

STERLING COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Case #: 2023-174

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P.O. Box 928
Sterling City, TX 76951

Report Type: Incident Report

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Reason:

Report Date: 11/29/2023

Title: HELICOPTER CRASH

CASE #: 2023-174

☐ Cargo Theft

Incident Date/Time: 11/29/2023 4:05:05 PM

Location:

Suspect NameDOBDL/ID#

INVESTIGATING OFFICER:

Irby, Russell ID-NR: [REDACTED]

SIGNATURE: _____

REGION/DISTRICT/SGT. AREA: Texas

APPROVING SUPERVISOR:

ID-NR:

SIGNATURE: _____

VICTIM # 1

Name: BROOKS, MICHAEL WAYNE
Address: [REDACTED]
County: -- --
City, State, Zip: MCKINNEY, TX 75071

DOB: [REDACTED]
Age: 22
Race/Gender: White / Male
Ethnicity: Not Hispanic
Height/Weight: 5' 10" / 143
Build: -- --
Hair/Eyes: Brown / Blue
Complexion: -- --
Alias: -- --
Scars: -- --
Marks: -- --
Tattoos: -- --
Disabilities: -- --

DL Number: [REDACTED]
ID Card Number: -- --
SSN: -- --
Home Phone: -- --
Cell Phone: -- --
Occupation: -- --
Employer: -- --
Work Phone: -- --

VICTIM # 2

Name: WEIDMAN, MILES PAYTON
Address: [REDACTED]
County: -- --
City, State, Zip: MEDFORD, OR 97501

DOB: [REDACTED]
Age: 31
Race/Gender: White / Male
Ethnicity: Not Hispanic
Height/Weight: 6' 00" / 250
Build: -- --
Hair/Eyes: -- -- / -- --
Complexion: -- --
Alias: -- --
Scars: -- --
Marks: -- --
Tattoos: -- --
Disabilities: -- --

DL Number: [REDACTED]
ID Card Number: -- --
SSN: -- --
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EVIDENCE INFORMATION:**VIDEO EVIDENCE**

Evidence Collected:

☒ Yes ☐ No

Evidence Type:

Both Body and Car Camera

NARRATIVE:

On 11/29/2023 Irion County Dispatch received a call of a Helicopter Crash West of Bird Lane 1.9 miles on WL Foster Ranch. When arriving on scene I observed a crashed white and blue helicopter with 2 deceased individuals in the wreckage. At that time Trooper Horito then contacted FAA and informed them about the situation and they are planning to arrive on 11/30/2023 to begin their investigation. The scene was then secured and still photographs of the crash scene and surrounding areas were taken. On the top of a transmission line pole # 308137 was a mark where possibly the rotor blades had struck it causing the crash. When speaking with Brim Flight supervisor Craig Morrison [REDACTED] he stated they had lost radio contact at approximately 2:20pm and lost tracking of the air craft at 2:28pm. At that time he went to try and locate the aircraft and he was the one who found the crash site. Other ground crew members present with Source Utility Services were Brent Ottoson [REDACTED] and Douglas Lucas [REDACTED] from Louisiana. The aircraft involved was an MD600N with FAA number N745MB. The deceased Pilot was a Miles Clayton Weidman [REDACTED]. Both deceased individuals were taken by Shaffers Funeral Home and transported to Lubbock Tx for Autopsy. The other deceased subject onboard was a Michael Wayne Brooks [REDACTED]. When observing the bodies Weidman the pilot was laying face down in the front of the cockpit area. [REDACTED] His helmet was appromatley 10 yards away which had a large crack like an object had struck it. [REDACTED] Brooks was located in the rear of the wreckage face down still attached to his harness that was secured to the helicopter. Brooks helmet was still attached to him which had a crack on the right side.

NTSB arrived on 12/1/2023 and took control of the scene to perform their investigation.