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On 16 August, 2017 The Tallahatchie County Sheriff's Office received a phone call from Leflore County Sheriff's Office at approximate 0915 hrs. advising an airplane had crashed in our county. This writer, Deputy Timothy Cole was dispatched to the scene and arrived on the scene at 0938 hrs. When this writer arrived, there were 3 or 4 Leflore County Deputy's on the scene and State Trooper arrived shortly after. The scene was secure at this time.

This writer was led to the crash site by a Deputy from Leflore County. The crash was approximately 150 yards north of Ms. Hwy. 8 (N 33' 45.428 W 90' 15.528). As this writer approached the wreckage I could smell a strong odor of fuel but could not detect the odor of chemicals. This writer scanned the area and could see that the damage field seemed to be forward or in a South-Southeastern direction. It appeared that the airplane came in at a steep attitude and came to rest very close to where it made contact with the ground. There was a tree just feet from the wreckage that had limbs broken from the top to the bottom.

The airplane is a 502 Air tractor tail # N6082B. This is an agricultural airplane used to apply chemicals to crops. The airplane was piloted by Michael Horton, 28 yrs old, DOB: [REDACTED] Horton was the sole occupant in the airplane. Horton received injuries that caused death.

The FAA, NTSB, Sheriff of Tallahatchie County, Emergency management and Coroner were notified as soon as we accessed the scene. A small team of firemen assisted the Coroner with removing the body from the wreckage and witnessed by this writer. Careful attention was used not to move any parts from the airplane. Albert L. McCray safety inspector with FAA was on the scene with in the first hour. Mr. McCray spoke with the NTSB and released all Law enforcement from the scene. The area was patrolled often by Sheriff Deputies over the night.

This area was patrolled by the writer at 0620 hrs. On this date and the area had very low clouds with a heavy mist. It was noted that a tower located in Glendora, Ms., this writer could not see the top of that tower at 0630 hrs.

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