



# IOWA INCIDENT REPORT

## MAHASKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFF

[REDACTED]  
OSKALOOSA, IA 52577  
[REDACTED]

Case Number  
**17032025**  
Date/Time of Report  
**12/23/2017 14:20 Hrs**  
Status  
**02 - Inactive**

### SUMMARY

County <b>Mahaska - 62</b>		Report Type		ORI Number <b>IA0620000</b>	
Is Date and Time of Incident Known? <b>Yes</b>	Incident Date or Lower Date Range <b>12/23/2017</b>	Upper Date Range	Incident Time or Lower Time Range <b>14:15 Hrs.</b>	Upper Time Range	Hrs.
Day of Week Incident Occurred <b>Saturday</b>		Exceptionally Cleared <b>N - Not Applicable</b>		Date Cleared Exceptionally	

### INCIDENT REPORTED BY

Was Incident Reported by a Victim? <b>No</b>	Reporting Victim's Sequence No.	Name - Last <b>DE BRUN</b>	First <b>CONNER</b>	Middle	Suffix
Business Name (if Incident was Reported by a Business)			Address [REDACTED]		
City <b>OSKALOOSA</b>	State <b>IA</b>	Zip Code <b>52577</b>	Home/Cell Phone	Work Phone	

### OFFENSE 001

Seq. No. <b>001</b>	Ordinance <b>Generic</b>	Code Section <b>1</b>	UCR Offense Code <b>All Other Offenses - 90Z</b>
Charges/Offense <b>INFORMATION</b>			Attempted/Completed <b>C - Completed</b>
Type of Criminal Activity (up to 3)			
Type of Weapon/Force Involved (up to 3)			Gang Information (up to 2)
No. of Premises Entered	Method of Entry	Offender Suspected of Using (up to 3) <b>N - Not Applicable</b>	

### LOCATION OF OFFENSE

Location Type <b>13 - Highway/Road/Alley</b>	X Coordinate <b>528462.312</b>	Y Coordinate <b>4576939.5</b>
Literal Description <b>210TH ST</b>		

### VICTIM 001

Type of Victim <b>I - Individual</b>	Sequence No. <b>001</b>	Name - Last <b>DEVICK</b>	First <b>BRUCE</b>	Middle <b>GENE</b>	Suffix
Business/Organization/State/County/Municipality Name		Address [REDACTED]		City <b>MARSHALLTOWN</b>	State <b>IA</b> Zip Code <b>50158</b>
Phone	Alias(es)				
DOB Known? <b>Yes</b>	DOB [REDACTED]	Age or Lower Age Range <b>70</b>	Upper Age Range	SSN [REDACTED]	Resident Status <b>N - NON-RESIDENT</b>
Driver's License - Number [REDACTED]	State <b>IA</b>	Gender [REDACTED]	Height [REDACTED]	Weight [REDACTED]	Eye Color [REDACTED] Hair Color [REDACTED]
Skin Tone [REDACTED]	Race [REDACTED]	Ethnicity [REDACTED]	Scars/Marks/Tattoos		
Type of Injury (up to 5)					

### EMPLOYMENT OR SCHOOL INFO

Employer or School	Occupation
Address	
City	State Zip Code Work Phone

### VICTIM CONNECTED TO UCR OFFENSE CODES

UCR Offense Code 1 <b>All Other Offenses - 90Z</b>	UCR Offense Code 2
UCR Offense Code 3	UCR Offense Code 4
UCR Offense Code 5	UCR Offense Code 6
UCR Offense Code 7	UCR Offense Code 8
UCR Offense Code 9	UCR Offense Code 10

### ADDITIONAL OFFENSE CIRCUMSTANCE INFO

Aggravated Assault/Homicide Circumstances (up to 2)
Additional Justifiable Homicide Circumstances

