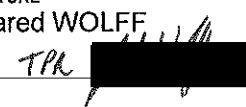


SP 7-0025 (12-2011)  <div style="text-align: center;"> <b>PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE</b>  <b>GENERAL INVESTIGATION REPORT</b> </div>	1. INCIDENT NO. <div style="text-align: center;">C03-1215228</div>	2. DATE OF REPORT <div style="text-align: center;">10/13/15</div>
3. INVESTIGATING OFFICER <div style="text-align: center;">Tpr. Jared WOLFF</div>		
4. TROOP - STATION <div style="text-align: center;">C-Clearfield</div>		
5. SUBJECT (NATURE OF INVESTIGATION OR NAME AND ADDRESS OF INDIVIDUAL) <div style="text-align: center;"> <b>Blair MURRAY WN-M</b>  <b>Home Address:</b> <span style="background-color: black; color: black;">[REDACTED]</span> <b>Kylertown PA 16847</b> </div>		
6. INSTRUCTIONS: THE REPORT SHALL BE PREPARED IN HEADING//PARAGRAPH FORMAT IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER: REASON FOR INVESTIGATION, SYNOPSIS OF INVESTIGATION, CONCLUSION, RECOMMENDATIONS AND COMMENT (WHEN APPROPRIATE), LIST OF ATTACHMENTS (IF ANY), AND DETAILS WHICH SUPPORT THE SYNOPSIS. <b><u>Reason For Investigation:</u></b>  Ultra Light Plane Crash on 10/12/15 at 1835 hrs.  <b>Location:</b> On Rolling Stone Rd. SR 1011, Kylertown PA 16847, adjacent to house # <span style="background-color: black; color: black;">[REDACTED]</span> Cooper Twp., Clearfield Co.  <b>Type of plane:</b> Freeburg Classic Blue and white in color. Serial # 42014, Tail # N176FB  <b>Pilot:</b> Blair MURRAY  <b><u>Synopsis Of Investigation:</u></b>  On 10/12/15 at approx., 1840 hrs., Clearfield County Control contacted PSP Clearfield and advising of an airplane crash that just occurred at the above location.  Tpr. Dewayne KEPHART, Cpl. Mark MCGINNIS and I were dispatched to the scene.  Upon my arrival on scene the airplane had not been disturbed and was crashed on the center on the roadway at the above location with the pilot who was deceased still seat-belted into the left seat of the aircraft.  I photographed the scene on 10/12/15 at approx., 1900 hrs., utilizing the Clearfield Station's Nikon D3300 camera. 45 images were taken of the scene. I transferred the images onto a station computer, then burned the files to 3 DVDs. One DVD was for the FAA, one DVD was marked Working Copy and is to be maintained at this station as per Dept. Regulations, and the final DVD was marked Master Copy to be forwarded to Troop C Forensic Services Unit.  PCO Marc HATTEN contacted the NTSB, FAA, and the Dept. Watch Center.  It was relayed from the FAA that the airplane was to be towed to a secure location for a later inspection. The closest secure location was the Clearfield Airport. Emighs Towing was utilized to transport the wreckage.  Cpl. MCGINNIS and Tpr. KEPHART conducted the Next of Kin Notification to Ruth Naomi MURRAY, the subject's wife, nearby the scene.  <div style="text-align: center;">Continued:</div>		
7. SIGNATURE Tpr. Jared WOLFF <div style="text-align: center;">   <span style="background-color: black; color: black;">[REDACTED]</span> </div>	BADGE NO. <div style="text-align: center;"><span style="background-color: black; color: black;">[REDACTED]</span></div>	8. SUPV. INITIALS  BADGE NO. 
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## Interviews:

On 10/12/15 at approx., 2000 hrs., Daniel Keith MURRAY Sr., WN-M, DOB [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Morrisdale PA 16858, [REDACTED] was interviewed on scene where he related that he was the son of Blair MURRAY. Daniel MURRAY related that his father had mowed the grass all afternoon and then went up in the aircraft. He went on to relate that his mother had told him that his father taxied earlier in the day, but the sun was in his eyes, so he waited until later. Daniel MURRAY related that his mother called him whenever his father had just taken off. He also related that this was the maiden flight for this aircraft and that his father built it. MURRAY also related that approx., 3 weeks prior, the FAA had inspected the aircraft and approx., 1 week earlier his father flew for his recertification. Daniel MURRAY related that his father was in overall very good medical condition, he related that he had cancer years ago, and the only medication he took was vitamins. MURRAY related that his father did not smoke, drink alcohol or take any drugs.

