

FAYETTE COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE

Incident Report

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APPROVING OFFICER: 1117 - WILSON, RICHARD

DATE: 07/13/2012

ASSIGNED OFFICER: 1117 - WILSON, RICHARD

DATE: 07/13/2012

Narrative

ON 07/11/12 R/O WAS DISPATCHED TO 2411 YAGER ROAD, MOSCOW, TN ON A COMPLAINT OF AN AIRCRAFT CRASH WHICH HAD JUST OCCURRED. TIME OF CALL IS 0858 HRS. R/O RESPONDED ALONG WITH EMS AND FIRE AND RESCUE PERSONNEL. WHILE ENROUTE I CONTACTED SGT. PHIL DREWERY WHO WAS APPROX. 4 MILES FROM THE SCENE. SGT. DREWERY ARRIVED AT 0908 HRS AND OBSERVED A LARGE AMOUNT OF SMOKE AND SCATTERED FIRES IN A FIELD LOCATED ADJACENT TO 2411 YAGER, THE PROPERTY OF PAM BOONE. R/O ARRIVED APPROX. FIVE MINUTES LATER AT WHICH TIME I OBSERVED MOST OF THE FIRES TO HAVE BURNED OUT. A LARGE DEBRIS FIELD WAS OBSERVED IN THE FIELD RUNNING IN A ROUGHLY N-N/E DIRECTION. THERE WERE SEVERAL INDIVIDUALS IN THE AREA WHO HAD HEARD THE PLANE GO DOWN(SEE WITNESS LIST) IT APPEAREED THAT THE PLANE HAD CLIPPED SOME SMALL LIMBS FROM THE TOPS OF SOME TREES ON THE EDGE OF THE FIELD AND IMPACTED JUST BELOW THE TREE LINE. THE PILOTS REMAINS WERE FOUND A SHORT TIME LATER AND THE SCENE WAS SECURED FOR FAA AND NTSB INVESTIGATORS. NTSB INVESTIGATOR JOSE OBREGON CONTACTED THIS OFFICER FROM MIAMI, FL AND AUTHORIZED REMOVAL OF THE REMAINS TO THE MEDICAL EXAMINERS OFFICE. TRANSPORT WAS MADE BY PEEBLES FUNERAL HOME. ON JULY 12,2012 POSITIVE IDENTIFICATOIN WAS MADE OF THE PILOT AS BEING RICKEY VAUGHN OF [REDACTED], ARLINGTON, TN REGISTERED OWNER OF THE AIRCRAFT.

