

Holland Township Police**14-0055**

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Officer: **MICHAEL D. BENT - MDB****1/15/2014****Incident Report Form****INVOLVED PERSONS****POLICE DEPARTMENT****CODE: PD**

Name (Last, First, Middle) - Address HUNTERDON COUNTY, PROSECUTORS OFFICE FLEMINGTON NJ 08822	Juvenile ☐	Date of Birth	Age	Race	Sex	Ethnic	Social Security Number
		Weight	Height	Hair	Eyes	Phone Number	
		Driver License Number			State	Later Name edit ☐	

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WITNESS**CODE: WIT**

Name (Last, First, Middle) - Address YOUNG, KATHLEEN MARIE MILFORD NJ 08848-	Juvenile ☐	Date of Birth	Age	Race W	Sex F	Ethnic	Social Security Number
		Weight	Height	Hair	Eyes	Phone Number	
		Driver License Number			State NJ	Later Name edit ☐	

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RESPONDING / INVOLVED UNITS, OFFICERS, TIMES

	Vehicle	Officer 1	Officer 2	Officer 3	Officer 4	Division	Supervisor
Unit 1	1512	MDB					
Unit 2							
Unit 3							
Unit 4							

Agency Numbers Units & Times

COMMENTS / NARRATIVES

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01/15/14

On January 15, 2014, I was dispatched to the area along the Delaware River for a report of a possible plane crash. I responded along with Ptl. Bigg of our police department. We responded and began checking sections along the river for the plane. There was patchy fog in certain areas along the river making visibility difficult. The entire length of the river in our township was checked and no plane was found. While searching further in land for any other possible crash site, I was dispatched again back to the river. Hunterdon County Communications had received further reports from Bucks County, Pennsylvania Communications that a plane was possibly down on their side of the river. I again responded with Ptl. Bigg and Ptl. Murphy from the Frenchtown Borough Police to check the river. Again nothing was found. Witness reports consistently stated that they heard a plane's engine, but that they could not see the plane due to the fog. Fog conditions worsened significantly from the initial call through the second deployment. Initial reports were that the engine was heard running then went silent.

Having no sighting of a crash site or better general location of such, I met with emergency personnel that had been called to assist in the search by Bucks County Communications at the Milford Fire Company's station. All separate searches were halted at this time due to visibility and safety concerns. Contacts were made to the New Jersey State Police to see if they would deploy a helicopter to search the general area due the worsening conditions and nightfall. The helicopter was first tasked to fly but canceled shortly thereafter due to the aforementioned weather conditions. I then responded to Holland Valley Dairy Farm after a contact made

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to me by Chief Harris concerning a possible stronger eyewitness account. Ptl. Murphy and I went to the farm and spoke with Cathy Young. Mrs. Young stated directly that she was on her tractor preparing to feed her cows when she heard the plane fly overhead. She continued that it sounded like it was extremely low and it drowned out the sound of her tractor. She too stated that she did not see the plane due to the dense fog which had now covered down to the ground in all areas near the river. She went on to say that she did not hear a crash, but shortly thereafter got a strong smell of fuel, not like her diesel tractor or anything else she was familiar with. She stated that from the sound of the plane, she felt it headed east/northeast toward the Gravel Hill section of Holland. Ptl. Murphy and I cleared the scene and responded to the Gravel Hill tower area and checked the access road up to the top of the mountain to the tower. Nothing was visible due to the intense fog now blanketing most of the area. At this point, I received a telephone call from Chief Harris alerting me to the fact that a full blown search was now going to be conducted and a unified command established. I then relinquished the call to the emergency command center established at the Holland Township Municipal building.

I was then tasked to deploy the Office of Emergency Management 4 wheel off road mule at any potential located site. Chief Steven Underhill of the Holland Township Fire Department, along with his search crew, did then locate the plane and I was tasked to that site. I responded to the crash site and began identifying the pilot. I was able to determine that he was Joseph Borin of White House Station, NJ. Medical personnel on scene were actively performing C.P.R. on Mr. Borin to no avail. He was pronounced dead by the E.M.S.-4 through Dr. Felderman of Hunterdon Medical Center at 10:27 p.m. Communications was made aware of the I.D. and pronouncement of death. They dispatched the Readignton Township Police to the residence listed for him to make notification to next of kin. Mr. Borin was found in the pilot's seat of his plane. He was removed by the medical technicians and was placed on the ground for C.P.R. purposes. He was wearing blue jeans, a blue button down shirt, along with a tan down vest and a blue outer jacket. Mr. Borin was then removed from the scene by the Medical Examiner and I ceased operations. Mr. Borin was flying an American Champion Citabria plane, tail number N469J. No other actions were taken.

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Det. Sean Gutsick-

On January 16, 2014 at 1600 hours I met with Chris Schumann and returned the collected property of Mr. Borin to him. See property receipt.

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