

FIBRS Incident Report



WAKULLA COUNTY SO
15 OAK STREET
CRAWFORDVILLE 32327

Report Date / Time 8/18/2023 10:01:04 PM	Report Number WCSO23OFF001855 (02)	Report Case/CAD Number WCSO23OFF001855 / WCSO23CAD044816	Reporting Officer Rank / ID RESERVE DE / W508	Reporting Officer Name PIENTA, DAVID ANTHO
Originating Agency ORI FL0650000	Reported to Agency Date 8/18/2023 8:28:50 PM	Occur Date Range 08/18/2023 20:15:50 - 08/18/2023 21:00:00	Jurisdiction In Jurisdiction	Status: Closed Clearance:
Offense Description 41-0 INFORMATION / INTELLIGENCE REPORT (NON-CRIMINAL)				

LOCATION(S)

County WAKULLA	Location Type INCIDENT LOCATION	Location Description BOAT RAMP JACK LANGSTON RD						
Street Number	Street	Apt/Lot/Bldg	City SOPCHOPPY	State FL	Zip Code 32358	Phone Number	Ext.	

Person: OTHER PERSON

First Name JESSE	Middle Name READE	Last Name WARD	Suffix	Race WHITE	Sex MALE	Height 6'04"	Weight 0	Hair BRO	Eyes BLU
MNI # WCSO14MNI004560	Date of Birth	Age at Date 44	ID Type A	Drivers License or other ID			State FL		
Addresses • / FL 32310 /									

Person: OTHER PERSON

First Name JOSEPH	Middle Name DANIEL	Last Name NORRIS	Suffix	Race WHITE	Sex MALE	Height 6'01"	Weight 175	Hair BRO	Eyes HZL
MNI # WCSO02MNI104632	Date of Birth	Age at Date 40	ID Type DL	Drivers License or other ID			State FL		
Addresses TALLAHASSEE, FL 32305 /									

Person: WITNESS

First Name ASHLEY	Middle Name	Last Name REVIS	Suffix	Race WHITE	Sex FEMALE	Height	Weight	Hair	Eyes
MNI # WCSO23MNI021777	Date of Birth	Age at Date 40	ID Type	Drivers License or other ID			State		
Addresses									

Person: REPORTING PERSON

First Name DANNEY	Middle Name EUGENE	Last Name TRIM	Suffix	Race WHITE	Sex MALE	Height 6'01"	Weight	Hair	Eyes
MNI # WCSO23MNI021778	Date of Birth	Age at Date 53	ID Type E	Drivers License or other ID			State FL		
Address •									

Property: DAMAGED / DESTROYED

Article Code	Article Type Other (Article)	Article Brand		Model BUCCANEER BIIB	
Serial Number BIIBK005	Owner Applied Number	Quantity 1	Quantity Type EACH	Total Value (\$) \$40000.00	
Description AIRPLANE					
Owner Type PERSON	Property Owner JESSE READE WARD (OTHER PERSON)	Property Released To Person JESSE READE WARD (OTHER PERSON)		Property Released By Officer DAVID ANTHONY PIENTA	

Property: EVIDENCE

Article Code	Article Type Digital Images	Article Brand		Model	
Serial Number	Owner Applied Number	Quantity 1	Quantity Type EACH	Total Value (\$)	
Description DIGITAL IMAGES TAKEN OF PLANE					
Owner Type NOT APPLICABLE	Property Owner	Property Released To Person		Property Released By Officer	

Narrative: INITIAL

Narrative Date/Time 8/19/2023 1:40:07 AM		Narrative Synopsis INITIAL		
Reporting Officer PIENTA, DAVID ANTHO		Officer Rank RESERVE DE	Officer ID No W508	Officer Org/Unit WCSO/LAW ENFORCEMENT RESERVES
Officer Signature		Officer Agency WAKULLA COUNTY SO		

Scene: Jack Langston Rd. Boat Ra

Investigation: On 8/19/23 I was dispatched to the boat ramp on Jack Langston Rd. in reference to a plane crash. Upon arrival I met with Jesse Ward (Pilot). Jesse stated he had taken Joseph Norris (Passenger) flying. Jesse stated he was coming in for a landing with his 2019 Buccaneer BIIB amphibious plane on the river. Jesse informed me after the plane initially touched down, the plane bounced and went approximately 10 feet up in the air. When the plane struck the surface again, the plane's nose started to submerge, causing the plane to flip and break apart. Jesse had lacerations to his chin and legs. Wakulla Fire Rescue arrived on scene and Jesse refused to be transported. Jesse stated he does not have insurance

on the plane. The plane is valued at \$40,000.

