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W	Last,First,Middle	Acosta, Moses									
RESIDENCE			RACE	SEX	HT.	WT.	HAIR	EYES	BIRTHDAY	AGE	
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W2	Last,First,Middle	Acosta, Lori									
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W3	Last,First,Middle	Anderson, Maxwell									
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Death Investigation

Decedent:

William Kirby

04-18-2020 at 1125 Hours

On the above date and time I was contacted by Sgt. Alford and was advised to respond to Auburn for a plane crash. Sgt. Alford told me that the command post had been set up at the Auburn PD gun range next to the Airport and Auburn Recology. I responded to the command post and met with Sgt. Poisze. Sgt. Poisze advised me that when the plane had crashed, there were some witnesses who helped with extracting one of the passengers from the plane and who may have seen the plane crash, but they were no longer on scene. Due to the first onscene deputies rendering aid, the deputies sent the original witnesses to assist in guiding the medical and fire units to the location of the crash. Once the situation was under control the witnesses had dispersed and it was unknown who they were or where they lived.

Sgt. Poisze asked if I could make checks and interview residents who live close to the crash site and see if they saw the crash or assisted with the crash. I responded to Oak Mist Lane in Auburn which runs parallel to the crash site. I pulled up to Oak Mist Lane and saw two residents standing in the street talking. I asked the residents if they had seen or heard the crash. They both advised they had not but their neighbor "Moses" had helped with the crash. They pointed to a house later found to be [REDACTED] I drove to the house and as I was walking up the driveway I was met by the homeowners son in law who asked if I wanted to speak with his father who helped with the crash. I advised him I did. I stood in the driveway and was met by a male later identified as (W) Moses Rodriguez-Acosta. Moses told me that he had helped at the crash site. I asked him if he could tell me what happened. Moses advised that he could and told me the following in summary:

He was in his office and had just got done with a Zoom meeting when his wife called for him. His wife was telling him that a plane was going to crash into their house. He ran to his wife and at that time heard a loud crash. He could see a cloud of smoke coming from the plot of land behind his residence. He ran to the hillside where he saw the smoke and saw a crashed plane. As he got closer to the crash he noticed 3 other men by the crash. Two men appeared to have dragged a male away from the plane and was talking with him. The injured male yelled that there was someone else in the plane. Moses then ran to the plane to check and see if he could find someone. He searched the immediate area around the plane but did not see anyone. He then tried lifting the plane wing in an attempt to flip the plane to see if anyone was inside, but he was unable too. At this time the other males at the site yelled at him that the plane was going to explode and that they needed to get back. He then decided to move away from

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the plane. After a few seconds passed the plane did explode and continued to burn. After a few minutes passed law enforcement and fire personnel arrived on scene. End of Statement.

While talking with Moses his wife Lori also walked up to us. I asked Lori if she had seen what had happened with the plane. Lori advised she did. Lori told me the following in summary:

Lori was in the kitchen when she heard what sounded like a plane flying low. She looked out her window and could see a plane flying low to the ground. She could hear the engine of the plane sputtering. The engine sounded like it was turning on and off. She thought the plane was going to crash into their house. She yelled for Moses and told him that a plane was crashing. Prior to Moses coming out to her, the plane made an abrupt turning movement away from their house and flew toward the trees located on the land directly behind their house. She then lost sight of the plane but heard a loud crash. She then saw a plume of black smoke coming up from the ground. Moses then ran out to the plane crash to help. End of statement.

After talking with Moses and Lori Acosta I attempted contact with other residences to find other witnesses. I checked the following residences with the following results:

[REDACTED] - No Answer.

[REDACTED] Only heard engine sputtering but did not see anything.

[REDACTED] Only heard a plane.

[REDACTED] Nothing seen or heard.

[REDACTED] Nothing Seen or heard.

[REDACTED] Only heard crash and smoke.

After checking the above residences I returned to the crash site and met with Deputy Klaves. Deputy Klaves advised me that while she was working a designated post she was contacted by a male who advised her that he had helped with the plane crash. Deputy Klaves took the males information and entered it into the call history. Deputy Klaves advised me that the male

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was covered in blood and she sent him home to get cleaned up and advised him that someone would contact him to get his statement.

On 04-20-2020 I was able to get in touch with the witness Maxwell Anderson. I asked Maxwell if he could tell me what happened during the plane crash. Maxwell advised he could. Maxwell told me the following in summary:

He was at the Auburn recology transfer station with his friend and they were unloading a trailer when they heard a low flying plane. They looked up and the plane appeared to be 400 to 600 feet in the sky. The plane was flying westbound over the transfer station and the engine sounded to be sputtering. He thought to himself that the plane didn't sound good. At that time the plane made a u-turn and started flying back towards the airport. They thought that the plane was going to make it back so they continued emptying their trailer.

