

**NARRATIVE/
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VENTURA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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Officer Narrative: <u>Details of incident:</u> On 05-28-2016, at approximately 1518 hrs, I was dispatched to respond Code 3 (lights and siren) to the area of Aliso Canyon Road and Foothill Road in Santa Paula for a possible plane that had crashed in an orchard. When I arrived on scene, CHP units and Fire personnel had already arrived and closed Aliso Canyon Road, north of Foothill Road. I contacted Battalion Chief #5, Winter, and Sgt. Kevin Vaden #2241, who were the acting units in charge. I was told Fire Engine 26 (Captain Randy Globerman, Engineer Brad Knowles and Fire Fighter Dan Palacios) had already located the crash approximately 50 feet east of the roadway, inside the orchard. They confirmed there were two bodies in the cockpit of the small aircraft. They also confirmed there were no survivors of the crash. Fire personnel secured the scene with crime tape. I was advised by Sgt. Vaden that the following personnel were advised of the situation: Robert Senseney, from the FAA; Albert Wixon, from the NTSB; and Ian Gregor, the NTSB PIO. I was asked to contact some witnesses, who were standing by a short distance away on Aliso Canyon Road. The following is a summary of their statements: <u>Witness statements:</u> <i>Darren Hendren/Jason Hendren</i> Darren Hendren [REDACTED] and his brother, Jason Hendren [REDACTED], were working on their ranch, approximately 1-2 miles northwest of the scene. They were working on the hillside, which overlooks Aliso Canyon Road. They heard the sputtering of a plane engine coming from the north of their residence. They looked up to see a small plane, with the engine to the rear, at an altitude of approximately 100 feet above the tree line (200 -300 feet above ground). The plane appeared to be having trouble and was dropping quickly. They watched the plane fly south above the orchards, losing sight of it as it appeared to turn easterly, crossing Aliso Canyon Road. They saw a bright flash as the left wing tip hit the electric line on the east side of the roadway. The plane seemed to roll over and crash in the orchard. They ran towards the accident, grabbing some small fire extinguishers. When they got to the scene, the plane was fully engulfed in flames. The debris field was approximately 200-300 feet in length. They could hear fire engines approaching and directed them to the scene. They remained on scene to give their statements. I was told there were people on Foothill Road, at the road closure, who knew the pilot				
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Narrative: I am currently assigned as a member of the Sheriff's Gang Unit. On May 28, 2016, Detective Miller (4538) and I were conducting directed enforcement in the unincorporated area of Ventura California, known as Saticoy. Detective Miller and I were wearing our green ballistic vests with the words "SHERIFF" embroidered in yellow stitching on both the front and back of the vests. The vests had a yellow badge affixed to the front of the vest. We were equipped with our department issued firearms, Taser, handcuffs, and radios. We were driving a black dodge charger equipped with a light bar, push bar, and spot lights. It is common for the Sheriff's Gang Unit to conduct criminal enforcement in that type of uniform and vehicle, so we are recognizable as Deputy Sheriffs. Around 1518 hours, we heard Sheriff's Dispatch send 3B11 Code-3 to an airplane crash in the area of Aliso Canyon and Foothill Boulevard in the unincorporated area of Santa Paula, California. Sheriff's Dispatch advised Ventura County Fire was already on scene of the crash. Detective Miller and I went to the scene to provide assistance. Refer to Deputy Biter's Incident Report under the same report number for details regarding the plane crash. Once on scene, I contacted Deputy Biter (3B11), who asked that I obtain witness statements from two subjects who witnessed the plane crash. Deputy Biter pointed out the two subjects, who were standing along the south shoulder of Aliso Canyon. I contacted the two subjects who were identified with a California Driver's Licenses as (W) Jose Lemus Magana [REDACTED] and (W) Juana Magana De Lemus [REDACTED]. The following is a summary of the interview. Jose and Juana stated they were driving west on Aliso Canyon on their way to a friend's house. Jose and Juana said as they were driving on Aliso Canyon, they observed a small plane flying low in the sky. The plane was so small, they thought it may be a fake or R/C style airplane. Jose and Juana saw the plane flying extremely low, so low, they thought the plane was attempting to land. The plane flew north and crossed Aliso Canyon road and crashed into the lemon orchard. Jose and Juana said the plane immediately burst into flames. Jose and Juana pulled to the north shoulder of Aliso Canyon and exited their vehicle. Jose and Juana entered the lemon orchard and approached the crash to render aid, but the flames were too hot and prevented them from getting close to the crash. Jose and Juana walked out of the orchard and observed two other subjects later identified as Jason Hendren and Darren Hendren standing in the roadway of Aliso Canyon. Jose and Juana had nothing further to add. I briefed Deputy Biter on Jose and Juana's accounts of the incident. Deputy Biter asked that I write a supplemental report to document their statements.				
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