

