



Woburn Police Department
Incident Report

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Incident #: 18-1492-OF
Call #: 18-21211

Date/Time Reported: 09/15/2018 1106
Report Date/Time: 09/15/2018 1435
Status: No Crime Involved

Reporting Officer: Patrolman BRIAN FOLEY
Approving Officer: Sergeant DENIS MCGRATH

Signature: _____

Signature: _____

EVENTS (S)

LOCATION TYPE: Residence/Home/Apt./Condo Zone: 741
19 MINCHIN DR
WOBBURN MA 01801

1 SUDDEN DEATH/PLANE CRASH

VICTIM(S) SEX RACE AGE SSN PHONE

1 GRAVER, MICHAEL M W NOT AVAIL
[REDACTED]
MANHASSETT NY

DOB:
EMPLOYER:
ETHNICITY: Not of Hispanic Origin
RESIDENT STATUS: Non Resident
VICTIM CONNECTED TO OFFENSE NUMBER(S): 1

2 COHEN, JODI F W NOT AVAIL
[REDACTED]
MANHASSETT NY

DOB:
EMPLOYER:
ETHNICITY: Not of Hispanic Origin
RESIDENT STATUS: Non Resident
VICTIM CONNECTED TO OFFENSE NUMBER(S): 1

PERSON (S) PERSON TYPE SEX RACE AGE SSN PHONE

1 MERLUZZI, ANTHONY S WITNESS M W

DOB:
2 MERLUZZI, ASHLEY WITNESS F W NOT AVAIL

DOB:

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#	PERSON(S)	PERSON TYPE	SEX	RACE	AGE	SSN	PHONE
3	BRADY, ROSEMARY	WITNESS	F	W		NOT AVAIL	
	DOB:						
	EMPLOYER:	.					
4	SPOLIDORO, MICHELLE M	WITNESS	F	W		NOT AVAIL	
	DOB:						
5	ALMEIDA, JULIANNE	WITNESS	F	W			
	DOB:						
6	ALMEIDA, MARC D	WITNESS	M	W		NOT AVAIL	
	DOB:						
7	DECUBELLIS, PAUL J	WITNESS	M	W			
	DOB:						
	EMPLOYER:	.					
8	MANTONE III, JOSEPH L	WITNESS	M	W			
	DOB:						
	EMPLOYER:	.					
9	BULLEN, DONNA M	WITNESS	F	W			
	DOB:						
10	COLLIER, JOSLYN	WITNESS	F	W		NOT AVAIL	
	DOB:						

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#	VEHICLE (S)	YEAR	MAKE	STYLE	COLOR1	COLOR2	REG	VALUE
1	COLUMBIA MODEL LC41-	2006					N2536T	\$100,000.00

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#	OTHER PROPERTIES	PROPERTY #	STATUS
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1	BLACK PRADA POCKETBOOK W CONTENTS	18-1219-PR	Held for Safe Keeping
	QUANTITY: 1	VALUE: \$600.00	
	SERIAL #: NOT AVAIL		
	DATE: 09/15/2018		
	OWNER: COHEN, JODI		

2	SANDISK SD CARD 2GB	18-1220-PR	Evidence (Not Nibrs Reportable)
	QUANTITY: 1	VALUE: \$1.00	
	SERIAL #: NOT AVAIL		
	DATE: 09/15/2018		

3	ROLEX WATCH FACE AND STRAP	18-1223-PR	Evidence (Not Nibrs Reportable)
	QUANTITY: 1	VALUE: \$200.00	
	SERIAL #: NOT AVAIL		
	DATE: 09/16/2018		

4	PLASTIC CARD HOLDER W/CONTENTS	18-1224-PR	Evidence (Not Nibrs Reportable)
	QUANTITY: 1	VALUE: \$10.00	
	SERIAL #: NOT AVAIL		
	DATE: 09/16/2018		

5	\$300.00 CASH	18-1225-PR	Evidence (Not Nibrs Reportable)
	QUANTITY: 1	VALUE: \$300.00	
	SERIAL #: NOT AVAIL		
	DATE: 09/16/2018		

6	JEPPESEN PILOT LOGBOOK	18-1226-PR	Evidence (Not Nibrs Reportable)
	QUANTITY: 1	VALUE: \$20.00	
	SERIAL #: NOT AVAIL		
	DATE: 09/16/2018		

7	HEAVILY DAMAGED IPHONE	18-1227-PR	Evidence (Not Nibrs Reportable)
	QUANTITY: 1	VALUE: \$0.00	
	SERIAL #: NOT AVAIL		
	DATE: 09/17/2018		

8	SET OF KEYS	18-1228-PR	Evidence (Not Nibrs Reportable)
	QUANTITY: 1	VALUE: \$0.00	
	SERIAL #: NOT AVAIL		
	DATE: 09/17/2018		

9	REPUBLIC AIRPORT ID ON LANYARD	18-1229-PR	Held for Safe Keeping
	QUANTITY: 1	VALUE: \$0.00	
	SERIAL #: NOT AVAIL		
	DATE: 09/17/2018		
	OWNER: GRAVER, MICHAEL		

