

Incident Report Narrative

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Narrative Type SUPPLEMENT	ID No # 5919	Reporting Officer LAROCQUE, ANNEMARIE C
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Narrative Description

**** SUPPLEMENT ****

ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 1ST, 2020, WHILE WORKING AS A ROBBERY/HOMICIDE DETECTIVE FOR THE MAJOR CRIMES UNIT, I RESPONDED TO LEEWARD AIR RANCH, LOCATED AT 8777 SE 72ND AVENUE, IN REFERENCE TO A PLANE CRASH INVOLVING A DEATH.

UPON ARRIVAL, I MADE CONTACT WITH SERGEANT GABRIEL, ID 3930, WHO BRIEFED ME ON THE FACTS OF THE CASE. I OBSERVED THAT THE CRIME SCENE WAS TAPED OFF WITH CRIME SCENE TAPE, AND DEPUTY TRUMAN, ID 5800, WAS MAINTAINING A CRIME SCENE LOG.

EVIDENCE TECHNICIAN CHRISTOPHER DECKER, ID 5728, AND INVESTIGATOR LAUREN DIAZ WITH THE FIFTH JUDICIAL MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE RESPONDED TO PROCESS THE SCENE. INSPECTOR JOSEPH GRAMZINSKI WITH THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION RESPONDED TO CONDUCT A PARALLEL INVESTIGATION AS WELL.

THE PLANE APPEARED TO BE A LIGHT AIRCRAFT; THE AIRCRAFT WAS WHITE, MAROON AND GOLD IN COLOR, WITH A TAIL NUMBER OF N820NG. THE AIRCRAFT HAD CRASHED IN A FIELD NEAR SOME LARGE TREES TO THE EAST OF THE RUNWAY. I OBSERVED THE AIRCRAFT TO BE UPSIDE DOWN, WITH THE NOSE OF THE AIRCRAFT CRASHED INTO THE GROUND, AND THE TAIL POINTED UPWARDS TOWARDS THE SKY AND AT A SLIGHT ANGLE. I OBSERVED SEVERAL PIECES OF THE AIRCRAFT BROKEN AND LYING ON THE GROUND IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA. I OBSERVED THE COCKPIT SHIELD TO BE BROKEN AND SEPARATED FROM THE AIRCRAFT, CAUSING THE COCKPIT TO BE EXPOSED. THE AIRCRAFT WAS OCCUPIED BY A SINGLE PERSON, IDENTIFIED AS DECEDENT ELLEN NAVOLIO. THE DECEDENT WAS IDENTIFIED USING HER FLORIDA DRIVER'S LICENSE. THE DECEDENT WAS STILL SEATED INSIDE OF THE AIRCRAFT, WITH THE UPPER PORTION OF HER BODY LYING ON THE GROUND, FACE DOWN. IN THE FIELD, TO THE NORTH OF WHERE THE AIRCRAFT WAS POSITIONED, WERE SOME PIECES OF THE AIRCRAFT, BELIEVED TO BE PARTS OF THE PROPELLER.

AFTER RECEIVING APPROVAL FROM THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION, MARION COUNTY FIRE RESCUE ENGINES 17 AND 18 ASSISTED IN REMOVING THE DECEDENT FROM THE AIRCRAFT.

A CLOSER LOOK AT THE DECEDENT'S BODY REVEALED SEVERAL INJURIES CONSISTENT WITH BLUNT FORCE TRAUMA. BOTH OF THE DECEDENT'S LEGS APPEARED BROKEN, AND CONSISTED OF SEVERAL SEVERE LACERATIONS AND BRUISING. BOTH OF THE DECEDENT'S WRISTS ALSO APPEARED BROKEN, AND HER ARMS CONSISTED OF LACERATIONS AND BRUISING. THE DECEDENT'S FACE CONSISTED OF SEVERE LACERATIONS AND BRUISING AS WELL.

