

GUILFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

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CASE/INCIDENT REPORT

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CFS NO 2300020412	DAY 1	INCIDENT DATE 07/23/2023 07/23/2023	TIME 21:41	DATE OF RPT 07/23/2023	TIME OF RPT 23:49	TYPE OF INCIDENT MEDICAL ASSISTANCE	INCIDENT CD 4853	INVESTIGATING OFFICER Patrol Officer Proto, Robert	BADGE NO [REDACTED]	
DIVISION Patrol		DIVISION NO	REFERENCE DIVISION Patrol		REFERENCE DIVISION NO	CASE X-REFERENCE	UNIT ID 05	TYPIST P51404	DATE TYPED 07/23/2023	TIME TYPED 23:49
STREET NO 00111	STREET NAME AND TYPE LOVERS Ln GUILFORD			APT NO.	INTERSECTING STREET NAME AND TYPE		PREMISES NAME GUILFORD FAIRGROUNDS		STATUS Closed	TOWN CD T060

STATUS CODE C=COMPLAINANT V=VICTIM A=ARRESTEE J=JUVENILE H=OTHER M=MISSING W=WITNESS O=OFFENDER D=DRIVER S=SUSPECT P=POLICE OFFICER T=TOT

STATUS	NAME	SEX	RACE	D.O.B.	TELEPHONE	ADDRESS	OP STATE & NO.
W	Szczygiel, Kaitlyn	F	W	08/07/1995	Cel	[REDACTED]	
W	Szczygiel, Emily	F	W	05/08/1993	Cel	[REDACTED]	
W	Watts, Gregory	M	W	06/01/1992	Cel	[REDACTED]	
H	Cunningham, Charles	M	W	09/12/1948	Cel	[REDACTED]	

On 07/23/2023, I assisted Ofc. LaVorgna in this case, by interviewing witnesses involved in this incident, as well as the pilot of the hot air balloon.

I spoke with Kaitlyn Szczygiel (DOB [REDACTED]), Emily Szczygiel (DOB [REDACTED]), and Gregory Watts (DOB [REDACTED]). Kaitlyn watched this incident occur from the ground. Emily and Watts were both in the hot air balloon while this incident took place. I took a written statement from Kaitlyn, Emily and Watts and added it to the case file.

Kaitlyn stated that she got off of the hot air balloon, and as soon as she did, the air balloon instantly started to go up. Kaitlyn said that when she turned around, she saw a male, Larry Danvers (DOB [REDACTED]), hanging on to the outside of the basket of the hot air balloon. Kaitlyn advised that the when the balloon reached approximately 15-20 feet off of the ground, that is when she saw Danvers let go.

Emily and Watts both stated that they were in the process of getting off of the hot air balloon, but were unable too as the hot air

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balloon started going up. Watts stated that he did not hear or see Danvers hanging from the basket of the hot air balloon. Emily stated that while the hot air balloon was rising, she heard Danvers yell "I am going to let go", and when she looked over the edge of the basket, she saw Danvers fall to the ground.

I later spoke with the pilot of the hot air balloon, Charles Cunningham (DOB [REDACTED]). I took a written statement from Cunningham, and I added it to the case file. Cunningham stated that Danvers was a volunteer crew member to the hot air balloon. Cunningham stated that he was unaware that Danvers was hanging onto the basket of the hot air balloon as it was going up. Cunningham said that the weight in the basket of the hot air balloon was not distributed evenly, which caused the balloon to go up. Nothing further to report.

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