



CLALLAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
CASE REPORT

CASE NO.
2012-00016488

NARRATIVE

INVESTIGATIVE REPORT BY DEPUTY MICHAEL S. DICK

SYNOPSIS: Between the hours of 1245 and 1300 on 9/2/12 Daniel Donovan ran off the runway at The Sequim Valley Airport and flipped his aircraft onto its' top. Donovan said that he encountered a side wind upon landing at the airport and when he tried to correct and put on the brakes, ran off the roadway and flipped over the aircraft. Donovan suffered a slight laceration on his right shin. The FAA and NTSB were contacted and based upon the fact that this was considered an experimental aircraft, Donovan was allowed to right the aircraft and move it to it's' hanger.

INVESTIGATION: At approximately 1301 hours on 9/2/12 Sgt. Turner, Dep. Oien and I were dispatched to the Sequim Valley Airport in Sequim to investigate a reported airplane crash. While en-route PenCom advised us that a small single engine airplane had flipped over on the runway after landing. PenCom also told us that medics had been dispatched and were also en-route to the scene. Prior to arrival PenCom told us that the pilot had been able to exit the airplane and was not injured.

Upon arriving at approximately 1310 hours I observed a small single engine airplane with Washington aircraft registration N347JP, lying on its top off the runway. The prop was bent and the tail was damaged. The pilot had left the scene and was en-route to obtain a crane in order to right the plane. I requested PenCom contact the FAA and NTSB and report this accident to them.

I took photographs of the scene and attempted to interview any witnesses, but at this time none of the people around the airplane had witnessed this accident. I requested an airplane registration and the registration returned to a John Piggott as a co-owner, with a City of Sequim address.

While I continued to take photographs of the scene Dep. Oien talked to Kimberly Carlson with the FAA and she told Dep. Oien that the airplane was not to be moved until she talked with an investigator with the FAA and NTSB.

The pilot returned and was identified as Daniel Donovan. Donovan was instructed not to move or disturb the airplane until the FAA and NTSB made their decision. At this time I obtained Donovan's statement regarding this incident.

VICTIM STATEMENT: Daniel Donovan, 9/2/12, 1400 hours, Sequim: Donovan said he had landed and as he touched down he encountered a side wind. Donovan said the tail started to come around and he tried to correct this action. Donovan continued that he applied the brakes and when he did so the left wing tipped over onto the runway and the airplane went off the runway and flipped over when the prop hit the ground. Donovan said that he had made a landing in Port Angeles earlier and also had a problem and ran off the runway. Donovan said that he also landed at the Jefferson County Airport without a problem.

INVESTIGATION: After talking to Donovan, Carlson called Dep. Oien and told Dep. Oien that since this was classified as an experimental aircraft, Donovan could move it as neither the FAA nor NTSB needed it held. Donovan was informed and was able to right the airplane and move it to its hanger.

I next talked to the reporting party, Will Sukert, and obtained his verbal statement.

COMPLAINANT STATEMENT: Will Sukert, 9/2/12, 1430 hours, telephone: Sukert said that he and his family were at the airport watching the balloon festival when a lady came out of the airport office saying to call

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911 as an airplane had crashed on the runway. Sukert said he looked around and saw the airplane on its top, but didn't hear or see the crash. Sukert said that he did not know this lady at all.

INVESTIGATION: I attempted to locate this lady in the office, but no one was in the office and I was not able to locate her.

PREMISE: Community airport located at 438 Dorothy Hunt Lane in Sequim.

ROUTING: Forward copy of report to: FAA for information.

STATUS: Closed.

Deputy Michael S. Dick

9/3/12, msd

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