



SWORN STATEMENT

County of Lee
State of Florida

CFS # 22-438513

SWORN AFFADAVIT

I, Sergeant C. Rodriguez NOW WISH TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING SWORN WRITTEN STATEMENT TO Lt. Galloway WHO HE KNOWS TO BE A SWORN DEPUTY/DETECTIVE WITH THE LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA AND IS EMPOWERED TO TAKE THIS SWORN TESTIMONY

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On October 8, 2022, while at 15650 Pine Ridge Rd, Fort Myers, Lee County, Florida; West District Substation, Sergeant C. Rodriguez heard the sound of a loud crash outside of the district. Sergeant Rodriguez was advised that helicopter had crashed in the parking lot of West District. Sergeant Rodriguez along with several members of LCSO West District ran through the parking lot in the direction of the of the crash and began efforts to remove the individuals inside.

Sergeant Rodriguez assisted with lifting the helicopter off the ground in order to remove the last individual from under the helicopter. Once all individuals were removed and being treated by Emergency Medical Services, Sergeant C. Rodriguez began efforts to establish a scene and block off all areas necessary to preserve the scene by putting up crime scene tape.

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME
THIS 8th DAY OF Oct, 2022

THE ABOVE STATEMENT IS
TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

DEPUTY SHERIFF

AFFIANT



COUNTY OF LEE
STATE OF FLORIDA

DATE: 10/08/2022

HOME ADDRESS: _____

HOME TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

WORK NAME AND ADDRESS: Lee County Sheriff 15650 Pine Ridge Road Fort Myers, Fl. 33908

WORK TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

CELL /ALTERNATE PHONE NUMBER:

I, Tim Galloway NOW WISH TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING SWORN AFFIDAVIT TO
Sergeant Christopher Rodriguez WHO I KNOW TO BE A DEPUTY SHERIFF, WITH THE LEE
COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, WHO IS EMPOWERED BY FLORIDA STATUTE TO TAKE SWORN TESTIMONY.

On 10/08/22 at approximately 1800 hours, I was outside of my district building, returning from my vehicle and heading inside. I observed a helicopter hovering and moving forward towards the district landing pad. The aircraft's nose was pointing in a north west direction. As I went inside, I heard the aircraft's tone change to a lower "Whomp" sound. Thinking it was Polk County Air 4, as I had been working with them all week, I announced this to my co-workers so we could go outside to greet them. I went in to my office and Lt. Vallejo peered out the window. I looked and we both saw the chopper go down behind the fuel station. From my visual point, I caught the last second before it went behind the station.

My co-workers and I ran outside towards the wreckage and I notified Lee County Dispatch of our situation. I arrived the aircraft was resting on it's starboard side. Two subjects, both bleeding, were trying to get out of the aircraft. I observed a fire come from the rear of the aircraft and smelled fuel. While deputies assisted the two passengers, I observed a third trapped inside. This subject was unresponsive, and I could not see his head as it was trapped and pinned behind his seat. His left foot was pinned under the aircraft and his right leg was trapped in his chair. I observed his chest move in an attempt to breathe and noticed his seat-belt was wrapped around his neck, restricting his breathing. I cut his belt away from his neck and he took a big deep breath and began moaning. I climbed inside the aircraft with him and assisted with moving him in a position for extraction.

Our deputies lifted the aircraft up, which allowed us to pull him out. He became verbally responsive with me and EMS took over primary care. I assisted with securing the crash scene . This ended my involvement.

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THIS 08 DAY OF October 2022

SIGNED

COUNTY OF LEE
STATE OF FLORIDA

DATE: 10/08/2022

CELL /ALTERNATE PHONE NUMBER:

I, Deputy Michael Coverdale NOW WISH TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING SWORN AFFIDAVIT TO
Deputy J. VanPelt WHO I KNOW TO BE A DEPUTY SHERIFF, WITH THE LEE
 COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, WHO IS EMPOWERED BY FLORIDA STATUTE TO TAKE SWORN TESTIMONY.

