

Oneida County Sheriff's Office
Supporting Deposition

State of New York

County of Oneida

Town of Westmoreland

Case # 16-8079

I, Moses Joseph Acee, the deponent herein, residing
at [REDACTED] Westmoreland NY [REDACTED]
DOB [REDACTED] occupation, Retired Phone Number: [REDACTED]
give this deposition as follows:

[REDACTED] name is Moses Acee and I am speaking to Deputy Christian with the Oneida County Sheriff's Office. I currently own Sophies Choice Air strip which is located at my house, [REDACTED] in the Town of [REDACTED]

On April 18, 2016 at about 6:45 pm a brown and white Cessna 172 landed at my air strip. The pilot taxied the Cessna from the runway to adjacent field and parked it there along with two other aircraft. The other two aircraft that were with the Cessna was a Piper J3 Aircraft with the pilot, and Piper Subercub Aircraft, also with the pilot. I know the male who was piloting the Cessna but I am unsure of his name. I had only met him one other time. There was also two other people in the Cessna, another male and a female who I do not know. All five people came into my house and met my wife Sohpie Acee. They had stayed at my house for about 15 minutes.

A little after 7:00 pm all three pilots taxied back to the runway and began to take off. The Cessna was the last to take off. I noticed that toward the end of the runway the pilot of the Cessna did not have enough air speed and was not able to maintain altitude. The aircraft turned slightly left and slightly right and proceed to stall. It was obvious that the pilot did not have enough airspeed. I could still see the Cessna and observed it stall about 400 feet beyond the end of the run way. I watched the Cessna proceed to crash to the ground. I then called 911 and advised them of the incident.

I began to run over to the crash site. I then watched as the Cessna became fully engulfed in flames. When I got to the crash scene a male from across the street, Don Marino had already arrived and was tending to two males. END OF STATEMENT [REDACTED]

I have read the foregoing and understand that **FALSE STATEMENTS MADE HEREIN ARE PUNISHABLE AS A CLASS A MISDEMEANOR PURSUANT TO SECTION 210.45 OF THE PENAL LAW.**

Verified and

me on

April 18, 2016

Deponent

Signature:

Title:

Deputy Sheriff

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I, Donald P Marino, the deponent herein, residing
at [REDACTED] Rome NY [REDACTED]
DOB [REDACTED] occupation, [REDACTED]
give this deposition as follows:

I am speaking with Deputy Frankland about an incident that occurred near my house located at [REDACTED] in [REDACTED]. Around 7:00pm I was outside my house talking on the phone with my son and I heard a plane nearby. There is an airstrip on my neighbors property so I looked to see who it was. As I looked, I saw a small Cessna plane departing Moe Acee's runway. As the plane was traveling east, I could see that it did not have enough speed to sustain lift and the nose was very high. I know this from my experience with planes and I have flown them before. As the plane was airborne, the plane then stalled out and began dropping. The plane landed on a small slope on my neighbor's property [REDACTED]. Within about 90 seconds, the plane caught fire. I heard a lot of popping and the flames were getting larger. I ran over and found two people laying on the ground, both males. One of the males was on fire so I rolled him into the small creek next to the crash. The male told me that there was three people in the plane, so I looked around and saw a female walking around, but I was not sure if she was in the crash or not. The other male was lying on the ground and the owner of the property was tending to his injuries. I had called 911 as I was running over to check on the occupants of the plane. The fire department arrived shortly afterwards and took over care of the patients. There was not any other planes in the area as the plane was taking off, however after the crash another small plane did fly over the scene from east to west. [REDACTED]

I have read the foregoing and understand that **FALSE STATEMENTS MADE HEREIN ARE PUNISHABLE AS A CLASS A MISDEMEANOR UNDER THE PENAL LAW.** [REDACTED]

Verified and Subscribed on

5/18/16

Deponent

Signature: [REDACTED]

Title: Deputy [REDACTED]

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I, Colleen Marie Gozy the deponent herein, residing
at [REDACTED] Rome NY, [REDACTED]
DOB [REDACTED] occupation, School Bus Driver Phone Number [REDACTED]
give this deposition as follows:

[REDACTED] My name is Colleen Gozy and I am speaking to Deputy Christian with the Oneida County Sheriff's Office.

On April 18, 2016 at about 7:00 pm I was inside my house getting ready to relax. At about that time I heard a very loud boom. I then looked out the front windows of my house and the side windows but did not see anything. About 30 seconds later I heard another boom and looked out my rear door. It looked to me as if my barn outside the rear of my house was on fire. I also observed a female running near my pool. I am unsure what the female was wearing and who the female was. I then ran outside behind my barn and observed a plane on fire in my field. My neighbor Don Marino was already behind my house near the plane crash. He yelled to me to bring him a bucket. I then ran back to the side of my house and grabbed an empty garbage pail and brought it down to him. My other neighbor Moses Acee had arrived on scene and stated that there was three people in the plane. I then became very nervous and began to look around. I had only seen two male victims being tended too. One of the males was with Don in front of the bridge near the pond. The other was in the swamp behind the bridge with a female. The female with the male in the swamp was the same female who was running in my back yard. As Fireman had arrived on scene I began to tell them there was a third victim who was unfounded. As soon as I told them this someone yelled "Colleen the third victim is the female" and pointed to the female in the swamp. I am unsure who the female was. END OF STATEMENT. [REDACTED]

I have read the foregoing and understand that ***FALSE STATEMENTS MADE HEREIN ARE PUNISHABLE AS A CLASS A MISDEMEANOR PURSUANT TO SECTION 210.45 OF THE PENAL LAW.***

Verified and

me on

April 18, 2016

[REDACTED] Deponent D

Signature: [REDACTED]

Title: Deputy Sheriff