



VENICE POLICE DEPARTMENT

VENICE, FLORIDA 34292

CASE NUMBER

19-2089

- Witness Statement
- Victim Statement

AFFIDAVIT

INSTRUCTIONS: This form is to be completed by the victim and/or witness of an incident. This form must be completed by the victim when criminal charges could be filed against a suspect(s) and when items could be entered into FCIC/NCIC. All information pertaining to the criminal offense and the suspect(s) should be noted. Correct grammar and spelling is preferred but not required to complete this form.

THIS AFFIDAVIT WAS COMPLETED AT:

ADDRESS 158 AIRPORT AVE VENICE FL 34285	DAY SUNDAY	MONTH NOVEMBER	DATE 11-17	YEAR 2019
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NARRATIVE

WE WERE SCHEDULED TO DEPART AT 8:45 LOCAL TIME AND THE CEILING WAS MARGINAL, WE DECIDED TO WAIT FOR A BETTER CEILING. AT APPROX. 12:30 PM WE DECIDED THE WEATHER WAS GOOD ENOUGH TO DEPART FOR MIYEH (DIRECT) RAN THE CHECKLIST + THEN TAXIED TO RUNWAY 5. WIND WAS 010. EVERYTHING APPEARED OKAY ON TAXI. AS WE APPROACHED THE HOLD SHORT LINE TO DO A RUN UP THE RIGHT BRAKE FELT FUNNY AND WE SMELLED SMOKE. I DID THE SMELL OF BRAKE (SPARK?) FEELING SO I PERFORMED A 360° TURN ON THE TAXI WAY TO TEST THE BRAKE. AT THIS TIME WE DID NOT SEE ANY SMOKE. AS WE TAXIED BACK UP TO THE HOLD SHORT LINE, THE BRAKE MALFUNCTIONED AND WE SMELLED SMOKE (A LOT) WE ROLLED THROUGH THE HOLD AS THE BRAKES WERE NOT VERY EFFECTIVE. WE STOPPED ON THE EDGE OF THE RUNWAY AND ALLEN EXITED FIRST. ALLEN SAW A SMALL BALL OF FIRE BY THE RIGHT WHEEL PAIR AND ALSO UNDER THE BELLY OF THE AIRCRAFT. I STARTED TO LOCATE THE FIRE EXTINGUISHER AND ALLEN WARNED ME TO GET OUT NOW AS THE FIRE WAS RAPIDLY INCREASING.

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AFFIANT INFORMATION

Affiant's Signature

WILLIAM E. STIVEL
(Print Name)

Date 11-17-19 Time 2:14

Date of Birth

Address

CANLEWOOD
City

FL
State

34223
Zip

Telephone number

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17 day of November, 2019

Law Enforcement Officer (Signature)

Law Enforcement Officer (Print Name)

PID #



RECORDS DEPARTMENT



CITY OF VENICE POLICE DEPARTMENT

VENICE, FLORIDA 34292

MAIN

Case#: 1-19-002089

VENICE POLICE DEPT INCIDENT REPORT

Occurrence Date/Time: 11/17/2019 12:00 / 11/17/2019 13:00		Classification: Aircraft Incident		Status: Closed		Day of week: Sunday	
Location: 150 W AIRPORT AV VENICE				Common Name:			
Location Type: Airport			Beat: Zone 1		Zone: Days B		
District: Westside			Alcohol Related: No		Drug Related: No		
Dispatch Date / Time: 11/17/2019 12:37		Respond Date / Time: 11/17/2019 12:37		Arrive Date / Time: 11/17/2019 12:42		Clear Date / Time: 11/17/2019 15:03	

OTHER PERSON INFORMATION 1

Name: STIVER, WILLIAM EUGENE				Address: [REDACTED] ENGLEWOOD FL 34223			
Birth Date: [REDACTED]	Age: 61	Sex: Male	Race: White	SSN:	License #: [REDACTED] FL	Person Type: OPERATOR(Vehicle)	

OTHER PERSON INFORMATION 2

Name: RIEKE, ALLEN BERNARD				Address: [REDACTED] SARASOTA FL 34233			
Birth Date: [REDACTED]	Age: 57	Sex: Male	Race: White	SSN:	License #: [REDACTED]	Person Type: OCCUPANT(Vehicle)	

Supplement: ORIGINAL Employee: TERRY, R.

On November 17, 2019 I was dispatched to an aircraft on fire at Venice Municipal Airport, 150 Airport Ave. Upon arrival, a Piper PA-32, N5909V, was fully engulfed in flames. The two occupants, Allen Bernard Rieke (passenger) and William Eugene Stiver (pilot) were safe and away from the aircraft, with no reported injuries. Venice Fire and Rescue arrived on scene and began to extinguish the fire successfully. The pilot in a statement gave his account of the days events, "we were scheduled to depart at 8:45 local time and the ceiling was marginal, we decided to wait for a better ceiling. At approx 1230p.m we decided the weather was good enough to depart for MYEH (Direct), ran the checklist and then taxied to runway 5, wind was 010. Everything appeared okay on taxi. As we approached the hold short line to do a run up the right brake felt funny and we smelled smoke. I did the smell or brake (?) feeling so I performed a 360 degree turn on the taxi way to test the brake at this time we did not see any smoke. As we taxied back up to the hold short line, the brake malfunctioned and we smelled smoke (alot) we rolled through the hold as the brakes were not very effective. We stopped on the edge of the runway and Allen

exited first. Allen saw a small ball of fire by the right wheel part and also under the belly of the aircraft. I started to locate the fire extinguisher and Allen warned me to get out now as the fire was rapidly increasing." Inspector Cain at the FAA was contacted and updated on the incident. She advised she would not respond to the scene today, but would arrive in the morning (11.18.19). She advised not to move the plane unless she was notified first. Photographs were taken of the scene and placed into property and evidence, photographs were also emailed to Inspector Cain upon her request. Airport Administration blocked off the runway and would advise pilots of the closing. The scene was secured by Airport personnel.