On October 8th, 2022 at 1803 hours I was on location at West District. Lt. Vallejo, also on location, notified everyone present that a helicopter just crashed in the south side of the district parking lot. Myself along with numerous deputies responded and located 3 individuals needing to be extricated from the helicopter. It was later learned the pilot was able to walk away from the crash under his own power prior to our arrival. I assisted with extricating the first two passengers and assisted assessing injuries until paramedics arrived. The last passenger was located under the helicopter and was unresponsive. Myself, numerous deputies along with the fire department were able to roll the helicopter off the passenger and remove him from the scene. All patients were transported to Gulf Coast Medical Center, 3 by ambulance and 1 air lifted.

NOTARY PUBLIC/ DEPUTY SHERIFF

SIGNED

LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
SWORN AFFIDAVIT

COUNTY OF LEE
STATE OF FLORIDA

LC SO CFS NO 22-438513

DATE: October 8, 2022

NAME: Detective Ryan Justham HEIGHT: _____ WEIGHT: _____ HAIR: _____ EYES: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ PLACE OF BIRTH: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____ Fort Myers, FL 33912

HOME TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

WORK NAME AND ADDRESS: _____

WORK TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

CELL /ALTERNATE PHONE NUMBER: _____

I Detective Justham NOW WISH TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING SWORN AFFIDAVIT TO SERGEANT RODRIGUEZ WHO I KNOW TO BE A DEPUTY SHERIFF, WITH THE LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, WHO IS EMPOWERED BY FLORIDA STATUTE TO TAKE SWORN TESTIMONY.

On October 8, 2022, while standing outside the rear of the Lee County Sheriff's Office West District Substation, located at 15650 Pine Ridge Road, Fort Myers, Lee County, Florida, I observed a black in color helicopter over the building. I observed the helicopter to be pitching from side to side. While on the phone with another detective, I heard a call over their radio that a helicopter had crashed in front of the station.

I then ran to where the crash was, and observed a white male wearing a blue shirt and jeans, who was later verbally identified to me as Tim Wells, with a large laceration to the left side of his head. I immediately took control of Wells, seating him on a curb across the driveway from the downed aircraft. Deputy Williams who had arrived on scene, removed a trauma dressing from his IPOK and placed it on the wound, while I spoke with Wells who appeared alert and aware of his surroundings.

While speaking with Wells, Lieutenant Galloway yell that he needed a knife. At this time, I yelled to Sergeant Rodriguez and threw him my knife.

Once Emergency Medical Services relieved me of my position, I returned inside of the substation, with no further involvement.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME

THIS 8th DAY OF October 2022

NOTARY PUBLIC/ DEPUTY SHERIFF

LC SO Form 74 (August 07, 2008)

**LEE COUNTY OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF
14750 SIX MILE CYPRESS PARKWAY
FORT MYERS, FL 33912**

**COUNTY OF LEE
STATE OF FLORIDA**

CFS: 22-438513

DATE: October 08, 2022

SWORN STATEMENT OF: Deputy G. Hardenfelder 21-213

I, Deputy G. Hardenfelder 21-213

EMPLOYED AT: Lee County Sheriff's Office

I NOW WISH TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING SWORN AFFIDAVIT TO: SERGEANT C. RODRIGUEZ WHO I BELIEVE TO BE A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

On October 8, 2022, at approximately 1803 hours, Deputy Hardenfelder with the Lee County Sheriff's Office responded to 15650 Pine Ridge Road (Lee County Sheriff's Office West District), Fort Myers, Lee County, Florida, in reference to a helicopter crash.

Upon arrival Deputy Hardenfelder observed multiple first responders attempting to lift the helicopter off the ground in order to extract the passengers. Deputy Hardenfelder assisted by pulling on the side of the helicopter until all passengers were safely removed.

Deputy Hardenfelder then established the crash site and set up crime scene tape to secure the area.