## OFFICER'S INVESTIGATIVE NOTES

ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23RD, 2017, AT 2:20 P.M. THE MAHASKA COUNTY E911 CENTER RECEIVED A REPORT OF A PLANE THAT HAD CRASHED NEAR A RESIDENCE AT [REDACTED] 210TH ST., OSKALOOSA, IA. IT WAS REPORTED THAT THE PILOT WAS GASPING FOR AIR AND THAT HE WAS BLEEDING FROM THE EAR. I, BRENT DE RONDE, WAS ON PATROL IN MAHASKA COUNTY. I WENT TO THE AREA, AND OBSERVED THE AIRCRAFT UPSIDE DOWN IN A FIELD, ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF 210TH STREET. THE REPORTING PARTY WAS WALKING TOWARD ME IN THE FIELD. I OBSERVED POWER LINES DOWN ACROSS THE ROADWAY. I STOPPED MY PATROL CAR AND ASKED THE REPORTING PARTY IF THE PILOT WAS STILL IN THE PLANE. HE INDICATED TO ME THAT THE PILOT WAS IN THE PLANE. I RAN TO THE WRECKAGE AND FOUND THE PILOT, A MALE, LATER IDENTIFIED AS BRUCE DEVICK (DOB [REDACTED]), UNRESPONSIVE. DEVICK WAS STILL BELTED IN THE COCKPIT, AND WAS HANGING UPSIDE DOWN IN HIS HARNESS. I CUT DEVICK FREE FROM HIS SAFETY BELTS AND REMOVED HIM FROM THE COCKPIT. I OBSERVED NO SIGNS OF LIFE AND BEGAN CHEST COMPRESSIONS.

THE MAHASKA HEALTH PARTNERSHIP AMBULANCE ARRIVED AT MY LOCATION AND BEGAN TO ASSIST WITH MEDICAL TREATMENT. DEVICK WAS PRONOUNCED DEAD AT THE SCENE AT APPROXIMATELY 2:30 P.M. THE AIRCRAFT WAS LEAKING FUEL INTO THE COCKPIT AND I COULD HEAR AN ELECTRIC FUEL PUMP RUNNING. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL WERE ABLE TO SHUT OFF THE ELECTRICAL POWER AND REMOVE THE LEAKING FUEL TANK.

I OBSERVED A LONG SECTION OF POWER LINE WRAPPED UP IN THE LANDING GEAR OF THE AIRCRAFT.

MID AMERICAN ENERGY WAS CONTACTED AND THE SCENE WAS SECURED.

THE SHERIFF AND CHIEF DEPUTY WERE ADVISED OF THE INCIDENT AND THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION WAS CONTACTED.

I THEN SPOKE WITH THE OWNER OF THE FIELD AND NEARBY RESIDENCE, RANDY DE BRUIN. HE INFORMED ME THAT HE WAS NORTHWEST OF HIS RESIDENCE APPROXIMATELY A MILE AWAY. HE STATED THAT HE HAD SEEN THE AIRCRAFT FLYING PRIOR TO THE CRASH. DE BRUIN TOLD ME THAT HE COULD NOT HEAR THE AIRCRAFT, BUT SAID THAT HE WAS FLYING FAIRLY LOW. DE BRUIN SAID THAT HE WAS FLUCTUATING UP AND DOWN AS HE WAS TRAVELING.

I SPOKE WITH CONNER DE BRUIN. HE TOLD ME THAT HE WAS IN THE HOUSE NEAR THE SCENE OF THE CRASH. HE INFORMED ME THAT HE HAD HEARD THE CRASH AND OBSERVED THE PLANE IN THE FIELD. HE STATED THAT HE CAME OUT AND BEGAN YELLING AT THE PILOT. HE TOLD ME THAT HE DID NOT GET A RESPONSE, BUT HEARD THE PILOT GASP FOR AIR. HE TOLD ME THAT HE CALLED 911.

I RECOVERED THE WALLET OF THE PILOT AND HE WAS POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED AS BRUCE DEVICK.

