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THE PORT AUTHORITY OF NY & NJ  
One Path Plaza, Jersey City, N. J. 07308  
POLICE NON-CRIMINAL COMPLAINT  
FOLLOW-UP REPORT

TEL. EXT. (201)963-7111

Date 11/19/01 Follow-up #

Complaint		UF 61 Number	Agency 03	Facility JFK	County of Offense Queens	C.C.R. Number 0122230
1	Investigate Aircraft Crash	Law/Sect	P.A. Crime Code	Date Occurred 11/12/01	Loc Code 000	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NY <input type="checkbox"/> NJ
2	Complaint	Law/Sect	P.A. Crime Code	Day Occurred Monday	Time Occurred (From-To) 0915	
Place of Occurrence (Address)						
<input type="checkbox"/> Inside <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Outside 129 <sup>th</sup> Street, Belle Harbor, NY						
Complainant's Name				Date Reported 11/19/01	Time Reported 1000	
Complainant's Address			Sex <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	Race	Age	Area Cd - Bus. Tele.
Area Cd. - Home Tele.						
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Suspect's Address			Hgt.	Wgt.	Hair	Eyes Soc. Sec. Number
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Suspect's Address			Hgt.	Wgt.	Hair	Eyes SSN
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Pct. of Occurrence		Pct. Voucher No.	Alarm No.	Docket Number	Court Date	Court
Magistrate		Disposition		<input type="checkbox"/> Case Closed <input type="checkbox"/> By Arrest <input type="checkbox"/> By Other <input type="checkbox"/> Unfounded	<input type="checkbox"/> Case Open <input type="checkbox"/> Inactive	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Active
Records Section Only <input type="checkbox"/> Master Log <input type="checkbox"/> MNI File						
Details of Complaint: Include Additional Suspects, Complainants, Witnesses. Summarize Detail of Complaint						
<p>Synopsis: American Airlines Flight 587 departed JFK at 0913 hours and crashed in the vicinity of 129<sup>th</sup> Street in Belle Harbor, NY</p> <p>On Nov. 19, 2001, the undersigned, Det. Fuchs PAPD, FBI S/A James Wynne and FBI S/A Daniel McCaffrey interviewed JOSEPH MERRIAM, an American Airlines avionics technician in Hanger 10.</p> <p>Joseph Merriam 12-05-39 1935 Lenox Ave 100-32-3418 East Meadow, NY Home: 516-794-2830 Work 718-632-3418</p> <p>MERRIAM stated that he has been employed by American Airlines since August 1960 and is currently an avionics technician who works on aircraft electrical systems and avionics. MERRIAM stated that on Nov 12, 2001 he started work at 0600 and was later assigned by AA crew chief Steve Hlampeas to report to Terminal R, gate 22 where the captain of Flt. 587 had reported that the number 2 pitch trim and yaw damp system would not engage. MERRIAM stated that this is a common problem on A-300 aircraft and that he was accompanied to gate 22 by FRANK XAVIER. XAVIER is currently out sick and was not available to be interviewed.</p> <p>MERRIAM stated that he could not engage the number 2 pitch trim and yaw damp system, that he then reset the circuit breaker for this system and that the system then engaged. MERRIAM stated that by cycling the breaker he reset the number 2 flight augmentation computer (FAC) and that the number 2 FAC controls the flight director bars on the first officer's display and pitch trim and yaw damp system. MERRIAM stated that he and XAVIER were in the cockpit of the subject aircraft from five to seven minutes. MERRIAM stated that he completed an American Airlines "E58" form to document his work on the subject aircraft. Per AA supervisor Joseph Godinho, a copy of this form was not available because it had been sent to Tulsa.</p>						
Arresting Investigating Officer			Shield Number		Tax Registry Number	
Det. John Curnyn			103		037523	
Tour Commander			Date	Facility Commanding Officer		Date