This concludes Deputy Hardenfelder's involvement.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED
BEFORE ME ON THIS 8TH DAY
OF OCTOBER, 2022

NOTARY / ATTESTING OFFICER
LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

THE ABOVE STATEMENTS CONSISTING
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MY KNOWLEDGE OR BELIEF

G. HARDENFELDER 21-213

AFFIANT

LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
SWORN AFFIDAVIT

COUNTY OF LEE
STATE OF FLORIDA

LCSO CFS NO: 22-438513

DATE: 10/08/2022

NAME: Deputy Jeremy Williams 18-015 HEIGHT: WEIGHT: HAIR: EYES:

DATE OF BIRTH: PLACE OF BIRTH:

HOME ADDRESS:

HOME TELEPHONE NUMBER:

WORK NAME AND ADDRESS:

WORK TELEPHONE NUMBER:

CELL /ALTERNATE PHONE NUMBER:

I Deputy Jeremy Williams 18-015 NOW WISH TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING SWORN AFFIDAVIT TO
Sergeant Christopher Rodriguez 14-054 WHO I KNOW TO BE A DEPUTY SHERIFF, WITH THE LEE
COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, WHO IS EMPOWERED BY FLORIDA STATUTE TO TAKE SWORN TESTIMONY.

On Saturday, October 8th, 2022, Deputy Williams of the Lee County Sheriff's Office while on marked uniformed patrol in Fort Myers,
Lee County, Florida, responded to 15650 Pine Ridge Rd (Lee County Sheriffs Office West District) in reference to a helicopter crash.

Deputy Williams arrived on scene and made contact with Detective Justham 05-006 who requested assistance rendering aid on a Lee
EMS employee later identified as Timothy Wells, a White male with a date of birth [REDACTED]. Deputy Williams grabbed his
issued IPOK kit and applied a combat gauze to Wells head. Deputy Williams observed Wells to have a laceration to his head. Deputy
Williams applied pressure with the gauze to stop the bleeding.

Wells was transported to Gulf Coast Hospital by helicopter. Deputy Williams arrived at Gulf Coast Hospital and provided security to
all the individuals involved in the helicopter crash until relieved by Deputy Krupinski 19-013 and Deputy Wilhelm 15-078.

This ends my involvement in the incident.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED PHYSICALLY BEFORE ME

THIS 8th DAY OF October 20 22

[REDACTED] 4024
NOTARY PUBLIC/ DEPUTY SHERIFF

[REDACTED] 18-015
SIGNED

COUNTY OF LEE
STATE OF FLORIDA

DATE: 10-08-2022

CELL /ALTERNATE PHONE NUMBER: _____

Deputy Fraser recieved no injuries while providing assistance.

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**LEE COUNTY OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF
14750 SIX MILE CYPRESS PARKWAY
FORT MYERS, FL 33912**

**COUNTY OF LEE
STATE OF FLORIDA**

CFS: 22-438513

DATE: October 08, 2022

SWORN STATEMENT OF: Deputy C. Masters 13-111

I, Deputy C. Masters 13-111

EMPLOYED AT: Lee County Sheriff's Office

I NOW WISH TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING SWORN AFFIDAVIT TO: SERGEANT C. RODRIGUEZ WHO I BELIEVE TO BE A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

On October 8th, 2022, the Lee County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) responded to a call for service, documented under agency number 22-438513, regarding a helicopter crash, just south of the Lee County Sheriff's Office West District substation located at 15650 Pine Ridge Road, Fort Myers Lee County Florida.

On arrival Deputy Masters discovered a black helicopter laying on its side with its rotors missing. Deputy Masters as he approached observed a white male trapped underneath. Deputy Masters along with other Lee County Sheriff's Office personnel lifted the aircraft off the male creating enough room for Deputy Masters to slip underneath and begin cutting him from the wreckage. Deputy Masters cut two separate straps restraining the male's upper torso and neck. Once free, Deputy Masters rolled him to his back and with assistance carried him from the wreckage to a safe location, where lifesaving efforts were rendered.

Deputy Masters shortly after rendering aid, assisted in securing the scene placing crime scene tape around the perimeter.

This ends Deputy Masters's involvement in the matter.

