



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 96TH TEST WING (AFMC)
EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE, FLORIDA

3 August 2016

MEMORANDUM FOR 96 AOF/CC

FROM: SSGT SHAWNA VANDEZANDE

SUBJECT: Aircraft Incident

1. The purpose of this Memorandum is to describe the situation and viewpoint of SSgt Shawna VandeZande on the evening of 2 August 2016.
2. I was working the South Approach position when N2735A called ready for departure at DTS. I verified that N2735A was ready for departure off runway 14, when the pilot verified his departure runway I instructed the aircraft to turn right heading 240 on departure and climb to 2000. I noticed the aircraft's data tag pop up on the screen, but also saw the red flashing LA on the top left of the data tag. I attempted to establish radio communications on 132.1, our departure frequency, but received no reply. I informed the watch supervisor that I had a feeling that there was an accident with an aircraft that I had released off DTS. The Watch Supervisor then began his checklists and I attempted radio communications on our Emergency frequencies as well as on DTS Unicom 123.075, but still received no reply. I noticed Dolfin1, HELO, was in close vicinity to the aircraft's data tag and asked the helicopter if he had seen an aircraft depart or if he could see an aircraft still on the ground at Destin. The helicopter replied that he had seen the aircraft depart but no longer saw the aircraft. At the same time there were PC12s from our mission airspace circling above to see if their equipment could locate a possible location of debris or aircraft. The PC12s replied that they had noticed a discoloration in the water. Approximately 30 minutes following the incident I received position relief.
3. If you have any question regarding this matter, contact me at [REDACTED] You may also contact me via email at [REDACTED]

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2 August 2016

MEMORANDUM FOR 96 AOF/CC

FROM: SSGT JUSTIN PURCEY

SUBJECT: Aircraft Incident

1. The purpose of this Memorandum is to describe the situation and viewpoint of SSgt Justin Purcey on the evening of 2 August 2016.
2. I was the watch supervisor on duty on the night of 2 August 2016. SSgt Shawna VandeZande advised me that N2735A who had been released off of runway 14 at Destin Airport had never contacted us. N2735A had been released at 0123Z and the data block had tagged up on departure but had dropped off 2 miles south of the Destin Airport. The aircraft mishap checklist was completed by myself with the assistance of Mr. David Bush and TSgt Mitchell Gagliardi.
3. If you have any question regarding this matter, contact me at [REDACTED] You may also contact me via email at [REDACTED]

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