NARRATIVE FOR PATROLMAN BRIAN FOLEY

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On Saturday September 15, 2018 at approx 11:06hrs while in Unit 741 I, Off Brian Foley, was dispatched to the area of 19 Minchin Dr for a reported Plane Crash in the wooded area behind that property. Multiple other Woburn PD and Fire Dept units were dispatched as well. Upon my arrival at the address I observed tall flames and thick gray/black smoke rising from approx 3 separate locations but in close proximity to one another at the rear of the the property. The residents of [REDACTED] Anthony Merluzzi and his wife Ashley Merluzzi, stated that they heard an aircraft approaching from the rear of the house 'very loud, and very low' before hearing a loud crash and then a separate loud explosion. Upon reaching the rear yard I observed a debris field of exterior panels of an airplane none larger than 4'x5' and hundreds of internal parts in an area approx 100ydsx100yds. Also present at this time was off-duty Woburn Firefighter Robert Laflamme, who stated that he couldn't get close enough to the wreckage to find occupants or survivors at this time. Numerous residents of the neighborhood were on scene, who were initially removed for safety reasons and then subsequently identified and whose statements were recorded.

Upon completion of firefighting efforts by Woburn Fire Dept personnel two victims were located within the wreckage. They were identified as the aircraft owner and pilot, Michael Graver and his wife Jodi Cohen. Graver had flown his 2006 Columbia Model LC41-550FG, FAA ID number N2536T, from Republic Airport in Farmingdale, NY [REDACTED] with the intent of landing at Hanscom Field in Lexington. He had filed a flight plan for the journey, texting a relative at 9:30am that they would be taking off shortly with an ETA of approx 11:07am. According to Hanscom Air Traffic Control Graver had radioed at some point that he was approx 3 miles from the field and was beginning a landing approach on Runway 29. He did not indicate any trouble or issues during this transmission. No further communication from Graver was received.

The crash site is approx 3 miles east of Hanscom Field, and also in-line between the field and RF direction finders at the top of Zion Hill. Zion Hill is also a recorded turning landmark on aviation maps. The crash site is at the base of Zion Hill. It is not known at this time if Graver was making a turning maneuver in order to orient his aircraft with this runway or whether he overshot the airport entirely and was turning around for an approach from the opposite direction. Nevertheless he was east of the airport.

Numerous residents heard the aircraft traveling 'very low and sputtering' - Witness Mantone from [REDACTED] 'Very low and loud, it sounded in trouble' - Witness Bullen from [REDACTED] 'Low, loud, but then a sputter, quiet, and almost a whistle before a tremendous boom' - Witness Decubellis from [REDACTED] 'Intensely loud, but then slower before the crash' - Witness Spolidoro from [REDACTED] 'Loud, low, but then the sound audibly changed before the crash' - Witnesses Marc and Julianne Almeida from [REDACTED] The resident of [REDACTED] Witness Brady, states that she heard nothing prior to the crash despite the fact that the crash scene is in the rear of her property as well.

Insp Shaughnessy arrived to photograph the scene. The MSP CPAC unit was notified, responding was Det Lt Paul Bulman, Sgt Michael Cashman, and Trp Stephen Crusco. Sgt Cashman made notification to Dr Marie Capo-Martinez of the State Medical Examiners office. National Transportation Safety Board investigator William English initially responded to the scene [REDACTED] and cited Ralph Hicks as the lead investigator for the incident. He can be reached through the Incident Command Center [REDACTED] Personnel from the Federal Aviation Administration as well as Hanscom Field Director of Operations also responded to the scene. Documentation of the crash site was recorded by personnel from each of these agencies with respect to investigative perspectives.

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The victims remains were removed by technician's from the Medical Examiners office under the direct supervision of Dr Capo-Martinez, with the approval of NTSB Insp English as it was necessary to move pieces of crash scene wreckage in order to gain access to the remains. The entire remaining scene was then secured by Woburn PD personnel during the overnight hours for further investigation by the above named agencies during daylight hours tomorrow.

Respectfully submitted,
Off Brian Foley

On Monday, September 15, 2018, I, Detective Post returned to [REDACTED] to continue with assisting with the investigation involving a fatal plane crash which occurred on Saturday, September 15, 2018.

Upon my arrival, I met with Mr. Hicks, Senior Air Safety Investigator for the National Transportation Safety Board. Mr. Hicks provided me with a black I Phone which was heavily damaged and a set of keys. Mr. Hicks informed me that the Federal Agencies and aircraft companies which were on scene had completed their on sight investigations and that there were no longer any items of evidentiary value on sight which needed to be contained with a perimeter. While speaking with Mr. Hicks, he also provided me with the name and telephone number for the aircrafts insurance broker, Rukavina Aircraft Insurance.

Upon returning to the station, I contacted Anthony Rukavina of Rukavina Aircraft Insurance located at [REDACTED] Lexington, KY [REDACTED]. Mr. Rukavina informed me that he had contacted the insurance carrier for the aircraft informing them of the crash. Mr. Rukavina informed me that the insurance company would assign a local claims adjuster to respond to the crash site, as well as a Salvage company which specializes in the recovery of the debris. Mr. Rukavina informed me that he would email a copy of the initial email which he sent to the insurance company which lists the company's name and contact information. Shortly after speaking with Mr. Rukavina, I received an email from him with the contact information for the insurance company.