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1		Complaint <b>Investigate Aircraft Crash</b>	Law/Sect	Agency 03	Facility JFK	County of Offense Queens	C.C.R. Number 0122230
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Complainant's Name		Sex <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F		Race	Age	Area Cd - Bus. Tele.	
Complainant's Address						Area Cd. - Home Tele.	
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Details of Complaint: (include Additional Suspects, Complainants, Witnesses. Summarize Detail of Complaint)							
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On Nov. 19, 2001, at 1325 hours, the undersigned, Det. Fuchs PAPD, FBI S/A James Wynne interviewed FRANK XAVIER, an American Airlines avionics technician in Hanger 10.							
FRANK XAVIER 04-21-45 2330 Redmond Road N. Be Imore, NY 516-735-0844							
XAVIER stated on 11-12-01 he was dispatched regarding an A-300 aircraft at gate 22 (Flt 587) that could not engage the yaw number two paddle. XAVIER stated that he and Joseph Merriam, both American Airlines avionics technicians, went to gate 22 to troubleshoot the problem.							
XAVIER stated that he and Merriam did an AFS (Auto Flight System) check which indicated a number two FAC (Flight Augmentation Computer) fault. They then reset the circuit breaker, performed another AFS check, which indicated no fault and then performed a LAN (Autoland) system check which also indicated no fault. At this point, the problem was deemed to have been solved. XAVIER and Merriam completed an American Airlines "E58" form documenting their work and had no further contact with Flt. 587							
Arresting Investigating Officer Det. Joim Curnyn				Shield Number 103		Tax Registry Number 037523	
Tour Commander		Date	Facility Commanding Officer			Date	

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Synopsis: American Airlines Flight 587 departed JFK at 0913 hours and crashed in the vicinity of 129 <sup>th</sup> Street in Belle Harbor, NY						
On Nov. 19, 2001, the undersigned, Det. Fuchs PAPD, FBI S/A James Wynne interviewed STEVEN HLAMPEAS, an American Airlines avionics crew chief in Hanger 10.						
STEVEN HLAMPEAS 06-30-39 31-71 45 <sup>th</sup> St L.I.C. NY 11103						
HLAMPEAS stated on 11-12-01 he received a call in Hanger 10 regarding an A-300 aircraft at gate 22 (Flt 587) that could not engage the yaw number two paddle. HLAMPEAS stated that he sent Joseph Merriam and Frank Xavier, both American Airlines avionics technicians, to gate 22 to troubleshoot the problem. HLAMPEAS stated that he was informed by Merriam and Xavier that they did an AFS (Auto Flight System) check which indicated a number two FAC (Flight Augmentation Computer) fault. They then reset the circuit breaker, performed another AFS check, which indicated no fault and then performed a LAN (Autoland) system check which also indicated no fault. At this point, the problem was deemed to have been solved. Merriam and Xavier completed an American Airlines "E58" form documenting their work. HLAMPEAS stated that he no further contact with Flt. 587.						
Arresting Investigating Officer Det. John Cumyn				Shield Number 103	Tax Registry Number 037523	
Tour Commander		Date	Facility Commanding Officer			Date

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<p>Synopsis: American Airlines Flight 587 departed JFK at 0913 hours and crashed in the vicinity of 129<sup>th</sup> Street in Belle Harbor, NY</p> <p>On Nov. 19, 2001, at 1445 hours, the undersigned and FBI S/A James Wynne interviewed JEFFREY SCELZI, an American Airlines maintenance crew chief in the Radisson JFK Hotel, room 1208.</p> <p>JEFFREY SCELZI 01-03-70 23 Berry Lane Hicksville, NY 11801 516-796-9385</p> <p>SCELZI stated that on 11/12/01 he was working from 0600-1430 hours in terminal 8 as a maintenance crew chief. Sometime between 0730 and 0800 hours he received a radio call from the cockpit of Flt. 587, which was a gate 22, stating that the aircraft's number two pitch trim/yaw damp would not engage. SCELZI did not know if he spoke to the captain or first officer on the radio. SCELZI stated that he called avionics crew chief Steve Flampeas regarding same. SCELZI stated that he had no other contact with Flt. 587</p> <p>Also present at this interview was Danny Wilson, an American Airlines employee assistance rep for Local 562.</p>					
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Det. John Cumyn		103	037523		
Tour Commander	Date	Facility Commanding Officer			Date