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BEFORE ME ON THIS 8TH DAY
OF OCTOBER, 2022

NOTARY / ATTESTING OFFICER
LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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AFFIANT



SWORN STATEMENT

County of Lee
State of Florida

CFS # 22-438513

SWORN AFFADAVIT

I, Sergeant Rush Brewton WHO NOW WISH TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING SWORN WRITTEN STATEMENT TO Lt. Galloway WHO I KNOW TO BE A SWORN DEPUTY/DETECTIVE WITH THE LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA AND IS EMPOWERED TO TAKE THIS SWORN TESTIMONY

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On Saturday, October 8, 2022, I, Sergeant Brewton with the Lee County Sheriff's Office was on marked uniform patrol, working as a shift supervisor in West District.

At approximately 1803 hours, I was traveling south bound in the West District Substation parking lot when I hear heard a loud crashing sound. I looked to the south behind the tax collectors parking lot and just behind the fuel station located there, could see pieces of trees and at that time unknown black object thrashing around. As I proceeded through the parking lot towards the location I could see several personnel running out from the Substation beginning to run south bound towards the location through the field.

I maneuvered my patrol car through the parking lot and jumped the rear curb of the tax collectors parking lot area and could now see a black helicopter had crashed into the trees. I approached the crash with the other Deputies who had run to the area. As I approached the aircraft, I observed a male subject wearing a blue shirt walking away from the crash towards the tax collectors office. The male had injuries to his facial area consistent with being involved in the crash. I advised the male to sit on the curb and a nearby fire / ems employee began to render aid. I could hear yelling in regards to the motor of the aircraft being on fire and immediately returned to my patrol vehicle grabbing a fire extinguisher. I returned to the aircraft and could see one occupant of the aircraft was still trapped inside and I began to attempt to extinguish flames from the engine area.

With the flames extinguished, Deputies on scene with Fire and EMS personnel began to attempt to extract the last occupant. Fire personnel utilizing a hydraulic tool attempted to lift the aircraft but, it began to slide, trapping the occupant's ankle further underneath the aircraft. I advised Dep. VanPelt to retrieve my halligan tool from my patrol vehicle as to use it as leverage against the aircraft to prevent it from sliding. When Dep. VanPelt returned, Lt. Galloway entered the aircraft through the broken front windshield area, removing the seatbelt from the occupant and evaluating extraction options.



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With Lt. Galloway inside the aircraft, Lt. Vallejo, Sgt. Rodriguez, Dep. Masters and I positioned ourselves on what would be the top left side of the aircraft which was laying on the ground, near the front windshield area. With other Deputies and the fire department securing movement of the aircraft from the bottom skid are, Lt. Vallejo, Sgt. Rodriguez, Dep. Masters and I all began to lift the aircraft off the subject, holding it in a position where Lt. Galloway could remove the occupant's ankle from underneath. With all of us holding the aircraft up, Dep. Masters was able to let go and cut the final seat belt that was still holding the occupant inside the aircraft.

With the occupant now free, Lt. Galloway, Dep. Masters, Dep. VanPelt and other Deputies were able to slowly remove the occupant from the aircraft. The aircraft was then slowly let down with remaining personnel rendering aid and attempting to leave the area of the aircraft due to possible fire dangers.

While aid was being rendered to the occupants of the aircraft the surrounding area was secured for further investigation of the incident.

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME
THIS 8th DAY OF October, 2022

[REDACTED]
DEPUTY SHERIFF

99-093

THE ABOVE STATEMENT IS
TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY
KNOWLEDGE

[REDACTED]
AFFIANT

03-150

LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
SWORN AFFIDAVIT

COUNTY OF LEE
STATE OF FLORIDA

LCSO CFS NO: 22-438513

DATE: October 8, 2022

NAME: Sergeant Carmelo Bari # 11-123 HEIGHT: WEIGHT: HAIR: EYES:

DATE OF BIRTH: N/A PLACE OF BIRTH: N/A

HOME ADDRESS: [REDACTED] Fort Myers, FL 33912

HOME TELEPHONE NUMBER: N/A

WORK NAME AND ADDRESS: The Lee County Sheriff's Office, 14750 Six Mile Cypress Parkway, Fort Myers, FL 33912

WORK TELEPHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED]

CELL /ALTERNATE PHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED]

I Sergeant Bari NOW WISH TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING SWORN AFFIDAVIT TO
Lieutenant T. Galloway WHO I KNOW TO BE A DEPUTY SHERIFF, WITH THE LEE
COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, WHO IS EMPOWERED BY FLORIDA STATUTE TO TAKE SWORN TESTIMONY.

