



Cumberland County Sheriff's Office

Law Report for Incident 14-020396

Nature: Agency Assist
Location: D1STA

Address: [REDACTED]
Standish ME 04084

Offense Codes:

Received By: Poirier M

How Received: T

Agency: 0300

Responding Officers:

Responsible Officers: Dyar Joseph

Disposition: ACT 08/10/14

When Reported: 17:33:58 08/10/14

Occurred Between: 17:33:12 08/10/14 and 17:33:12 08/10/14

Assigned To:

Detail:

Date Assigned: **/**/**

Status:

Status Date: **/**/**

Due Date: **/**/**

Complainant:

Last:

First:

Mid:

DOB: **/**/**

Dr Lic:

Address:

Race:

Sex:

Phone:

City: ,

Alert Codes:

Offense Codes

Reported: ASST Agency Assist

Observed: ASST Agency Assist

Additional Offense: ASST Agency Assist

Circumstances

LT25 Other/Unknown

Responding Officers:

Unit :

Dyar Joseph

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Hanna A

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Ferriter P

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Estabrook J

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Chandler C

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Responsible Officer: Dyar Joseph

Agency: 0300

Received By: Poirier M

Last Radio Log: 22:27:55 08/10/14 CMPLT

How Received: T Telephone

Clearance: RPT Report Taken

When Reported: 17:33:58 08/10/14

Disposition: ACT **Date:** 08/10/14

Judicial Status:

Occurred between: 17:33:12 08/10/14

Misc Entry:**and:** 17:33:12 08/10/14**Modus Operandi:****Description :****Method :**

Involvements

Date	Type	Description	
08/11/14	Name	Breton, Cheryl L	Witness
08/11/14	Name	Werth, William J	Pilot
08/11/14	Name	Jackson, Michael G	Witness
08/11/14	Name	BRETON, RICHARD F	Witness
08/10/14	Cad Call	17:33:58 08/10/14 Agency Assist	Initiating Call

Narrative

Cumberland County Sheriff's Office

Narrative Report
Of
Deputy Joseph S. Dyar
Incident 14-020396

August 10th 2014 at 1733 hours

On August 10th 2014 at approximately 1733 hours, I responded to a reported plane crash on Northeast Road in Standish in the area of Brookside Drive. Dispatch advised multiple callers were stating that a small plane had gone down.

Upon arrival, I observed a small plane in the ditch. There was debris in the roadway and multiple vehicles sitting on the edge of the road. I blocked the road off at Otter Drive and advised dispatch to have the fire department shut the road down.

As I walked up to the scene, I was approached by a male who stated that he did not see the crash but the male pilot was out walking around and did not appear to be injured.

I approached the aircraft, the pilot identified himself as William Werth from Indiana. William told me that he was coming from Frenchville, Maine and was headed to Sanford Airport to refuel and then was going to continue to Barrington, New Hampshire. William told me that he was flying and the plane started to act as though it had no fuel, he then told me that he had one fuel cell that was almost full so he didn't know what was going on with the plane. William told me that he circled and then attempted to land the plane without injuring anyone. William attempted to land the plane on the roadway but hit a few large branches, which lead to a hard impact with the ground. The plane had significant damage. There were no signs of impairment.

The fire department arrived and told me that there was no fire danger at this point. William instructed the crews on how to cut the power and turn the fuel off. William had a small cut on one of his hands. He was taken to Maine Medical Center for an evaluation.

The planes tail number was N34BJ.

The scene was secured and taped off. The witnesses were asked to fill out statement forms, which I collected when completed.

Sgt. Estabrook was updated on my findings. Sgt. Estabrook contacted the FAA. I stood by at the scene to wait for the FAA.

END

Deputy Joseph S. Dyar

Responsible LEO:

Approved by:

Date

Supplement

Cumberland County Sheriff's Office
Supplemental Report
Of

Sgt. James Estabrook

Incident: 14-020396

08-10-2014 1733hrs

I Sgt. Estabrook responded to the area of #272 Northeast Road in Standish for a reported Plane Crash.

Dep. Joseph Dyar, Dep. Patrick Ferriter, Dep. Andrew Hannah and Dep. Cole Chandler also responded.

I was contacted by Dep. Dyar and was briefed as to the following information:

Dep. Dyar indicated he had collected four witness statements from persons who had witnessed the crash.

Dep. Dyar provided me with the Tail Number for the Aircraft.

William J. Werth [REDACTED] 1970 of Indiana was the pilot.

Werth was traveling from Frenchville, Maine to the Sanford Airport for fuel then had plans to travel to Barrington, New Hampshire.

Werth believed his plane suffered a mechanical malfunction of some type as if it was out of fuel however he had fully fueled prior to departing for his trip and still had fuel on board.

Werth showed no signs of impairment at the scene.

