

Deputy Jose Pereira is accomplishing this report as it relates to the response to a downed aircraft in the area of Henderson Beach State Park, Destin, Florida. Video/photographic evidence exists in this case and has been downloaded to evidence.com. A more detailed narrative will follow.

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2/12/2016 01:59 SUPPLEMENT PEREIRA, JOSE L 270 PEREIRAJ 2/12/2016 05:19
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On 02/11/2016, at approximately 1852 hours, I responded to Henderson Beach State Park, located at 17000 Emerald Coast Parkway, Destin, Florida, for a report of an aircraft down in the water. Upon arrival, fire department personnel and Okaloosa County EMS were on scene attempting to locate the aircraft or crash site.

I made contact with a witness, Mr. Steven Sukstorf who stated he was running east on the beach when he heard what sounded like an aircraft propeller sputtering. Mr. Sukstorf stated the object was on a steep angle of decent and was lit up as it came across the sky from north east to south west. Mr. Sukstorf stated the object, which he believed to be an aircraft on fire, struck the water approximately 100 yards off of the beach near Henderson Beach State Park, and exploded. Mr. Sukstorf stated the explosion lit up the area of water around it and then he lost site of the object.

Fire Department personnel and responding Deputies immediately began a search of the area. U.S. Coast Guard launched a boat to the area which began a search as directed by Mr. Sukstorf who was on the telephone with Coast Guard personnel.

Contact was made with the Destin Airport who were able to report three aircraft in or around the area which may be departing or coming in for a landing. It was later determined a single engine "Piper" brand aircraft was missing. Information was obtained from another pilot in the area who heard an aircraft indicate it had missed its approach and was going around to begin another approach to the Destin Airport. No further contact was made to the tower from this aircraft and no distress call was received.

Okaloosa County Sheriffs Office and the Florida Fish and Wildlife launched vessels to the area. Florida Fish and Wildlife craft was recalled due to mechanical issues and the Okaloosa County Sheriffs Office craft was unable to remain on scene due to rough seas. Coast Guard vessel was in area and searching for survivors. FWC did provide a helicopter that provided an aerial search, yielding negative results.

A search of the beach was initiated for any signs of the aircraft or survivors. At approximately 2100 hours, Deputies searching the beach began to find debris washing up on shore approximately 1 mile east of Henderson Beach State Park and east of Scenic Hwy 98, Destin, Florida. The debris consisted of aircraft wheels, seats, padding, and personnel effects. At approximately 2109 hours, Walton County Sheriffs Deputy, Chad Biernacki, #308 located a female body in the area of Ocean Blvd, Okaloosa County, in the water. A short distance east a male body was located washing up on shore again in Okaloosa County. Both the female and male had obvious signs of trauma, and were deceased.

Debris located on the beach was photographed, GSP coordinates were annotated, and the items were recovered from the scene. The items were secured at the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office Destin Office awaiting arrival of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), who stated they would be responding on 02/12/2016, to take over jurisdiction.

Contact was made with Ms. Brittany Munro from the Okaloosa County Medical Examiner who stated she was responding to the scene. Upon arrival Ms. Munro photographed the remains and took control of them, having Mr. Dan Wachtel from Emerald Coast Body Removal respond and remove the remains.

Okaloosa County Sheriffs Office Communications received a call from a Ms. Carmen Roe who stated her mother Ms. Sheryl Ann Roe and her boyfriend Mr. James Michael Shumberg were flying to Destin, FL, and have not arrived. Ms. Roe stated as far as she knew only her mother and Mr. Shumberg were on board the aircraft. I made telephonic contact with Ms. Carmen Roe who stated her mothers boyfriend flies a 1979 Piper aircraft, tail number NN2209W, and they had departed a regional airport in Louisiana. Ms. Roe stated the fly from Houston, Texas, to Louisiana where they refuel and then fly to the Destin Airport. Ms. Roe stated Mr. Shumberg had obtained his pilots license approximately two years prior. Ms. Roe stated she was currently in a hotel in New Orleans, Louisiana, for a conference.