On October 8, 2022, Sergeant Bari was at the Lee County Sheriff's Office West District Substation, located at 15650 Pine Ridge Road, Fort Myers, Florida. At approximately 5:50 p.m., Sergeant Bari was notified of a helicopter crash on the South side of the parking lot and responded to the scene. Sergeant Bari assisted in rolling the helicopter slightly forward while other first responders retrieved person(s) within. The number of occupants is unknown, as Sergeant Bari did not have a visual as Sergeant Bari did not have a visual observation of the cockpit.

Sergeant Bari then assisted with traffic control for several minutes and was relieved by patrol deputies, thus ending his involvement with this incident.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED PHYSICALLY BEFORE ME

THIS 8th DAY OF October 20 22

[REDACTED] 11-079
NOTARY PUBLIC/ DEPUTY SHERIFF

[REDACTED] 11-123
SIGNED

COUNTY OF LEE
STATE OF FLORIDA

DATE: 10/08/22

CELL /ALTERNATE PHONE NUMBER:

1 Lt. Gustavo Vallejo ID#06-069 NOW WISH TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING SWORN AFFIDAVIT TO
Lt. Timothy Galloway ID#99-093 WHO I KNOW TO BE A DEPUTY SHERIFF, WITH THE LEE
COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, WHO IS EMPOWERED BY FLORIDA STATUTE TO TAKE SWORN TESTIMONY.

On 10/08/2022 at approximately 1800 hours while working in west district located at 15650 Pine Ridge Road Ft. Myers Lee County Florida, I heard a distinct rotary helicopter sound which I recognized not being a normal one based on my training and experience.

~~I looked out the window and witness a helicopter losing control as it rotated around the gasoline tankers behind the district. Shortly after I witness the helicopter collide with a concrete light post and later crash on the ground.~~

I yelled "crash a helo just crashed outside". Several deputies and I ran outside and extracted three males. The last male was trapped inside the helicopter. The helicopter then started to get on fire. I radioed that a helicopter crashed behind the west district sub station behind the gasoline tankers.

We acquired a fire extinguisher, put the fire out and then lifted the helicopter with four other deputies. Lieutenant Galloway then cut the seat belt from the trapped individual who appeared not to be breathing.

The male then gasp, as the seat belt appeared to be blocking his airway.

We continued triaging the victims until EMS arrived. This completed my involvement during this incident.

THIS 8 DAY OF Oct 20 22

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COUNTY OF LEE
STATE OF FLORIDA

DATE: 10/08/2022

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ PLACE OF BIRTH: _____

HOME TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

WORK NAME AND ADDRESS:

WORK TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

CELL /ALTERNATE PHONE NUMBER:

I, Deputy J. Van Pelt NOW WISH TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING SWORN AFFIDAVIT TO
Deputy Williams WHO I KNOW TO BE A DEPUTY SHERIFF, WITH THE LEE
COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, WHO IS EMPOWERED BY FLORIDA STATUTE TO TAKE SWORN TESTIMONY.

On Saturday, October 8, 2022, while on marked uniform patrol, I was at the West District substation when a loud noise was heard outside. Simultaneously I heard Lt Vallejo shout, " it crashed, it crashed." I ran outside towards what I saw to be a crashed helicopter in the rear parking lot of the West District parking lot, located at 15650 Pine Ridge Rd. I ran towards the downed helicopter and began to help extract two ambulatory individuals from the wreckage. After the two ambulatory subjects were removed, I assisted Lt Galloway with removing the 3rd non ambulatory subject from the wreckage, who was transported to Gulf Coast Hospital via life flight. A total of 4 individuals were on board the aircraft at the time of the crash. I verified each individual on board, their names and date of birth and forwarded the information to Commander Casale. This ends my involvement in this incident.

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THIS 8th DAY OF October 20 22

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