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<p>WEDNESDAY JULY 11, 2012 ,AT 0900 HRS SGT. PHIL DREWERY RECEIVED A CALL CONCERNING A AIRPLANE CRASH IN THE AREA OF YAGER RD NEAR OAK GROVE RD. THE WEATHER AT THE TIME WAS CLOUDY, TEMPS IN THE MID 80'S, WITH ISOLATED THUNDERSTROMS IN THE AREA.</p> <p>I DID MAKE THE SCENE AND DETERMINED THAT THE AREA OF 2411 YAGER RD WAS THE LOCATION WHICH IS LOCATED APPROX: 2.5 MILES SOUTH OF HWY 57 AND ON THE EAST SIDE OF YAGER RD IN A RURAL AREA OF FAYETTE COUNTY, TN.</p> <p>AS I PULLED INTO THE THE DRIVE I DID OBSERVE A LOT OF SMOKE COMING FROM THE EAST END OF AN OPEN FIELD, AS I TOPPED THE CREST OF THE HILL I FURTHER OBSERVED FIRE IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS. SEVERAL INDIVIDUALS WERE IN THE AREA. I OBSERVED THAT IT WAS A SMALL PASSENGER TYPE PLANE.</p> <p>BOBBY PARKER WITH FAA IN ALANTA, GEORGIA CONTACTED ME ON MY CELL PHONE I REFERRED HIM TO CAPT. WILSON, WHO HAD JUST MADE THE SCENE.</p> <p>I BEGAN TAKING PHOTOGRAPH'S OF THE SCENE AND MARKING LOCATIONS OF HUMAN REMAINS WITH ORANGE FLAGS.</p> <p>AT 1230 HRS. FAA REPS DAN MERRELL, DAVID SAUCIER, AND GEORGE MACKEN MADE THE SCENE.</p> <p>AT 1020 HRS JOSE OBREGON WITH NTSB CONTACTED MY CELL PHONE AND SPOKE TO CAPT. WILSON, HE DID SEND A TEXT MESSAGE VERIFYING THAT THE BODY COULD BE REMOVED, HOWEVER THE REMAINDER OF THE SCENE WAS SECURED FOR BOTH FAA AND NTSB REPS.</p> <p>HUMAN REMAINS LOCATED, INCLUDED HANDS, FEET, HEAD, TISSUE, AND BONE WERE MARKED AND DETERMINED THAT ONLY ONE SUBJECT HAD OCCUPIED THE PLANE. IDENTIFYING CARDS,PLANE REGISTRATION, AND OTHER SOURCES OF I.D. WERE PHOTOGRAPHED IN PLACE. THESE I.D. CARDS BELONGED TO A RICKY CHARLES VAUGHN M/W DOB [REDACTED]</p> <p>AT 1210 HRS. UNIT 6 OF THE FAYETTE COUNTY AMBULANCE SERVICE WAS ADVISED BY SGT. DREWERY TO RECOVER THE IDENTIFYING REMAINS FOR PEEBLES AND TRANSPORT TO THE SHELBY COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINERS OFFICE IN MEMPHIS, TN.</p> <p>FAA DAN MERREL PROVIDED A TOX BOX TO BE TRANSPORTED WITH THE REMAINS TO THE M.E. OFFICE.</p> <p>AT 1230 HRS THE REMAINS AND TOX BOX WAS LOADED IN THE TRANSPORT VEHICLE OF PEEBLES FUNERAL HOME TO BE TRANSPORTED TO TH MEDICAL EXAMINERS OFFICE. THE FAYETTE COUNTY CORNER DR. BURCH HAD BEEN NOTIFIED AND UNABLE TO MAKE THE SCENE, HOWEVER HE DID ORDER AN AUTOPSY AND SENT THE FORMS TO THE M.E OFFICE.</p> <p>AT 1245 HRS. PEEBLES DID START THEIR TRANSPORT.</p> <p>AT 1250 HRS SGT. DREWERY MADE A SECOND WALK THROUGH OF THE AREA AND LOCATED OTHER SMALLER REMAINS, THESE WERE ALSO MARKED WITH ORANGE FLAGS.</p> <p>AT 1410 HRS. PEEBLES RETURNED TO THE SCENE, AND THESE REMAINS WERE TRANSPORTED TO THE MEDICAL EXAMINERS OFFICE.</p> <p>SGT. DREWERY THEN TOOK ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS, INV. MIKE WILHITE MADE THE SCENE AND ASSISTED SGT. DREWERY WITH FURTHER PHOTOGRAPH'S AND MARKING MORE SMALLER HUMAN REMAINS. AND EVAULATING THE SCENE.</p> <p>AT 1815 HRS BOTH MYSELF AND INV. WILHITE CLEARED THE SCENE, OFFICER MOYANHAN OF THE FAYETTE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE HAD MADE THE SCENE TO SECURE THE</p>				

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SCENE UNTIL THE FOLLOWING DAY.				
THURSDAY JULY 12, 2012 0800 HRS.				
SGT. PHIL DREWERY RETURNED TO THE SCENE, MET BY CAPT. WILSON, FAA- DAN MERRELL, DAVID SAUCIER, GEORGE MACKEN AND NTSB JOSE L. OBREGON. AFTER A BRIEF MEETING AT THE COMMAND POST, SGT. DREWERY BEGAN DIAGRAM OF AREA ALONG WITH ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPH'S, AND MEASURMENTS.				
AT 0905 HRS. AMF AVIATION LLC, AIRCRAFT RECOVERY & TRANSPORTATION MADE THE SCENE.				
AT 1205 HRS THE VICTIMS CELL PHONE WAS RECEIPTED TO NTSB JOSE OBREGON.				
1306 HRS SHELBY COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINERS OFFICE INV. LINDSEY PRICE CONTACTED SGT. DREWERY AND ADVISED THAT A POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION WAS MADE ON THE VICTIM BY FINGERPRINTS ON FILE WITH THE SHELBY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE R & I SECTION. I DID ADVISE CAPT. WILSON.				
1338 HRS. SGT. DREWERY WAS CONTACTED BY PHONE BY DR. ERICA CURRY [REDACTED]. DR. CURRY ADVISED THAT THE AUTOPSY WAS COMPLETED AND RULED ACCIDENTIAL DUE TO TRAUMA PENDING TOX RESULTS. I DID ADVISE CAPT. WILSON.				
1440 HRS THE VICTIMS WALLET WAS LOCATED BY AMF AVIATION WHO WERE RECOVERING THE AIRPLANE. THE LOCATION WAS MARKED WITH AN ORGANGE FLAG. THE WALLET CONTAINED TENNESSE DRIVERS LICENSE, WEAPONS PERMIT CARD, INSURANCE AND CREDIT CARDS IN THE NAME OF RICKY CHARLES VAUGHN M/W DOB [REDACTED].				
ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPH'S WERE TAKEN,				
AT APPROX: 1500 HRS SGT. DREWERY CONTACTED INV. WILHITE TO MAKE THE SCENE FOR EQUIPMENT, ASSISTANCE WITH RECOVERING FURTHER HUMAN REMAINS LOCATED.				
INV. WILHITE MADE THE SCENE AT 1615 HRS. AFTER AMF RECOVERY OF THE AIRPLANE. ADDITIONAL HUMAN REMAINS THAT HAD BEEN MARKED AND LOCATED THEY WERE MARKED BY GPS, LOGGED AND RECOVERED. THE ADDITIONAL REMAINS WERE TRANSPORTED TO THE M.E. OFFICE BY INV. WILHITE.				
THE SCENE WAS CLEARED BY THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE AT ABOUT 1805 HRS.				
CAPT. WILSON HAD MADE CONTACT WITH FAMILY MEMBERS, FRIENDS, ETC AND MADE PROPER NOTIFICATIONS. (SEE HIS NOTES)				
A COPY OF THIS REPORT, CASE NOTES, AND PHOTOGRAPH'S ARE BEING FORWARDED TO NTSB JOSE L. OBREGON.				