CHIEF DEPUTY SCOTT MILLER ARRIVED AT THE SCENE AND BEGAN TO PHOTOGRAPH THE CRASH SITE. THESE PHOTOGRAPHS ARE ATTACHED TO THIS REPORT.

I WAS CONTACTED BY ALEX FROM THE NATIONAL TRAFFIC SAFETY BUREAU. I INFORMED HIM OF THE DETAILS OF THE ACCIDENT AND HE INFORMED ME THAT HE WOULD BE MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND THAT HE WOULD HAVE THE PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR RESPONDING MAKE CONTACT WITH ME.

I WAS CONTACTED BY CHRISTINA GRABILL FROM THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION. I INFORMED HER OF THE DETAILS OF THE INCIDENT AND SHE LET ME KNOW THAT THE VICTIM COULD BE REMOVED FROM THE SCENE. SHE ASKED THAT THE SCENE BE SECURED AND SHE WOULD BE CONTACTING ME WITH FURTHER INFORMATION.

DEVICK WAS THEN TRANSPORTED TO THE MHP EMERGENCY ROOM AND ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE FOR HIM TO BE TRANSPORTED TO THE STATE MEDICAL EXAMINERS OFFICE.

LATER IN THE EVENING, IOWA STATE PATROL TROOPERS BEGAN TAKING MEASUREMENTS AT THE SCENE USING A TRANSIT STATION.

I WAS CONTACTED BY TODD FOX FROM THE NTSB AND CRAIG DECKER FROM THE FAA. ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE FOR ME TO MEET WITH THEM ON THE MORNING OF THE 24TH, AND TAKE THEM TO THE SCENE.

AT APPROXIMATELY 7:30 P.M., I SPOKE WITH RANDY DE BRUIN AND ASKED THAT HE AND CONNOR DE BRUIN COMPLETE WRITTEN STATEMENTS CONCERNING THE INCIDENT.

AT 7:20 P.M., THE SCENE WAS TURNED OVER TO RESERVE STAFF.

ON 12/24/17, I MET WITH TODD FOX AND CRAIG DECKER. I LED THEM TO THE SCENE AND ASSISTED WITH THE INSPECTION OF THE AIRCRAFT. FOLLOWING THEIR INVESTIGATION, BILL AND RAYS WAS CALLED TO TOW THE AIRPLANE FROM THE SCENE. THE OSKALOOSA FIRE DEPARTMENT ASSISTED WITH THE REMOVAL OF THE WINGS AND THE AIRCRAFT WAS LOADED ONTO A ROLLBACK. THE AIRCRAFT WAS TRANSPORTED TO THE MAHASKA COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT BUILDING. WHILE INSIDE, FOX AND DECKER CONTINUED THEIR INSPECTION OF THE AIRCRAFT. THIS WAS COMPLETED AT APPROXIMATELY 12:00 P.M.

ON 01/01/18, I RECEIVED WRITTEN STATEMENTS FROM BOTH RANDY AND CONNOR DE BRUIN. I MADE CONTACT WITH ROBYN DE BRUIN AND CINDY DROST, BOTH OF WHOM OBSERVED THE PLANE WHILE AIRBORNE. THESE WITNESSES WERE ASKED TO COMPLETE WRITTEN STATEMENTS CONCERNING THE INCIDENT AND THEY ARE ATTACHED TO THIS REPORT. I THEN SPOKE WITH JUDY CAVES, WHO LIVES AT [REDACTED] 210TH STREET. SHE INFORMED ME THAT SHE WAS WALKING ON 210TH STREET JUST EAST OF HER RESIDENCE. SHE TOLD ME THAT SHE OBSERVED THE PLANE TO THE SOUTH OF HER LOCATION, TRAVELING FROM EAST TO THE WEST. SHE INFORMED ME THAT SHE WAS UNSURE ON HOW HIGH THE PLANE WAS OR HOW FAR SOUTH OF HER LOCATION THE PLANE WAS. SHE SAID THAT SHE DID NOT OBSERVE ANYTHING UNUSUAL ABOUT THE OPERATION OF THE PLANE.