I contacted W. Brown and Associates located at [REDACTED] and after being transferred, I left a message with the Claims Department.

I then photographed and placed the damaged I Phone and set of keys into property control as evidence.

All photographs were submitted to the Detectives Photos file in the Woburn Police computer system under this incident number.

At 1500 hours, Detective Captain Murphy, Detective Lieutenant Marshall and I travelled to the crash scene to recover equipment used during the investigation. Upon our arrival, we spoke with Chris Cunningham of Colonial Air. Mr. Cunningham informed us that he and his company were tasked with salvaging the remaining parts and wreckage from the aircraft. Detective Lieutenant remained on scene to assist with the salvage effort.

Respectfully submitted,

Detective Gregory F. Post

On Sunday, September 16, 2018, I, Detective Post returned to 19 Minchin Drive to further assist with an investigation involving a fatal plane crash which occurred on Saturday, September 15, 2018. Upon my arrival, I met with Detective Captain John Murphy, Detective Lieutenant Steven Marshall, Officer Edward Chisholm and Officer Michael Marotto.

While on scene, Trooper Katie Marcotte of the Massachusetts State Police Crime Scene Unit arrived as well as Trooper Stephen Crusco from the Massachusetts State Police CPAC Unit.

Shortly after the arrival of the above law enforcement personnel, the following individuals arrived on scene to further investigate the crash:

Mr. Robert E. Hicks, Senior Air Safety Investigator for the National Transportation Safety Board

Mr. Henry Soderlund, Senior Air Safety Investigator for Textron Aviation

Ms. Jennifer Barclay, Air Safety Investigator for Textron Aviation

Mr. Keith Lapierre, Aviation Safety Inspector for the Federal Aviation Administration

Mr. Raymond Savard, Aviation Safety Inspector for the Federal Aviation Administration

Ms. Nicole Charnon, Senior Air Safety Investigator for Continental Motors

During the investigation, Mr. Hicks obtained the following items which were photographed by Trooper Marcotte and me and placed into property control at the Woburn Police Department as evidence

- Black leather Jeppesen Pilot logbook
- Plastic card holding with various cards, certificates and \$300.00 cash
- Silver Rolex watch face and strap with holes

The \$300.00 cash was later removed from the plastic card holder and photographed at the Woburn Police Department. Upon completing the photographs of the cash, it was returned to the plastic card holder.

Mr. Hicks was then provided with the SanDisk SD Card which was recovered, photographed and placed into property control as evidence on Saturday, September 15, 2018 by Detective Mark Shaughnessy (Property Control Number 18-1220-PR).

All photographs were submitted to the Detectives Photos file in the Woburn Police computer system under this incident number.

Respectfully submitted,

Detective Gregory F. Post

SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE FOR DETECTIVE GREGORY F POST

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SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE FOR DETECTIVE JAMES E FLYNN

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On September 17, 2018 I Detective James Flynn was working the 16:00 to 00:00 hours shift assigned as unit 752 of the Criminal Investigation Bureau. I responded to 19 Minchin Drive at the request of Det. Lt. Marshall. Upon arrival I was advised that human remains had been discovered during the clean up of the crashed airplane fuselage. The remains had been moved from where they had been found by the company cleaning the crash site. The remains were photographed with scale. A lanyard with ID belonging to Michael Graver for Republic Airport in NY was also located and taken in to property for safe keeping.

The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner was contacted about the remains. At approximately 20:30 hours a representative from the OCME arrived on scene and took possession of the remains. All units cleared from the scene.

Respectfully,

Detective James Flynn

SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE FOR DETECTIVE MARK W SHAUGHNESSY

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On September 15, 2018 I, Detective Mark Shaughnessy, heard a radio broadcast that there had been a plane crash at 19 Minchin Drive. I went in this location and upon arrival heard Captain John Murphy call off that he was on scene.

Taken into possession by myself was the black Prada pocketbook of Jodi Cohen. It was taken to the Woburn Police Station for Safe Keeping. Upon arrival an inventory of the black Prada wallet inside the pocketbook included \$600 US Currency, credit cards, blank checks, and Cohen's New York Drivers License.

Also found within the debris field was a SanDisk 2GB SD Card. An attempt to open the Disk was unsuccessful. The scene photographs were entered into the detective imaging file.

This investigation continues.

On Saturday September 15, 2018 at approximately 11:20am, I, Officer Pacheco, while off duty received a text regarding a plane crash that occurred in Woburn.

The text I received was from Joslyn Collier, who wrote she saw the plane flying low just prior to impact. After getting that information from her I called her to get further information. According to Joslyn she was in her kitchen when she heard a very loud " old fashion propeller plane type sound," she went outside and observed a plane flying very low at the tree line. She further stated that it went behind the trees and suddenly went quiet then heard and felt a loud impact, which she stated felt like an earthquake.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael E. Pacheco