

INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT OF MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT

Law Enforcement Case Number:

2023-638

MAIL REPORTS TO: Iowa Department of Transportation, Office of Driver Services, P.O. Box 9204, Des Moines, Iowa 50306-9204

Date of Accident 04/22/2023		Time of Accident 01:40 Hrs.		County SCOTT - 82		Accident occurred within corporate limits of (city) BUFFALO - 0952										
UNIT 1	Driver's Name - Last CHILDERS					First BLAKE			Middle MICHAEL							
	Address 3433 MEADOW CT					City BETTENDORF			State IA	Zip 52722						
	Date of Birth [REDACTED]		Driver's License Number [REDACTED]		CDL Yes No ☐ ☒	Citation Charge 1		Citation Charge 2								
	Male ☒	Female ☐	State IA	Class C	Endorsements	Restrictions	Citation Charge 3		Citation Charge 4							
	Alcohol Test Given: 1		Test Results:		Drug Test Given: 1	Test Result:	Re-exam: Yes No ☐ ☒	Reason for Re-Exam Request:								
	Owner's Name - Last BERTAPELLE					First JOE			Middle							
	Address [REDACTED]					City BEL-ARE			State KS	Zip 67220						
	License Plate No. N60880	State KS	Year 2024	VIN: 70627		Color WHI	Year 1969	Make CESS	Model C150J	Style PLANE						
	Trailer Plate No.	State	Year	VIN:		Tow 3	Tow # 1	Towed To [REDACTED]	Approx. Cost to Repair or Replace \$40,000.00							
	Insurance Company Name WINGS INSURANCE					Insurance Co. Phone Number [REDACTED]		Insurance Policy Number 1001205787-01								
Initial Travel Direction	Veh. Act.	Veh. Config.	Cargo Body Type	Veh. Defect	Point of Initial Impact	Most Damaged Area	Extent of Damage	Total Occ. in Veh. 2								
Special Veh. Func.	Emergency Status	Bus Use	Driver Condition	Vision Obscured	Contributing Circumstances Driver (up to two) 88		Driver Distractions	Speed Limit 02								
Traffic Controls	Horizontal Alignment	Vertical Alignment	SEQUENCE OF EVENTS		First Event	Second Event	Third Event	Fourth Event	Most Harmful Event							
COMMERCIAL	Carrier Name/Lessee															
	Street Address					City			State	Zip Code						
	Number of Axles		Gross Vehicle Weight Rating			US DOT Number		MC Number	Underride/Override							
	Haz Mat Involvement		Haz Mat Placard	Placard Number	Haz. Mat Released	Haz Mat Class	Haz Mat Name									
	Trailer Plate:		State	Year	VIN		Sex	Seating Position	Injury Status	Occupant Protection	Airbag Deployment	Ejection	Ejection Path	Trapped/stranded	Source of Transport	Died at scene/enroute
	Trailer Plate:		State	Year	VIN											
	Converter Dolly		Dolly Plate:	State	Plate Year	VIN										
	DRIVER OF UNIT 1					Phone Number: (563) 676-5767										
						Transported to:		Transported by:								
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	Literal Description IA 22 E MEASURING 20 FEET WEST FROM IA 22 E					County: 82 Route:																																							
	If accident occurred outside of city limits show general vicinity NNEESESSWWNW ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐ of nearest city					X Coordinate: 690354.75																																							
	On Road, Street or Highway:					At Intersection with:		Y Coordinate: 4591847																																					
	Note: Unless accident occurred at an intersection which is completely described above, use the space below to give the exact location from a milepost or definable intersection, bridge, or railroad crossing, using two distances and directions if necessary. of					If Divided Highway, Provide Route (Cardinal) Travel Direction																																							
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Is This a Secondary Crash? Y ☐ N ☒			Type of Primary Incident					Roadway Clearance Date 04/22/2023					Incident Clearance Date 04/22/2023																																
Signature of Officer SERGEANT JOSH BUJALSKI					Badge Number		Time Officer Notified of Accident 01:42 Hrs.			Roadway Clearance Time 03:00 Hrs.			Incident Clearance Time 03:45 Hrs.																																
Name of Agency BUFFALO POLICE DEPARTMENT					Date of Report 04/22/2023		Time Officer Arrived At Scene 01:48 Hrs.			Total Roadway Clearance Time 001:18			Total Incident Clearance Time 002:03																																
Report Reviewed By					Date of Review		Investigation made at scene? Y ☒ N ☐			T.I. No.			Other Technical Investigating Agency																																

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The vehicle configuration for unit 1 is as follows. It is a white and red 1969 Cessna C150J Single engine plane.

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On Saturday April 22nd, 2023 at approximately 0140 hours, I was dispatched to the 300 block of W. front St in reference to a plane crash. As I was approaching the area, I noticed a single engine small plane was nose down on the railroad tracks that are south of W. Front St. The pilot and the passenger of Unit 1 were out of the plane and on the sidewalk. Both occupants of the unit 1 were seen on sight by medic personnel and released. While talking with the pilot of unit 1 he advised me that he was traveling north bound crossing the river and attempting to get to the Davenport Municipal Airport. He advised that he was starting to have engine trouble, and turned to head westbound and was going to try and make an emergency landing onto W. Front St./ HWY 22. The pilot advised that the road was the most lit up that he could see. That is when they hit something and crashed onto the railroad tracks.