Contact was made with the New Orleans Police Department to have them respond to Ms. Roe and provide a notification that her mother was deceased. The female body found just off the beach in the water was confirmed to be Ms. Sheryl Roe, through her Texas identification located on the beach. The male body was confirmed to be Mr. James Shumberg through his Texas identification as well. A relative was located in Houston, Texas, and a teletype was sent to Texas authorities requesting assistance with a death notification.

At 0355 hours, 02/12/2016, Houston Police Department made contact with Mr. Ryan Shumberg and advised him of the crash. I made contact with Mr. R. Shumberg and provided him with information on the point of contact at the Okaloosa County Medical Examiners Office. Mr. Shumberg had numerous questions about what occurred and I answered them as best I was able. He was satisfied with our response and information provided.

At 0401 hours, 02/12/2016, I received a telephone call from Mr. Josh Branam, son of Ms. Sheryl Roe. He stated he was advised by Mr. Ryan Shumberg of the aircraft accident and that his mother was deceased. Mr. Branam stated Mr. Shumberg was notified by Houston Police Department. At this time I provided Mr. Branam with contact information for the Okaloosa County Medical examiner and answered questions he had reference to the accident. Mr. Branam also confirmed to the best of his knowledge only Mr. J. Shumberg and Ms. S. Roe were on board the aircraft.

At the time of this report, an additional check was made of the beach between Henderson Beach State Park and the Okaloosa/Walton County line with no additional debris located. Based on the information provided by the family members, it is believed all plane occupants are accounted for and recovered.

Due to the darkness and the conditions of the Gulf of Mexico at the time of this report, the exact location of the crash is still undetermined.

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It should also be noted, Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division was contacted and responded. Investigator Les Wolthers responded to further this investigation and assisted with the Medical Examiners on scene review.

2/12/2016 05:39 SUPPLEMENT PEREIRA, JOSE L 270 PEREIRAJ 2/12/2016 05:40
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On 02/12/2016, at approximately 0525 hours, New Orleans Police Department made contact with Ms. Carmen Roe, daughter of Ms. Roe. She contacted this Deputy and I provided her with information given to her brother and answered her questions about what we knew of the crash.

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2/12/2016 06:05 SUPPLEMENT POLSON, BRIAN SCOTT 215 POLSONB 2/12/2016 06:12
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On 2/11/16 at approximately 1857 hours, I responded to the area of [REDACTED] Emerald Coast Parkway in Destin, Florida in reference to a downed aircraft.

Upon arrival, I immediately began scanning the shoreline for any signs of debris. At the time, the long shore current was traveling east at approximately eight to ten knots. The seas were in between three and six feet. The distance between the waves coming ashore was approximately eight seconds. I began my search at 30.3835162, -86.4552486. I maintained a bearing close to ninety degrees as I searched along the shoreline. When I reached 30.3774411, -86.3851953, I turned around and made a bearing close to two hundred and seventy degrees as I continued to search. At 30.3815266, -86.4250177 at 2045 hours, I located the first article I believed may have been related to the downed aircraft. It was a headrest from a seat. Debris I would not normally locate on the beach. I continued my bearing until I reached 30.3828727, -86.4417366. I did not find any debris along the way. I then turned around and made a bearing near ninety degrees to continue the search. All of the items I located were between 30.3815266, -86.4250177 and 30.3786429, -86.3967462.

The following is a list of items that I photographed and collected:

Headrest at 30.3815266, -86.4250177

Black carry case at 30.3810780, -86.4212663

Tire at 30.3808703, -86.4189824

Shoe, piece of foam, and a piece of plastic at 30.3807433, -86.4171652

Insulation, child's flashlight, and a small red cap at 30.3805701, -86.4152538

Child's pillow and foam at 30.3805200, -86.4140153

Seat, foam, and plastic at 30.3802939, -86.4128982

Clothing bag, makeup, foam, and plastic at 30.3802962, -86.4125381

Seat and laptop bag at 30.3802409, -86.4118638