I CONDUCTED AN AUDIO RECORDED INTERVIEW WITH THE REPORTEE, DIRK LEEWARD, AND HIS WIFE, DONNA LEEWARD. MR. LEEWARD STATED THAT HE WAS IN THE LIVING ROOM OF HIS HOME, LOCATED AT [REDACTED] MR. LEEWARD'S LIVING ROOM HAS A LARGE GLASS WINDOW THAT FACES TO THE WEST, WHICH PROVIDES HIM WITH A VIEW OF THE RUNWAY. MR. LEEWARD STATED THAT HE OBSERVED THE DECEDENT'S AIRCRAFT FLYING SOUTHBOUND, AND THAT THE AIRCRAFT WAS FLYING VERY LOW. MR. LEEWARD STATED THAT THE AIRCRAFT PASSED HIS WINDOW, AND HE COULD NO LONGER SEE IT. MR. LEEWARD STATED A FEW MOMENTS LATER, HE AND HIS WIFE WALKED OUT ONTO THEIR BACK PATIO, AND MRS. LEEWARD OBSERVED THAT THE AIRCRAFT HAD CRASHED. MR. LEEWARD STATED HE CALLED 9-1-1 AND RAN OVER TO THE AIRCRAFT, WHERE HE OBSERVED THE DECEDENT STILL SITTING IN THE PLACE, WITH HER TORSO HANGING OUT OF THE COCKPIT. MR. LEEWARD STATED THE DECEDENT APPEARED TO HAVE ALREADY PASSED AWAY. MR. LEEWARD STATED THAT PRIOR TO HIS WIFE SEEING THE AIRCRAFT ON THE GROUND, AT NO POINT DID HE OR HIS WIFE HEAR ANY LOUD NOISES THAT WOULD INDICATE THE AIRCRAFT HAD CRASHED.

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WHILE PROCESSING THE SCENE, I LOCATED WHAT APPEARED TO BE THE DECEDENT'S PURSE, WHICH WAS LOCATED INSIDE THE COCKPIT OF THE AIRCRAFT. EVIDENCE TECHNICIAN DECKER COLLECTED THE PURSE AND ITS CONTENTS, INCLUDING THE DECEDENT'S FLORIDA DRIVER'S LICENSE, AND PLACED ALL OF THE ITEMS INTO EVIDENCE.

I CANVASSED THE AREA IN AN ATTEMPT TO LOCATE ANY POSSIBLE WITNESSES. I MADE CONTACT WITH CONNIE MCCONELL, WHO RESIDES AT [REDACTED]. I CONDUCTED AN AUDIO RECORDED INTERVIEW WITH MS. MCCONELL. SHE STATED THAT SHE WAS PART OF A GROUP OF WOMEN WHO FLEW OUT TO WILLISTON WITH THE DECEDENT THAT MORNING. MS. MCCONELL ADVISED THAT SHE AND THE DECEDENT, ALONG WITH A FEW OTHER WOMEN, FLEW TO WILLISTON TO MEET FOR BREAKFAST. SHE ADVISED THAT ALL OF THE WOMEN FLEW IN THEIR OWN INDIVIDUAL AIRCRAFTS, AND THAT THEY ARRIVED IN WILLISTON AROUND 0900 HOURS. MS. MCCONELL STATED THAT THEY DEPARTED FROM WILLISTON AROUND 1000 HOURS, AND SHE ADVISED SHE LANDED AT LEEWARD RANCH AROUND 1030. MS. MCCONELL STATED SHE DID NOT WITNESS THE DECEDENT LAND OR ATTEMPT TO LAND. MS. MCCONELL ADVISED THAT THE DECEDENT HAD RECENTLY BEEN HAVING PROBLEMS WITH HER SCIATIC NERVE, AND THAT THE LAST TIME THEY PLANNED TO MEET FOR BREAKFAST, THE DECEDENT DECIDED TO NOT GO. MS. MCCONELL STATED SHE WAS NOT AWARE OF ANY MEDICATIONS THE DECEDENT MIGHT HAVE BEEN TAKING, OR ANY OTHER POSSIBLE MEDICAL ISSUES THE DECEDENT HAD. SHE ADVISED THAT SHE WAS UNSURE HOW LONG THE DECEDENT HAD HER PILOT'S LICENSE, BUT SHE BELIEVED IT WAS ONLY 5 YEARS. MS. MCCONELL STATED THAT TO HER KNOWLEDGE, THE DECEDENT WAS NOT MARRIED AND DID NOT HAVE ANY CHILDREN. SHE ALSO ADVISED THAT THE DECEDENT DID NOT HAVE ANY SIBLINGS, AND HER PARENTS WERE NO LONGER ALIVE. MS. MCCONELL STATED THAT THE DECEDENT POSSIBLY HAD COUSINS, AND ONE CLOSE PERSONAL FRIEND.