ON JANUARY 3RD, 2018, I MET WITH THE FAMILY OF BRUCE DEVICK. ALL PROPERTY ASSOCIATED WITH THE AIRCRAFT, ALONG WITH THE AIRCRAFT ITSELF, WAS TURNED OVER TO THE FAMILY AT THIS TIME. SAM DEVICK, SON OF BRUCE, SIGNED A RELEASE OF WRECKAGE RECEIPT.

THIS CONCLUDES MY INVOLVEMENT WITH THIS INCIDENT AT THIS TIME.



Mon 1/1/2018 2:28 PM

On Saturday, December 23, I left home at 2:00 pm or shortly after to drive from home at [REDACTED] St. New Sharon, Iowa, to Oskaloosa to attend an anniversary open house for friends at my church, First Christian Disciples of Christ, located at [REDACTED] Oskaloosa.

As I was driving my SUV south down Highway 63 towards Oskaloosa, I suddenly heard a very loud, sporadic noise to my left. My radio was on in my SUV, and the volume of this noise was well above the volume of my radio. I looked to my left and much to my shock was a small white airplane with large letters on the side of it. The airplane was flying so low, and as it crossed the highway, it flew right over my SUV. I remember putting my foot on the brake of my vehicle to slow down, because I wanted to see what would happen next. The plane veered off at an angle, not directly in line with 210th St., but over trees which I remember seeing which are in the area to the south of 210th St. and west of the highway. I remember thinking to myself, "That plane is hardly over the top of the trees." However, at the time, I was thinking that this was a stunt plane. It just had a strange look to it. Although it did not sound right [and I said a prayer for the situation], it did not occur to me that the plane was in danger...I thought that the pilot was taking pictures or practicing stunts. I knew that I was nearing 210th St. before I saw the plane to my left, because I remember seeing the grain bins to my right and thinking about the fact that harvest season is already well behind us. [I am a farm wife.]

I continued my drive to Oskaloosa. Just as I neared B Ave. East, where I would be turning left to go to my church, I noticed either a Sheriff's car or a Patrol car [I didn't look close enough to see which one] with its lights flashing, heading north. Little did I know that it was heading to the scene of the airplane crash. I turned left on B Ave. East and then turned right on North 1st Street and parked my SUV on the right side of the street. As I walked towards the east door of my church, a fire truck with its lights flashing and sirens screaming, came through the stop lights of A Ave. headed west. It was also going to the scene of the airplane crash, and I did not know this.

It was not until I returned home 90 minutes later when my mom called me, and told me that a small plane crashed on the farm where my cousin, Randy De Bruin lives, that I realized that the plane which flew over my SUV at approximately 2:07 [give or take a minute or two] had crashed shortly after I saw it.

Cindy Drost

[REDACTED]  
[New Sharon, Iowa 50207](#)

Phone [REDACTED]

1/1/2018



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## VOLUNTARY STATEMENT

PAGE NO. \_\_\_\_ OF \_\_\_\_ PAGES

I, Connor DeBrain, am not under arrest for, nor am I being detained for any criminal

offenses concerning the events I am about to make known to \_\_\_\_.  
Without being accused of or questioned about any criminal offenses regarding the facts I am about to state, I volunteer the following information of my own free will, for whatever purposes it may serve.

Ph. \_\_\_\_\_

I am 18 years of age, D.O.B. \_\_\_\_\_ and I live at 210<sup>th</sup> Street Oskaloosa, Iowa

I heard a loud engine come down hitting power line with the power being shut off. I opened blinds to see flame Northwest of the plane. Came outside to find plane east of my house upside down with the pilot being upside down with his head slightly outside the cab and blood coming from his ear and that's when Deronde arrived a few minutes later.

have read each page of this statement consisting of \_\_\_\_\_ page(s), each page of which bears my signature, and corrections, if any, bear my initials, and I certify that the facts contained herein are true and correct.