Through the investigation on scene, it appears that from where the Unit 1 crashed from the first initial impact was about 300-500 feet estimated. It appears that the driver side wing clipped a power pole, which hooked the plane towards the railroad tracks. It also appears that the plane may have rolled once do to the rocks from the tracks having some pits in them. FAA was notified about the incident and will be looking into it further. I was informed later on from a member of the fire department that the pilot advised that he miscalculated the gas mileage for the flight and probably ran out of fuel. Unit 1 was disabled and was towed to [REDACTED]

**BUFFALO POLICE DEPARTMENT****FIELD CASE REPORT**CASE # **2023-00000637****INCIDENT INFORMATION**

REPORTED ON DATE AND TIME

04/22/2023 01:40

INCIDENT TYPE

Accident Aircraft

OCCURRED FROM DATE AND TIME

Saturday 04/22/2023 01:40

OCCURRED THROUGH DATE AND TIME

Saturday 04/22/2023 01:40

LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE

Buffalo, IA 52728**OFFENSES**

	STATUTE	DESCRIPTION	ATTEMPT/COMMIT
1			
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SUBJECTS

	TYPE	NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE)	DOB	AGE	RACE	SEX	HAIR	EYES	HGT	WT
1	Complainant	HEDGES, JEANNE MICHELLE		61	W	F			5' 5	160
2	Witness	KALAHAN, KRISTY LYNN		47	W	F			5' 6	220
3	Involved	CHILDERS, BLAKE MICHAEL		22	W	M		HAZ	6' 0	170
4	Involved	BRUSS, JACOB E		23		M				
5	Other	VANHEUVELN, BARTON J		57	W	M			6' 0	185
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CASE VEHICLES

VEHICLE ROLE	YEAR	TYPE/CATEGORY	MAKE	MODEL
01 Accident Vehicle	1969	Airplane	Cessna	
STYLE	PLATE AND STATE	VIN	COLOR TOP-	
	N60860 - KS	70627	WHITE	
DESCRIPTION			BOT-	
			WHITE	

VEHICLE ROLE	YEAR	TYPE/CATEGORY	MAKE	MODEL
STYLE	PLATE AND STATE	VIN	COLOR TOP-	
DESCRIPTION			BOT-	

Disclaimer: This Field Report should not be considered the final official police report on the incident described within. This report is to be used only for proceedings requiring a report prior to the final report being completed. Any information contained within is subject to verification and/or change.

REPORTING OFFICER

Bujalski, Joshua, j,

REPORTING DATE

04/26/2023

REVIEWING SUPERVISOR



BUFFALO POLICE DEPARTMENT
FIELD CASE REPORT

CASE # **2023-0000637**

INCIDENT TYPE **Accident Aircraft**

CASE SUBJECTS

01	INVOLVEMENT Complainant	NAME Adult HEDGES, JEANNE MICHELLE	DOB [REDACTED]	AGE OR AGE RANGE 61			
RACE W	SEX F	HEIGHT 5' 5 -	WEIGHT 160	HAIR	EYES	DRIVERS LICENSE / STATE	NICKNAME
ADDRESS [REDACTED] Buffalo, IA, 52728							PRIMARY PH Cell
OTHER CONTACT TYPE - INFO						OTHER PH 1	OTHER PH 2
EMPLOYER/SCHOOL NAME AND ADDRESS				OCCUPATION -			
PH-				PH-			

02	INVOLVEMENT Witness	NAME Adult KALAHAN, KRISTY LYNN	DOB [REDACTED]	AGE OR AGE RANGE 47			
RACE W	SEX F	HEIGHT 5' 6 -	WEIGHT 220	HAIR	EYES	DRIVERS LICENSE / STATE	NICKNAME
ADDRESS [REDACTED] Buffalo, IA, 52728							PRIMARY PH Cell
OTHER CONTACT TYPE - INFO						OTHER PH 1	OTHER PH 2
EMPLOYER/SCHOOL NAME AND ADDRESS				OCCUPATION -			
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03	INVOLVEMENT Involved	NAME Adult CHILDERS, BLAKE MICHAEL	DOB [REDACTED]	AGE OR AGE RANGE 22			
RACE W	SEX M	HEIGHT 6' 0 -	WEIGHT 170	HAIR	EYES HAZ	DRIVERS LICENSE / STATE	NICKNAME
ADDRESS [REDACTED] Bettendorf, IA, 52722							PRIMARY PH Cell
OTHER CONTACT TYPE - INFO						OTHER PH 1	OTHER PH 2
EMPLOYER/SCHOOL NAME AND ADDRESS				OCCUPATION -			
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04	INVOLVEMENT Involved	NAME Adult BRUSS, JACOB E	DOB [REDACTED]	AGE OR AGE RANGE 23			
RACE	SEX M	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	HAIR	EYES	DRIVERS LICENSE / STATE OK	NICKNAME
ADDRESS <UNKNOWN>							PRIMARY PH
OTHER CONTACT TYPE - INFO						OTHER PH 1	OTHER PH 2
EMPLOYER/SCHOOL NAME AND ADDRESS				OCCUPATION -			
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05	INVOLVEMENT Other	NAME Adult VANHEUVELN, BARTON J	DOB [REDACTED]	AGE OR AGE RANGE 57			
RACE W	SEX M	HEIGHT 6' 0 -	WEIGHT 185	HAIR	EYES	DRIVERS LICENSE / STATE	NICKNAME
ADDRESS [REDACTED] WAUKEE, IA, 50263							PRIMARY PH Cell
OTHER CONTACT TYPE - INFO						OTHER PH 1	OTHER PH 2
EMPLOYER/SCHOOL NAME AND ADDRESS				OCCUPATION -			
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REPORTING OFFICER Bujalski, Joshua, j,	REPORTING DATE 04/26/2023	REVIEWING SUPERVISOR
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**BUFFALO POLICE DEPARTMENT****FIELD CASE REPORT**CASE # **2023-00000637**INCIDENT TYPE **Accident Aircraft****NARRATIVE**