I THEN MADE CONTACT WITH WITNESS MICHAEL EATON AT [REDACTED]. I CONDUCTED AN AUDIO RECORDED INTERVIEW WITH MR. EATON, WHO STATED THAT HE WORKS ON THE PROPERTY. MR. EATON ADVISED THAT HE IS CURRENTLY REMODELING THE DOWNSTAIRS OF THE RESIDENCE, AND THAT HE STOPPED TO TAKE A CIGARETTE BREAK. MR. EATON STATED THAT WHILE HE WAS SMOKING HIS CIGARETTE, HE OBSERVED THE DECEDENT'S AIRCRAFT FLYING SOUTHBOUND, AND THAT THE AIRCRAFT WAS FLYING VERY LOW. MR. EATON ADVISED THAT IT APPEARED THAT THE DECEDENT WAS TRYING TO LAND. MR. EATON STATED HE OBSERVED THE AIRCRAFT APPROACHING THE GROUND AT AN ANGLE, AND THEN OBSERVED THE FRONT TIRE OF THE AIRCRAFT HIT THE GROUND, CAUSING THE AIRCRAFT TO BOUNCE BACK INTO THE AIR. MR. EATON STATED THAT AFTER THE AIRCRAFT BOUNCED OFF OF THE GROUND, THE AIRCRAFT FLIPPED OVER, LANDED UPSIDE DOWN, AND THEN CAME TO A FINAL STOP.

I DID MAKE CONTACT WITH OTHER RESIDENTS WHO LIVE IN THE AREA, BUT WAS UNABLE TO LOCATE ANY OTHER WITNESSES OR ANY HOMES WITH SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS THAT CAPTURED THE INCIDENT. I WAS ADVISED THAT THERE WAS A POSSIBLE WITNESS, BOBBY HARGROVE, WHO WAS IN THE AREA WORKING ON SPRINKLER SYSTEMS. I WAS PROVIDED A PHONE NUMBER FOR MR. HARGROVE, [REDACTED]. I ATTEMPTED TO CONTACT MR. HARGROVE VIA TELEPHONE, BUT WAS MET WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

I CONTACTED THE DECEDENT'S CLOSE PERSONAL FRIEND, RICHARD ZEITLER, VIA TELEPHONE. MR. ZEITLER ADVISED THAT HE WAS ALREADY AWARE THAT THE DECEDENT HAD PASSED AWAY. MR. ZEITLER STATED THAT THE ONLY FAMILY THE DECEDENT HAD WERE COUSINS, BUT HE DID NOT HAVE THEIR CONTACT INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE TO ME. MR. ZEITLER ADVISED THAT THE DECEDENT WAS NOT CLOSE TO HER COUSINS AND HAD NOT SPOKEN TO THEM FOR A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF TIME.

I LATER MADE CONTACT WITH THE DECEDENT'S NEXT OF KIN VIA TELEPHONE, HER COUSIN, ELAINE WOLFORD.

THE DECEDENT'S REMAINS WERE TAKEN INTO THE CARE OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL MEDICAL

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EXAMINER'S OFFICE, AND WERE TRANSPORTED TO THEIR OFFICE IN LEESBURG.

DEPUTY POPE, ID 6377, RESPONDED AND REMAINED ON SCENE WITH THE AIRCRAFT UNTIL THE FLORIDA AIR RECOVERY TRUCK ARRIVED TO PICK UP THE AIRCRAFT.

THE AUDIO RECORDED INTERVIEWS AND PHONE CALLS WERE UPLOADED TO EVIDENCE.COM.

CASE REMAINS ACTIVE PENDING.

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TIME: 1529//JP//6292

Approving Officer

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