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SCENE OF AIRPLANE CRASH
WEDNESDAY JULY 11, 2012

THE SCENE IS LOCATED IN AN OPEN FIELD AT 2411 YAGER RD ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE ROADWAY. WHICH IS LOCATED APPROX: 2.5 MILES SOUTH OF HWY 57 NEAR MOSCOW, TENNESSEE. THERE IS A GATE AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE DRIVEWAY, AS YOU ENTER THE DRIVEWAY AT THE GATE YOU WOULD CONTINUE EAST SLIGHTLY UPHILL THROUGH AN OPEN GRASS FIELD FOR ABOUT 180 YARDS, AT THIS POINT YOU WOULD REACH THE CREST OF THE HILL. THE GRASS FIELD CONTINUES IN A DOWNWARD DIRECTION AND THIS WOULD BE THE LOCATION OF THE PLANE. THE PLANE WAS LATER DESCRIBED AS A CIRRUS SR 20 PASSENGER PLANE TAIL NUMBER N764RV. THE REGISTRATION OF THE PLANE WAS LOCATED IN THE FIELD AND SHOWED TO BE REGISTERED TO VAUGHN AVIATION LLC [REDACTED] BRUNSWICK, TN. 38014 WHICH IS LOCATED IN NORTH, SHELBY COUNTY, TN.

FROM POINT OF GROUND IMPACT ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE FIELD, THE PLANE HAD BROKEN UP AND SCATTERED IN A NORTHEAST DIRECTION THROUGHOUT THE FIELD FOR APPROX: 164 YARDS.

I DID OBSERVE ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE FIELD THAT SMALL BRANCHES FROM TREE TOPS WERE BROKEN OFF AND LYING NEAR THE TREE LINE JUST BEFORE THE PLANE STRUCK THE GROUND.

FROM THE TREE LINE TO THE POINT OF GROUND IMPACT WAS APPROX: 19.2 YARDS. THE SIZE OF THE FIELD WHERE THE INVESTIGATION TOOK PLACE WAS MEASURED BY LASER AND WAS MEASURED FROM THE COMMAND POST ON THE WEST END AND FACING EAST TO A TREE LINE AT THE EAST END WAS 187 YARDS OR 561 FT IN LENGTH. FROM THE TREE LINE ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE FIELD TO THE TREE LINE ON THE NORTH SIDE WAS MEASURED AS 173 YARDS OR 519 FT WIDE.

AS YOU WALK IN A NORTHEAST DIRECTION HUMAN REMAINS, AND PLANE PARTS WERE DISCOVERED. THE HUMAN REMAINS WERE MARKED WITH ORANGE FLAGS. LOCATIONS OF HUMAN REMAINS WERE MARKED BY GPS COORDINATES. IT WAS FURTHER DETERMINED THAT ONLY ONE SUBJECT WAS OCCUPYING THE PLANE AT THE TIME OF THE CRASH. ON BOTH 07-11-2012 AND 07-12-2012 HUMAN REMAINS WERE LOCTED AND LOGGED BY GPS. THE REMAINS WERE TRANSPORTED THE THE SHELBY COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINERS OFFICE ON BOTH DAYS.

THE FOLLOWING GPS COORDINATES INDICATE THE APPROX: LOCATION OF HUMAN REMAINS AND PERSONAL PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE VICTIM.

GATE @ YAGER RD.& ENTRY TO SCENE ; 35 01.29.1 N - 089 24 19.7 W

COMMAND POST; 35 01 26.8 N - 089 24 07.6 W (west end of field)

POINT OF IMPACT PLANE; 35 01 25.2N 089 24.03.9 W

EASTERN TREE LINE 35 01 27.8 N - 089 24 01.0 W

SOUTH TREE LINE 35 01 24.6 N - 089 24 04.2 W (location where it appeared that the plane struck tree tops prior to striking the ground)

HUMAN REMAINS;

