

10/03/2022

To whom it may concern,

The following is a recollection of events taking place at Monaco Air Duluth prior to the accident of N262TA on the evening of October 1st, 2022.

The below events are listed in chronological order, and times are in Central Daylight Time.

Note: These times are approximate, and may vary by a few minutes.

-2240: Pilot in Command and two passengers of N262TA enter Monaco Air Duluth, and return their rental car to me. All persons in the party appeared to not be intoxicated. There was no slurring of words, scents of alcohol present, and balance seemed normal for everyone when they walked. I disposed of one trash bag belonging to them.

-2245: The Pilot in Command requested that I give the passengers access to the aircraft when they are ready. I let the Pilot in Command of N262TA out onto the ramp, allowing access to his aircraft. I presumed this was to pre-flight N262TA, however I did not visually confirm that this is what he was doing.

Note: the Pilot in Command never requested any services Monaco Air Duluth provides. No fuel was taken.

~2245-2255: The male passenger proceeded to the men's restroom to change into different attire. The female passenger remained in the lobby and obtained a few (unknown amount) complimentary water bottles for the flight. Little to no small talk was made between myself and her.

-2300: The male and female passenger of N262TA were ready to proceed to the aircraft. I allowed access, and followed them out to the aircraft to remove the cones surrounding the aircraft, as well as chocks. I wished them a safe flight, and goodnight as I walked back to Monaco Air Duluth.

~2305: Engine start, IFR clearance and taxi-out to RWY 09 of N262TA. Engine sounded normal for a running Cessna 172.

-2312: Per Flightaware.com, N262TA lifts off of RWY 09 at KDLH.

End.

These statements recorded here are to the best of my knowledge.

If further clarification is needed, please reach out to me at any time.

Regards,

Cole W Venberg  
Line/Customer Service  
Monaco Air Duluth

**Incident Report 10/1-10/2/2022**

1144-Aircraft Arrival from KSGS

~1148- Nolan notifies the FBO of "No services" via radio.

2312- Aircraft departure to KSGS

2320- I witnessed green "electrical explosion" from 4318 Rebecca Rd

2323- I witnessed what looked like red flashing lights, and hear sirens.

~2324- Another "electrical explosion".

2329- I messaged Cole to ask if he had seen an electrical explosion from the airport.

0001- Cole confirmed that an aircraft from Duluth had gone down and notified Rob

~0010- I arrived on scene.

~0013- FD brought me around the house to verify the tail number and aircraft.

0017- I called Cole to verify 3 PAX. Two male, and 1 female.

0020- Nolan double verified via phone PAX count, and included that they were flying in to attend a wedding.

0024- I then called Rob to notify him of what info we had, and that I was on scene.

0109- FD requested descriptions, and gave them: 2 males 1 female 30-40yrs males in black suit coats with slacks, female in grey jumper w/ white shirt.

0114- I called to have Cole go through the rental car.

0125- Car was gone through. Nothing found. Gave name from ID that was texted to me.

0128- Start return to FBO for rental car paperwork.

~0200- I returned to the scene.

~0217- I gave the FD/Sheriffs rental car paperwork w/ ID, aircraft arr/dep times, and destination.

~0220- ME arrives on scene.

~0235- ME/FD/Sheriffs head down to photograph, and cut Aircraft.

~0255- I talked with Sheriffs and got released.

Mathew Hilton 10/2/2022

