



CASE SUPPLEMENT REPORT

CASE# 2025-00009403

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I THEN RESPONDED WITH OTHER UNITS TO THE LAFAYETTE AIRPORT WHERE A SMALL WHITE PLANE HAD CRASHED WHILE ATTEMPTING TO LAND.

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I OBSERVED THE PLANE TO APPEAR TO BE FLYING TOWARDS THE LAFAYETTE AIRPORT.

APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN MINUTES LATER DISPATCH ADVISED OF A PLANE CRASH AT THE AIRPORT.

UPON MY ARRIVAL I OBSERVED WHAT APPEARED TO BE THE PLANE THAT I WITNESSED EARLIER, HAD CRASHED ON THE RUNWAY.

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ON 3/20/2025 WHILE DOWNLOADING VIDEO AT THE WALKER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE I OBSERVED A SMALL WHITE AIRPLANE FLYING VERY LOW OVER THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE THAT APPEARED TO BE CIRCLING.

A SHORT TIME LATER I HEARD DISPATCH GIVE LAFAYETTE PD A CALL ABOUT A CRASHED AIRPLANE AT THE CITY AIRPORT. SINCE I WAS CLOSE I WENT EN ROUTE. AS SOON AS I HIT N MAIN ST I OBSERVED A LARGE CLOUD OF SMOKE COMING FROM THE AIRPORT AND ADVISED WALKER 911. WHEN I WENT ON SCENE AT THE AIRPORT I OBSERVED THE AIRPLANE ENGULFED IN FLAMES ON THE NORTH END OF THE RUNWAY. I ADVISED WALKER 911 OF THIS AND WENT ON SCENE. I ASSISTED LAFAYETTE PD WITH THEIR INVESTIGATION AND WENT IN SERVICE.

NOTHING FURTHER TO REPORT AT THIS TIME.

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Report By Coroner William H. Billy Sims
Walker Co.

03-20-2025,

Around 14:15 I was stop at McLennore +
Meadow, when a small Air Craft came over my Truck,
He was coming in fast. his nose of the plane
was up. I went thru the stop sign and I ~~saw~~ saw
The Black smoke coming from the plane, I called 911
they told me that they were not ~~not~~ but didn't
know about how many people where on board of the
plane and if there where any survivors.
I was dispatched to the scene at 14:38.

To whom it concerns;

I stepped out the front door of our Wastewater Treatment Plant Office at 2:30pm on Thursday, 3/20/25 just as a small plane passed overhead. The plane was flying noticeably lower, and on a different trajectory toward our air strip than the planes I normally notice landing here. The airstrip runs North/South and is directly across Spring Creek in reference to our office building.

The plane was flying directly west as it flew over, and banked sharply to the south as it crossed the creek. It seemed that the nose was a little higher than the tail, and that it had gone past the west side of the strip. As I watched it trying to line up on the strip, I felt a noticeable gust of wind out of the east. As it moved on to the south, my view was blocked by the trees along the banks of Spring Creek, but just before I lost sight of it the wings seemed to dip sharply back in the other direction as though the wind pushed them that way. Immediately after that there was a large explosion and a fireball.

I was stunned for a few seconds, and then called 9-1-1.

Robert Ledford

Wastewater operator

City of Lafayette

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