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Originating Agency ORI FL0448000	Reported to Agency Date 8/10/2015 12:44:21AM	Occur Date Range 8/10/2015 12:44:21AM -	Jurisdiction	Status: Clearance:

On the above date and time myself, Lt. David Robison and Officer Olly Adams of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservations Commission responded to a plane crash bay side Marathon. The reported crash was approximately 1 mile off shore around 68th St Gulf.

Myself and Ofc. Adams responded to the scene and made contact with the two witness vessels they were identified by Florida DI and registrations to the following individuals. The first vessel [REDACTED] owned by Chad See his phone number is [REDACTED]. The second vessel: [REDACTED] owned by Daniel Franz his phone number is [REDACTED].

Mr. Franz stated he witnessed the plane crash into the gulf as he was fishing just off Rachel Key. Mr. Franz stated he heard the planes engine and watched it fly right into the water. Mr. Franz said he called 911 and went towards the crash and found one white male in the water unconscious. Mr. See also was in the area and responded to the crash and helped Mr. Franz get the unconscious individual into the back of his vessel.

United States Coast Guard also responded to the scene. Once on scene I conducted a quick inspection of the unconscious individual and noticed no pulse or breathing. The individual appeared to have broken legs and arms along with head trauma. The individual was taken off the witness vessel and placed on my patrol vessel in a body bag as he was S7.

Myself and Ofc. Adams along with the USCG and the good Samaritan's continued to look for the airplane and any possible survivors. The airplane was located at the following location 24 43 854 N 081 04 596 W we searched the airplane and surrounding waters and no other individuals were located.

The S7 individual was identified by his wallet which was in his flight bag to be Russell Edward Elgin Jr. DOB [REDACTED] FI. DI [REDACTED]. FWC dispatch made contact with Palm Beach Sheriffs Office to conduct a welfare check at the residence. In Mr. Elgin Jr. pocket was .38 revolver Smith and Wesson pistol. Once Identified we contacted Palm Beach Sheriffs Office to go by the residence to conduct a welfare check.

At the residence was Russell Edward Elgin Sr. I spoke to Mr. Elgin and notified him of his sons passing while Palm Beach Sheriffs Office was at the residence.

Mr. Elgin confirmed that his son Russell Elgin Jr. was flying home from Key West. Mr. Elgin stated his son had flown down on Saturday August 8th to Key West to meet some friends to lobster. Mr. Elgin stated his son was to fly home on Sunday night around 10:00 pm back to Palm Beach. Mr. Elgin Sr also stated that as far as he knew his son was flying alone.

Mr. Elgin Jr was transported to USCG Marathon where he was turned over to the medical examiners office. Mr. Elgin Jr. belongings were turned over to Marathon County Sheriffs Dept along with the .38 Smith and Wesson pistol.