A few seconds passed and they heard a loud crashing sound and a plume of black smoke. At this time they believed the plane had crashed. They found a hole in the fence at the transfer station and ran to the crash sight. When they arrived at the plane they found a male had drug himself out and away from the plane. They assisted the male and pulled him 50-60 feet away from the plane. The plane was on fire and the male victim told them that there was another male in the plane. He ran up to the plane to check for the other male but he was unable to get close to the plane due to the heat from the fire. At this time sheriff personnel arrived on scene and relieved him and asked him to guide fire personnel into the location. Maxwell then left the area but contacted a deputy prior to leaving the area and gave them his information for contact. End of statement.

Forward supplement to records to be attached to original report.

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[REDACTED] Sacramento CA 95838										[REDACTED] 1992	27
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I/P Last,First,Middle		Hayden, Douglas Raymond									
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[REDACTED] Meadow Vista CA 95722										[REDACTED] 1956	64
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04-21-2020 at 0930 Hours

On the above date and time I contacted an additional witness who assisted with the plane crash. This witness was identified as (W4) Michael Phelan. Michael was with (W3) Max Alexander when the incident occurred. I contacted Michael on his cell phone and asked him if he could tell me what had occurred on 04-18-2020 when the plane crashed. Michael advised he could and told me the following in summary:

Michael and Maxwell were at the Auburn Recology transfer station dumping garbage. While doing so he heard the sound of an engine backfiring. He looked up toward the sound and saw a low flying plane. He noticed the plane turning around and heading back to the airport. After a few seconds past he heard the plane hitting the ground. When he looked in the direction of the crash he saw a mushroom like cloud from where the crash was. At this time he and Maxwell jumped the transfer station fence and ran to the crash.

When they got to the crash site they located a white male approximately 40 years old wearing a blue shirt laying on the ground. They drug the male approximately 50 yards away from the plane. They performed quick medical check of the male. The male appeared to have several lacerations to his face but was coherent. The male advised them that the pilot was still in the plane and his name was Bill Kirby. The grass around the plane had caught fire and had 10 foot flames around the plane. They yelled for Bill but they did not hear anything. Due to the flames they were unable to look for Bill. The male passenger had advised them that the engine had died and that they had lost control before the crash. After some time passed deputies arrived on scene and asked him and Maxwell to guide fire and medical personnel to the crash site. Once medical and fire arrived they left the location and went back to the transfer station. When they left the transfer station Maxwell contacted a deputy and gave the deputy their contact information. End of statement.

After speaking with (W4) Phelan, I was contacted by Sgt. Alford in regards to another person who had flown the plane, which was involved in the crash. The plane was originally owned by William Kirby. One of William Kirby's friends later identified as (I/P) Douglas Hayden had used William Kirby's plane to fly to Ukiah for service on the plane. Sgt. Alford asked if I could contact Douglas and obtain a statement in regards to the plane and if there were any problems or maintenance issues with the plane.

At approximately 1038 hours I called Douglas on his cell phone. Douglas advised that he had been expecting a phone call. Douglas told me the following in summary:

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William Kirby and he had been friends for the past 40 years. He has been William's advisor when it comes buying planes, and he was William's flying partner. He has been a flight instructor, has over 12,000 flight hours and flew for the California Highway Patrol. Douglas advised he was with William when he picked up the Cessna 206 back in November of 2019. Since he picked it up he has flown the Cessna 4 or 5 times. The only problem he knew of, when the plane was picked up, was the standby electric fuel pump, but it was replaced by Ash at Full Throttle Aviation.

Douglas went on to tell me he had a hanger incident and damaged a flap on his own plane. He borrowed William's Cessna 206 on March 13th to fly to Ukiah. He flew William's plane (tail number 756TH). He first flew to Jackson Westover, where he had avionics radio work done on William's plane. He then flew to Ukiah to drop off his damaged plane flap and flew back to Auburn. Then on the 26th of March he flew back to Ukiah to pick up his flap and flew back to Auburn.

On both of those trips he located substantial amounts of water in the fuel tanks and fuel system. Douglas went on to tell me the gas caps on William's plane were older and these particular type of gas caps were known to leak and allow water into the tanks. Normally, there is a little water in the tanks, but this was a large amount. He was able to drain the water out of the tanks and had no issues flying to Ukiah or flying to Auburn.

Douglas advised William knew about the leaking gas caps because he had gone to Full Throttle Aviation and ordered new gas caps. Unfortunately, the gas caps were on backorder. On the last day he had flown the airplane, he had gotten a lot of water out of the fuel tanks. He told William not to fly the plane until the new fuel caps were installed. He was not sure if William, or anyone else, flew the plane after he told William not to fly it. After his flights, he would always fill up the plane with fuel. This was according to his agreement with William when he used the plane. He did not talk to William about his flight plans for this recent trip due to being out of state and staying with his son in Montana. Douglas knows about William's other plane the Aeronca Chief. He has never flown the Aeronca and did not know of any issues with the plane. William never mentioned anything to him about any maintenance issues with the Aeronca Chief.

End of statement.

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