

**HIGHLANDS COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE**

SEBRING, FL 33870

SUPPLEMENT NUMBER
2**OFFENSE REPORT**

Agency Case Number HCSO18OFF003604	Report Date / Time 05/08/2018 07:24 AM	Offense Description 1-0 ACCIDENT: NON TRAFFIC & NON CRIMINAL
CAD Incident Number HCSO18CAD030644	External Case Reference Number	Range of Occurrence Date/Time 05/07/2018 11:46 AM to 05/07/2018 11:46 AM

LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE

County HIGHLANDS	Address 128 AUTHORITY LN , SEBRING, FL 33870	Latitude 27.45546	Longitude -81.34634
Location Category Non-residence	Location Type Other non-residence	Location Description Runway 01 KSEF	Location Status None
Weather Clear		Lighting Condition Daylight	
Weather Clear Cloudy Fog Rain Snow Hail Other Unknown			

PERSON: INVESTIGATOR

First Name ADAM	Middle Name	Last Name GERHARDT	Suffix	Date of Birth	Age	Race	Sex M	Height	Weight 0	Hair	Eyes
Master Name Index Number	Place of Birth	Nation	Driver's License or Other ID		State	Class or Type					
Address		City ASHBURN		County		State VA	Zip Code 20147	Phone			
Residence Status Within country		Vehicle on Report Associated with Person				Arrested		Wanted			

PERSON: INVESTIGATOR

First Name DERRICK	Middle Name	Last Name HARRIS	Suffix	Date of Birth	Age	Race B	Sex M	Height	Weight 0	Hair	Eyes
Master Name Index Number	Place of Birth	Nation	Driver's License or Other ID		State	Class or Type					
Address		City		County		State	Zip Code	Phone			
Residence Status		Vehicle on Report Associated with Person				Arrested		Wanted			

PERSON: VICTIM

First Name ROBERT	Middle Name HENRY	Last Name HARSHBURGER	Suffix JR	Date of Birth 1	Age 58	Race W	Sex M	Height	Weight 0	Hair	Eyes
Master Name Index Number	Place of Birth	Nation	Driver's License or Other ID		State	Class or Type					
Address		City KINGSPORT		County		State TN	Zip Code 37664	Phone			
Residence Status Within country		Vehicle on Report Associated with Person				Arrested		Wanted			

PERSON: WITNESS A

First Name SHANNON	Middle Name	Last Name YEAGER	Suffix	Date of Birth	Age	Race W	Sex M	Height	Weight 0	Hair	Eyes
Master Name Index Number	Place of Birth	Nation	Driver's License or Other ID		State	Class or Type					
Address		City SARASOTA		County SARASOTA		State FL	Zip Code 34239	Phone			
Residence Status Within state		Vehicle on Report Associated with Person				Arrested		Wanted			

BUSINESS: OTHER

Business Name HIGHLANDS REGIONAL MEDICAL CEN	Contact (Person)	Phone Number
Address	City SEBRING	County HIGHLANDS
	State FL	Zip Code 33870

BUSINESS: COMPLAINANT

Business Name SEBRING REGIONAL AIRPORT	Contact (Person) ZACK EASTON	Phone Number
Address	City Sebring	County HIGHLANDS
	State FL	Zip Code 33870

BUSINESS: OTHER

Business Name FAA (ROCC)	Contact (Person) FOR PLANE CRASHES	Phone Number
Address EMERG.LOCATE-TRANSMITTER	City	County
	State	Zip Code

BUSINESS: OTHER

Business Name NTSB WASHINGTON DC COMMAND	Contact (Person) NOTIFY THEM REF S45	Phone Number
Address	City	County
	State	Zip Code

BUSINESS: OTHER

Business Name LAWNWOOD REGIONAL MEDICAL CNTR	Contact (Person)	Phone Number
Address	City FT PIERCE	County ST. LUCIE
	State FL	Zip Code

OTHER VEHICLE: VICTIM (PERSON) VEHICLE / ASSOCIATED WITH VEHICLE

State & License Plate Number 0	VIN ELA GYRO N534A	Year	Make	Model	Style	Color (Body) BLU
Other Description	Value	Vehicle Linked to Person Robert Henry Harshburger JR		Vehicle Linked to Business		

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PROPERTY ITEMS

Property Code EVIDENCE		Article Type CD		Description CD CONTAINING PHOTOS OF ACCIDENT			
Brand	Model	Serial Number	OAN RC1	Qty 1	Value 0	Recovered Date/Time	Recovered Value 0

INITIAL NARRATIVE: 05/08/2018 07:24 AM

Reporting Officer	Officer Name	Permanent ID Number	Approving Supervisor	Supervisor Name	Permanent ID Number
	CREWS, ROBERT C		p	GONZALEZ, MANUEL JR	

On May 7, 2018, I was dispatched to the Sebring Regional Airport, Sebring, Highlands County, FL, in reference to an aircraft accident. Upon arrival I observed a blue ELA Gyroplane lying on its right side in the middle of runway 01/19, a little past the A2 taxiway intersection. The pilot was on the pavement face up, with visible lacerations to his face and head. He was being attended to by the AeroMed team stationed at the airport until Highlands County EMS arrived and took over the pilots care. He was transported to Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Sebring.

I spoke to eyewitness Shannon Yeager that observed the crash from and aircraft he was at the hold short line at the approach end of Runway 01, when he observed the accident. He advised the GyroPlane was landing on runway 01 and after touching down the rotor blade seemed to still be in high speed rotation and he attempted to make a left turn on to A 2 taxiway. When the aircraft started to turn the rotor blade struck the runway causing the aircraft to spin and turn over on its right side in almost 180 degree half circle, facing back south. The rotor blade also struck the front of the fuselage and stopped after bending the upright tube in a forward position, as it hit on its side.

I called the NTSB and spoke to Investigator Gerhardt and FAA Investigator Harris and was advised the aircraft could be removed from the runway. Investigator Harris is planning on coming to look at the aircraft, so it was put in a Tee hanger and I sealed the doors with evidence tape. I made an attempt to make contact with the pilot, Robert Hurshburger, but by the time I got to Highlands Regional, he had been transported to Lawnwood Hospital Trauma Center, in Ft Pierce, FL. I was finally able to speak to the charge nurse and was advised Hurshburger had facial fractures but were not life threatening and should make a full recovery. I was unable to give him a victims brochure.

I made a property receipt for the photos I took of the blade strike and turned them into the Highlands County Sheriff's evidence locker. Deputy Garza turned in the other photos of the scene. I had no further involvement in this case and it is closed.

Case status: Closed

Cost of Investigation: 5 hours Detective hourly rate

SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE: 05/08/2018 10:32 AM

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On May 8, 2018, D/S Austin Garza turned the photos on his camera in to the Highlands County Evidence locker in my name and signed the property receipt, under my direction. No further action was taken on this case. Case Closed and Cleared.

Case Status: Closed

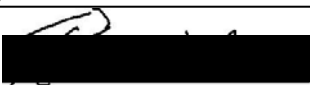
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Cost of Investigation: .1 hour Detective hourly rate

ASSISTING OFFICERS

Rank ▶	Officer Name GARZA, AUSTIN	ID Number [REDACTED]	Agency HIGHLANDS COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE
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REPORTING OFFICER / SUPERVISOR APPROVAL

Reporting Officer		Approving Supervisor		
Call Number [REDACTED]	Name CREWS, ROBERT C	ID Number [REDACTED]	Rank LIEUTENANT	Name GONZALEZ , MANUEL
Signature 		Signature		