On Saturday April 22nd, 2023 at approximately 0140 hours, I, Sgt. Bujalski was dispatched to the 300 block of W. front St in reference to a plane crash. As I was approaching the area, I noticed a single engine small plane was nose down on the railroad tracks that are south of W. Front St. I informed dispatch that we needed to contact Canadian Pacific railroad about stopping trains from coming through, since the plane was on the railroad tracks. The plane was described as a 1969 Cessna C150J airplane with tail number N60860. The fire department and the medic was dispatched to the area as well. Also when I arrived on scene, I went out with 2 males that advised me that they were in the plane. The pilots name was Blake Childers and the the passenger name was Jacob Bruss. They both advised that they were fine, however I saw a small head wound on Bruss. Once Medic arrived on scene they were checked out.

I also spoke with a female who was identified as Kristy Kalahan. She advised that she was out looking for her cat when she heard and the plane overhead and in the area before it went down. She advised that the plane never traveled over the city that it stayed away from traveling over head of any of the houses. I went and spoke with Blake to see what had happened. Blake advised me that they were flying heading northbound to the Davenport Airport. He advised that the engine started to malfunction and shutting down. He was looking for an area to make an emergency landing and saw that W. Front St./ HWY 22 was lit up enough and he had the ability to see the road. While attempting to start the approach for the road, Blake advised that the engine came back to life and he continued towards the Davenport Airport. The engine again started to malfunction, so he reverted back to making the emergency landing. While attempting to make the landing, while getting closer to the landing, Blake advised that the engine gave a little jolt for trying to come back online again and they ended up crashing after hitting something, which was believed to be a power pole.

Deputies from the Scott County Sheriffs office came to assist with the accident as well. I also informed dispatch that we had to get a hold of the FAA to see what they wanted to do with the plane. I was informed by dispatch that they would be contacting me personally and that I informed dispatch of my cell number so they could contact me. I was then contacted by Barton Van-Heuveln. I informed him of what I had and what possibly had happened. I also informed him that the plane needed to be removed as soon as possible, because it was on the railroad tracks and needed to get trains moving. I informed Barton of my email and advised that he could email me and I would email all the information to him and some photos as well. He advised that he needed to contact a supervisor to see if the plane could be removed. He contacted me back and advised that it could be moved and that they would prefer it to go to the Davenport Airport. I informed him that I would try, but it would probably be towed to Fred's, but I would let him know in an email where the plane was sent to.

We had dispatch contact Fred's to come tow the plane. Family of Blake arrived to get Blake and his passenger. We informed them that even though they wanted the plane to go to Davenport Airport, that if Fred's didn't receive payment before the tow truck was ready to leave area, that the plane would then be towed to Fred's. The tow truck operator arrived on scene and when he was done loading the plane onto his truck, his company advised that they had not gotten a call for a payment or where to take the plane to. I advised the tow truck operator to take it to [REDACTED]. Once the plane was removed, we had dispatch contact the railroad and inform them. I was also informed by Medic, that they were informed by one of the volunteer firemen that Blake advised that he miscalculated the fuel mileage of the trip and ran out of fuel.

REPORTING OFFICER

Bujalski, Joshua, J.

REPORTING DATE

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REVIEWING SUPERVISOR

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The next day, I called and spoke with Blake on the phone. I advised that I needed the owners information for the accident report. He advised me that the owners name of the plane was Joe Bertapelle. I sent him and email and he called me back. I advised him of what happened and that I would need his insurance information. Joe advised me that he would get that to me as soon as he could. I advised that once I get that information, that I would send him some pictures and the copy of my reports as well.

Pictures of the accident will be placed on a CD and added to the case file. Copies of reports and pictures will be sent to the FAA and the owner of the plane.

Nothing further at this time.

Sgt. Joshua Bujalski [REDACTED]

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