

# PLACER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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| <b>PLACER COUNTY SHERIFF / CORONER / MARSHAL'S OFFICE</b><br><b>INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION</b><br><b>NARRATIVE REPORT</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                           |
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04-23-2020 at 0922 Hours

On the above date and time I responded to [REDACTED] in Auburn to interview (I/P) Randall Leys who was the passenger in the airplane crash. I made contact with Randall at his front door. Randall was in a hospital gown and had a neck brace on with bandages around his hands. I advised Randall that I was there to ask him some questions regarding the plane crash and to get a more detailed time line of what had occurred. Randall stated he understood and told me the following in summary:

Randall met William Kirby at the airport to go for a flight. They were originally scheduled to fly in Kirby's Aeronca Chief airplane. They performed the preflight check on the Chief airplane and located some oil residue in the engine compartment. They decided not to fly in the chief due to the oil residue and they decided to put in a service request with Ash at Full Throttle Aviation. At this time Kirby offered to do the flight in his other plane the Cessna 206. They agreed to use the Cessna 206. Kirby performed the preflight check on the Cessna, while he was in the office at Sunshine Flyers where he was a flight instructor. Randall advised that Kirby was the pilot in command and that he was only there as a passenger. Randall advised that Kirby wasn't too confident in his skills and liked to have someone fly with him.

Once the preflight check was completed Randall advised he walked out to the plane and asked Kirby if he completed certain checks and Kirby advised he had completed the checks. Randall had seen Kirby perform preflight checks before and thought that he performed thorough checks. He has flown with Kirby on 2 other occasions but has also taxied the plane with him. They then got into the plane and started the plane up. Kirby was in the pilot's seat on the left and he was on the right. The plane was operating normally and had power. They taxied to the runway and took off and had good power. As they approached the numbers at the end of the runway the engine started sputtering. He was not sure how many feet in the air they were but estimated between 200 to 300 feet in the air and they were flying westbound. They had planned on flying to the Lincoln airport to do some practice on landings. As they were making the left hand turn to take the noise abatement route the engine stalled and lost power.

At this time Randall took over the controls of the plane. He was looking for a place to set down the plane. He looked forward and didn't want to put down the plane in front of them due to there being businesses and buildings. At this point he turned the plane to the right and flew to the north of the airport. He tried to make it back to the airport but

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APPROVED BY: [REDACTED]

DATE: 04-19-2020

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was too low and was still losing altitude and knew he wouldn't make it back. There was open land with trees next to the airport. He then flew to the land where he crashed. He really couldn't remember too many details due to having to control the plane and maneuver it.

Once the plane crashed he was able to unbuckle himself and he crawled out of the plane and tried to get away from the plane. He then was contacted by two males and they drug him further away from the plane. He told the males that there was another male in the plane and his name was Bill Kirby. The males then went to look for Kirby. Shortly after Law enforcement and medical arrived. End of Statement

Once I was done speaking with Randall I obtained a new contact number for Randall of [REDACTED] in case we needed to ask further questions.

After meeting with Randall and documenting his statement I started making phone calls to customers at the airport who owned certain hangers and tie down parking spot for planes. The list consisted of 71 subjects. I was able to get ahold of numerous subjects who advised that the list I had was older and that they no longer had spots at the airport. During my calls I did locate two males who were at the airport and saw William Kirby's plane take off and then make the hard right turn and then crash.

Pete Hnat who owns a hangar at the Auburn Airport was with his friend Dan Wodjac in his hanger working on his plane. Pete told me the following in summary:

He and his friend Dan were working on his plane when Dan pointed to a plane that was taking off and Dan told him "There's Kirby taking off". They both watched Kirby get into the air and then heard his engine spit, sputter and cough. At that time both of them said out loud "Turn back". They saw the plane then turn right and back toward the airport. As the plane started to come down they lost sight of the plane once it passed the roof line of the hanger in front of them. Shortly after they saw a fireball. They didn't respond out to the crash because it would have taken them a while and they could already hear sirens heading to the crash. End of statement.

I attempted to contact Dan Wojdac but only was able to get his voicemail. I left Dan a message to call me back but I have not heard from Dan.

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| Death Investigation                                | Kirby, William                                                                    |               |

- 1 I am currently continuing to call the owners of hangers and tie downs and will write an additional  
2 supplement when and if I locate other witnesses or video surveillance that covers the location  
3 where William Kirby's plane was was parked.