The Florida Highway Patrol responded to the scene to offer drone support. Please reference FHP23ON0434295. FWC responded to the scene and provided marine support. Please see FWCOW0078968.

I made contact with Joseph Norris. Joseph stated the plane bounced on landing and when the plane struck the water the 2nd time, the nose of the aircraft began to go under water, causing the plane to flip and break apart. Jesse and Joseph were able to free themselves from the plane and swim to shore.

I made contact with Ashley Revis (Witness). Ashley stated when she was informed the plane crashed she jumped in the water, located the plane and checked the plane for occupants.

I made contact with Danny Trim (Complainant). Danny stated he witnessed the crash. After witnessing the crash, Danny jumped in the water to check the plane for survivors. I asked Danny how long Jesse has been flying this plane and he stated a few months.

Jesse did make a spontaneous statement, indicating he does not have a pilot's license. Therefore Jesse violated Federal Law for flying without a license and carrying passengers without a license. I made contact with the FAA operations center. The FAA took the information for a report and stated they would not be responding to the scene until the plane was pulled from the water. I asked the FAA representative who was responsible for removing the plane from the water. The FAA representative stated the owner of the plane is responsible.

Jennifer Nagy (EM1) and Lucy Gowdy (EM2) arrived on scene. Contact was made with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the State Watch Office. FWC Lt. Scott Olson stated he would make contact with DEP in the morning. FWC officers launched a boat and took photographs of the plane. These photographs were turned into WCSO property and evidence. I recommend this case be forwarded to the FAA for their investigation. This incident occurred in Wakulla County, Florida.

Attachments: (1) Property Receipt

Case Status: Forward to CID

Narrative: SUPPLEMENT

 Narrative Date/Time 8/21/2023 1:50:44 PM		Narrative Synopsis		
Reporting Officer SAULS, MARK E		Officer Rank SERGEANT	Officer ID No W168	Officer Org/Unit WCSO\LAW ENFORCEMENT \CID\FINANCE
Officer Signature		Officer Agency WAKULLA COUNTY SO		
On August 21, 2023, this case was reviewed and assigned to me. According to the initial report, the plane crash was reported to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and Florida Department of Environmental Protection. A search of the FAA database revealed that the private plane bearing the tail number of N1206J is owned by Jesse Ward of Tallahassee, Florida. The database shows that Ward is not a licensed private pilot. However, Ward was licensed as a student pilot in 1999 but never licensed as a pilot.				

This case is being closed since the jurisdiction of the plane crash is solely the responsibility of the FAA.

Case Status: Closed

Officer: Approving Supervisor (Supplement 02)

Officer Name SAULS, MARK E	Officer Rank SERGEANT	Officer ID No W168	Officer Agency WAKULLA COUNTY SO
Approval Date / Time 8/21/2023 2:01:19 PM	Officer Signature		

Sup #	Officer Name Rank / ID #	Involvement On Report / Reporting Role	Officer Agency Org/Unit
01	GRIMM, JEFFREY ALEN CIVILIAN W136		WAKULLA COUNTY SO WCSO\LAW ENFORCEMENT\CID\EVIDENCE
01	MITCHELL, RONALD C SERGEANT		WAKULLA COUNTY SO WCSO\LAW ENFORCEMENT\PATROL
01	PIENTA, DAVID ANTHO RESERVE DE W508		WAKULLA COUNTY SO WCSO\LAW ENFORCEMENT\RESERVES
01	SANDERS, BRENT A LIEUTENANT W011		WAKULLA COUNTY SO WCSO\LAW ENFORCEMENT\PATROL
01	SMITH, KORY HUNTER DEPUTY SHE W178		WAKULLA COUNTY SO WCSO\LAW ENFORCEMENT\PATROL
01	SAULS, MARK E SERGEANT W168	REPORTING OFFICER	WAKULLA COUNTY SO WCSO\LAW ENFORCEMENT\CID\FINANCE

The undersigned certifies and swears that he/she has just and reasonable grounds to believe that the above named Defendant, committed violation(s), of law, on the below date(s) and time(s), as listed in the narratives associated with this report:

Officer: Reporting Officer (Supplement02)

Officer Name PIENTA, DAVID ANTHO	Office Rank RESERVE DE	Officer ID No W508	Sworn and subscribed before me, the undersigned authority This the _____ day of _____, _____ DEPUTY OF THE COURT, NOTARY OR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
Officer Agency WAKULLA COUNTY SO	Officer Signature 		