On 10/12/15 on scene, Tpr. KEPHART conducted the following 2 interviews.

Charles Leroy WEAVER [REDACTED] Kylertown PA. 16847, [REDACTED] saw MURRAY taking his second pass and when he went out of sight, he heard the engine rev up and then heard bang.

Kimberly Jane SZWARC DOB [REDACTED] Kylertown PA 16847, [REDACTED] on second pass saw the plane dip to one side went out of sight, heard engine rev up and heard bang.

On 10/13/15 at 1032hrs., Thomas Joseph SHIREY WN-M, [REDACTED] Kylertown PA 16847, [REDACTED] was interviewed via telephone, where he related that he saw the plane flying around, and it seemed to be flying at an angle, as if there was a lot of wind pushing the tail away from the plane. SHIREY related that he thought the loops were approx., 1 mile in diameter and circled the runway. SHIREY related that he had spoken to MURRAY in the past, being neighbors and friends and that MURRAY had told him that he would never fly in the wind, the wind was his enemy, MURRAY said to him. SHIREY related that there was wind whenever MURRAY crashed, however it was not terribly strong wind.

On 10/13/15 at approx., 1300 hrs., Trooper Adam GIBSON of PSP Clearfield was interviewed where he related that his personal residence was very close to the crash scene. GIBSON related that he was standing in his driveway, whenever his wife noticed how low MURRAY was flying and mentioned it to him. GIBSON related that the next thing they heard a "god awful crash" and he ran over to the scene. Triston KELLEY arrived almost the same time on his ATV. GIBSON checked MURRAY's pulse, and related that there was a pulse initially, but MURRAY soon died.

On 10/13/15 at approx., 1400 hrs., Triston Royce KELLEY, WN-M, [REDACTED] Kylertown PA 16847, [REDACTED] was interviewed via telephone, where he related that he was the first person on scene at the crash. KELLEY related that he was standing in his yard watching MURRAY fly around, the plane just took a nose dive. KELLEY related that he thought the motor was running the entire time up to the crash. KELLY related that Adam GIBSON arrived on scene almost the same time he did.

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**Interviews:**

On 10/13/15 at 1031 hrs., Leah READ, of the National Transportation Safety Board was interviewed via telephone. READ provided contact info for the FAA coordinator and requested a copy of this report. READ related that she was located in Alton Bay NH, and that she would also be conducting a limited investigation.

Leah READ

Email – [REDACTED]

On 10/13/15 I contacted Scott Alexander, FAA Aviation Safety Inspector. ALEXANDER related that he was driving to the Clearfield Airport to examine the wreckage. I met ALEXANDER at the Clearfield airport and provided him with a copy of the photos via DVD.

Scott ALEXANDER

Email – [REDACTED]

On 10/19/15 I contacted the Morris Twp. Fire Chief to clarify a question that arose pertaining to the crash. Scott ALEXANDER questioned whether the fuel tanks were full and what the oil dry was used for on scene. The Fire Chief, Todd HOWE, [REDACTED] related that there was very little fuel in one of the two tanks and that the oil dry was mostly used for MURRAY's blood that was on the roadway. HOWE related that they also "put some foam down", but it was more preventative than for spilled fuel.

**Conclusions/Recommendations:**

The Clearfield County Coroner Michael MORRIS scheduled an autopsy and will at a later date provide details of his investigation.

Copies of this report are being provided to the NTSB and FAA representatives mentioned above to assist with their investigations.

**Additional Attachments:**

Investigative Report Transmittal Sheets  
Satellite photo with Locations  
News Release

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**PUBLIC INFORMATION RELEASE REPORT**

## 1. STATION

PSP Clearfield

## 2. INCIDENT NO.

C03-1215228

## 3. INVESTIGATING OFFICER

Tpr. Jared WOLFF

## 4. NATURE OF INCIDENT

Fatal Ultra Light Plane Crash

## 5. DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT

10/12/15 1840 hrs

## 6. LOCATION

On Rolling Stone Rd. in Kylertown PA, Cooper Twp., Clearfield Co.

## 7. PERSON(S) INVOLVED

Plane:

Ultra light Freebird Classic

Pilot:

Blair MURRAY, WN-M, 83 yoa of Kylertown PA

## 8. INCIDENT DETAILS

On the above date and time, State Police responded to a fatal ultralight plane crash. The aircraft crashed on Rolling Stone Rd., Near the pilot's private runway. No other persons were involved or injured.

This investigation is ongoing.