Werth had suffered injury to his right arm and side sustaining possible broken bones but otherwise suffered non life threatening injury.

Werth attempted to land the Plane on Northeast Road, clipped low hanging Oak Tree branches and crashed totaling the aircraft.

Werth was transported to the Maine Medical Center for treatment prior to my arrival.

I made contact with the Flight Control Tower at the Portland Jet Port and reported the Aviation Crash to them. I was contacted a short time later and briefed the Federal Aviation Administration Investigator via a conference call through their Dispatch in Atlanta, Georgia. On scene responders awaited the FAA Investigators response.

I contacted and notified Chief Deputy Naldo Gagnon of this incident. Upon my arrival at the actual scene approximately one hour after it was called in I noted the road to be dry, level and paved. I observed several tree limbs and debris in the road way nearest the intersection of Northeast and Brookside Drive. I further noted the Plane to be nose down in a ditch on the North West

side of Northeast Road. I could see obvious impact markings in the road way indicating the Plane had approached its attempted landing from a North Easterly direction. The weather during this event was calm and clear with no precipitation. I caused Dep. Hannah to photograph the entire scene in assistance to the Federal Investigators. I further briefed Dep. Dyar on information for the media on scene and he completed a briefing with the local Media channels who had arrived on scene prior to myself. Lastly I created a written press release of information and reviewed it with Chief Deputy Gagnon prior to dissemination at the direction of Chief Deputy Gagnon.

At the direction of the FAA I caused Copp Motors to respond and await the FAA for authorization for removal of the downed Aircraft.

Sgt. James Estabrook

Supplement

CUMBERLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Narrative Report of Andrew Hanna

Incident #: 14-020396

On 08/10/2013 at approximately 1733 hours, I responded to the area of 272 Northeast Rd in the town of Standish to assist Deputy Dyar with the report of a plane crash. I arrived on scene at 1742 hours.

When I arrived, I parked my cruiser at the intersection of Northeast Rd and Otter Dr. Traffic was backed up from Otter Dr. to the intersection of Route 114. I began turning vehicles around to clear the roadway. I requested from the fire department that fire police be position at the intersection of Northeast Rd and Route 114. Once traffic was clear, I made contact with Deputy Dyar.

Deputy Dyar had just spoken with Sgt. Estabrook who had asked if anyone on scene had a camera to take photos. I began photographing the scene starting at Otter Dr. and working my way to the crash site.

At the intersection of Northeast Rd and Brookside Dr., there debris from tree branches and leaves covered the roadway. A guide wire connecting two utility poles at the intersection had been knocked down, as well as a cable wire connecting to an abandoned house across the street from Brookside Dr.

Once I was away from the branches and leaves, in the south bound lane of Northeast Rd, I observed white paint in the roadway. As I continued walking, more paint was visible in the south bound lane and towards the center line of the road. Red paint was now visible, and these markings led me to where the plane had come to final rest. I then photographed 360 degrees around the plane. I also photographed the inside of the cockpit area.

At 2013 hours, Mr. Dennis Tremblay from the FAA arrived on scene. I briefed him on what I knew, and brought him to the plane. Mr. Tremblay was advised that photos had been taken during the daylight, and I would take additional photos at his direction. I took more photos of the instrument panel once Copp Motors pulled the plane out of the ditch.

Once the plane was removed by Copp Motors, I brought Mr. Tremblay to the Standish sub-station where I downloaded the photos onto a compact disc for him. I obtained the email address for Mr. Tremblay in order to provide him with a copy of the report and witness statements.

The photos were uploaded into the incident. I had no contact with the pilot. I took no further action.

Deputy Andrew Hanna

Name Involvements:**Witness :** 463838**Last:** BRETON**First:** RICHARD**Mid:** F**DOB:** [REDACTED] 65**Dr Lic:** [REDACTED]**Address:** [REDACTED]**Race:** [REDACTED] **Sex:** M**Phone:** [REDACTED]**City:** Auburn, ME 04212**Witness :** 212683**Last:** Breton**First:** Cheryl**Mid:** L**DOB:** [REDACTED] 60**Dr Lic:** [REDACTED]**Address:** [REDACTED]**Race:** W **Sex:** F**Phone:** [REDACTED]**City:** Monmouth, ME 04259**Pilot :** 463836**Last:** Werth**First:** William**Mid:** J**DOB:** [REDACTED] 70**Dr Lic:** [REDACTED]**Address:** [REDACTED]**Race:** W **Sex:** M**Phone:** [REDACTED]**City:** Cordsville, IN 46055**Witness :** 463837**Last:** Jackson**First:** Michael**Mid:** G**DOB:** [REDACTED] 74**Dr Lic:** [REDACTED]**Address:** [REDACTED]**Race:** W **Sex:** M**Phone:** [REDACTED]**City:** Hyde Park, MA 02136