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_.

WITNESS:





## VOLUNTARY STATEMENT

PAGE NO. 1 OF 1 PAGESI, Randy DeBruin, am not under arrest for, nor am I being detained for any criminal

offenses concerning the events I am about to make known to \_\_\_\_\_.  
Without being accused of or questioned about any criminal offenses regarding the facts I am about to state, I volunteer the following information of my own free will, for whatever purposes it may serve.

Ph. [REDACTED]I am 50 years of age, D.O.B. [REDACTED] and I live at [REDACTED] 210<sup>th</sup> St Oskaloosa, Iowa 52577

At around 2:15 pm on 12-23-17 I was going south on [REDACTED] Jewel Ave.  
I seen to my left or to the east a small white plane flying southeast.  
The plane was moving slow, It for some reason held my attention for  
a while, It was not flying real low but was not flying high either, It was  
not taking a direct path as it was flying S.E

At 2:23 Dale DeBruin called me, saying power was out in  
the neighborhood, Dale lives past my home. I called my son Conner  
to see if power was out. He did not answer but called right back  
telling me that the plane crashed by our house.

ON 12-25-17 I seen for the 1st time broken tree branches in top of  
a tree just NE of my house. The plane was closer to the house than  
than I first thought.

have read each page of this statement consisting of one page(s), each page of which bears my signature, and corrections, if  
any, bear my initials, and I certify that the facts contained herein are true and correct.

Dated at 12-25-17 [REDACTED], this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_.

**airplane statement**

ROBBYN DEBRUIN [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 02, 2018 7:38 PM**To:** Brent DeRonde

On December 23, I was standing in my house at [REDACTED] 220th St, Oskaloosa and around 2:15pm, I heard what sounded like an airplane flying close to my house. I have heard crop dusters flying low by my house in the past, and that is what it sounded like. At the time I thought, "I hope that plane doesn't crash". I assumed it was DNR or something, and I did not look out the window, so I did not see the airplane or which direction it was flying. My husband called me at 2:34pm and notified me that there was a plane crash and power was out at the family hog sheds.

If you have further questions, you can contact me at [REDACTED]

Thanks,  
Robbyn DeBruin

12-29-2017

This is my statement concerning the airplane crash north of Oskaloosa on Saturday, December 23 2017. My wife and I were traveling northbound on US Highway 63 just after 2:00 PM. She first noticed an object overhead to our north and west when we were adjacent to the KBOE radio station, which is approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  to a mile south and east of the crash site. She asked me if the object was a hawk or an eagle since it was more or less hovering in the air and not moving forward, or at least it didn't appear to be. By the time she asked me what I thought it was, we were near the Peppertree Lounge, which is even closer to the site. It was now evident that the object was a small aircraft and not a bird. When we witnessed the plane it was (and this is a guess) probably 1000 feet in the sky. After hearing of the crash, I feel the plane was in a stall mode, meaning it wasn't moving forward very fast and the wings tipped as if he were banking slightly to make a north west turn. Obviously we quickly lost sight of the plane and continued northbound.

Jim Woods

[REDACTED]  
New Sharon, IA 50207

[REDACTED]

12/27/17

Statement for Mahaska Co. Sheriff

On December 23, 2017 I was on my way to work in Oskaloosa. I notice a low flying plane at 9:15 AM. I had just turned south onto hwy 63 from 220<sup>th</sup> St. The plane was just west of me flying so low I thought he could hit the powerlines. I even accelerated to hurry down the road. He flew low right behind me. Knowing the area I knew there was no landing strip in field east of hwy 63 I just thought was could he possibly be doing.

I didn't hear about the crash until evening of Dec 24, 2017. Knowing it was around 2:00 pm. + time difference I didn't contact the sheriff. On wed. Dec 27 I still keep thinking about it and contact them because the plane I seen was white with red strips just like the one that crashed.

PBX