

# Incident Report #160016

Palmer Lake Police Department  
54 Valley Crescent  
P.O. Box 591  
Palmer Lake, CO 80133



## Event Info

Date Reported	Time Reported	Time Dispatched	Time Arrived	Time Completed
03/02/2016	08:01	08:02	08:05	16:00
Addr. Of Occ.	City	Zipcode	Date Occ. Range	Time Occ. Range
LAKE AVE AND CATHEDRAL	PALMER LAKE	80133	03/02/2016 - 03/02/2016	07:55 - 08:01
District	Grid	Dispatch	Dispatch Disposition	
1	1	911	RPT	

## Synopsis

Officers were dispatched to a possible plane crash in the area of the Sante Fe Trail in Palmer Lake

Agency 1	Event Status/Dispo	Event Status/Disp	Initial Investigator	Followup Investigator
PALMER LAKE PD	ADMIN CLOSED	03/02/2016	VANDERPOOL, JASON	VANDERPOOL, JASON

## Classification

### Classification Info

Class	Subclass
SEARCH/RESCUE	SEARCH/RESCUE, AIRCRAFT

### Event MO

#### Auto Weapon Indicator

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## Victims

### Victim Information

Name Type	Name
VICTIM	MURRAY, DANIEL JEROME

#### Class Associations

SEARCH/RESCUE/SEARCH/RESCUE, AIRCRAFT

Address		City	State	Zip	SSN
		LONGMONT	CO	80503	
DL No	DL State	DOB	SEX	RACE	EO
	CO		M	WHITE	UNKNOWN
HT	WT	HAIR	EYES		
600	220	WHI	BRO		

### Victim Details

#### Type Victim

Victim Information

<b>Name Type</b>	<b>Name</b>				
VICTIM	CAPLITZ, JEFFREY LEWIS				
<b>Address</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Zip</b>	<b>SSN</b>	
	LAFAYETTE	CO	80026		
<b>DL No</b>	<b>DL State</b>	<b>DOB</b>	<b>SEX</b>	<b>RACE</b>	<b>EO</b>
	CO		M	WHITE	UNKNOWN
<b>HT</b>	<b>WT</b>	<b>HAIR</b>	<b>EYES</b>		
509	185	GRY	BRO		

Victim Details

<b>Type Victim</b>
INDIVIDUAL

**Fire**fire Information

<b>Name Type</b>	<b>Name</b>				
FIRE	OESTERREIGH, WESTON				
<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Zip</b>	<b>SEX</b>	<b>Employer Phone</b>	
PALMER LAKE	CO	80133	M		

**Law Enforce**law enforce Information

<b>Name Type</b>	<b>Name</b>				
LAW ENFORCE	DONELS, R				
<b>Address</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Zip</b>	<b>Employer Phone</b>	
	COLORADO SPRINGS	CO	80903		

law enforce Information

<b>Name Type</b>	<b>Name</b>				
LAW ENFORCE	MURPHY, T				
<b>Address</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Zip</b>	<b>Employer Phone</b>	
	COLORADO SPRINGS	CO	80903		

law enforce Information

<b>Name Type</b>	<b>Name</b>				
LAW ENFORCE	NORDEMAN, K				
<b>Address</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Zip</b>	<b>Employer Phone</b>	
	COLORADO SPRINGS	CO	80903		

law enforce Information

<b>Name Type</b>	<b>Name</b>				
LAW ENFORCE	GINGRICH, K				
<b>Address</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Zip</b>	<b>Employer Phone</b>	
	COLORADO SPRINGS	CO	80903		

law enforce Information

<b>Name Type</b>	<b>Name</b>				
LAW ENFORCE	STEWART, ROBERT				
<b>Address</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Zip</b>	<b>SEX</b>	
	MONUMENT	CO	80132	M	
<b>RACE</b>	<b>EO</b>	<b>Occupation</b>	<b>Business/School</b>	<b>Employer Phone</b>	
WHITE	UNKNOWN	GOVERNMENT SERVICE	MONUMENT POLICE DEPARTMENT		

law enforce Information

<b>Name Type</b>	<b>Name</b>				
LAW ENFORCE	KELEMEN, J				
<b>Address</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Zip</b>	<b>Employer Phone</b>	
	COLORADO SPRINGS	CO	80903		

law enforce Information

<b>Name Type</b>	<b>Name</b>				
LAW ENFORCE	MITCHELL, R				
<b>Address</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Zip</b>	<b>Employer Phone</b>	
	COLORADO SPRINGS	CO	80930		

**Other Inv**

OTHER INV Information

<b>Name Type</b>	<b>Name</b>				
OTHER INV	AGUILEAR, JASON				
<b>Address</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Zip</b>	<b>Cell Phone</b>	
	DENVER	CO	80239		
<b>Employer Phone</b>					

OTHER INV Information

<b>Name Type</b>	<b>Name</b>				
OTHER INV	STEVENSON, ROBB				
<b>Address</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Zip</b>	<b>Employer Phone</b>	
	COLORADO SPRINGS	CO	80906		

**Witness**

**WITNESS Information**

<b>Name Type</b>	<b>Name</b>				
WITNESS	GREBA, MARTHA E				
<b>Address</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Zip</b>	<b>SSN</b>	
	PALMER LAKE	CO	80133		
<b>DL No</b>	<b>DL State</b>	<b>DOB</b>	<b>SEX</b>	<b>RACE</b>	<b>EO</b>
	AK		F	WHITE	UNKNOWN
<b>HT</b>	<b>WT</b>	<b>HAIR</b>	<b>EYES</b>	<b>Cell Phone</b>	
508	155	BLN	BLU		

**WITNESS Information**

<b>Name Type</b>	<b>Name</b>				
WITNESS	GREBA, KEITH D				
<b>Address</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Zip</b>	<b>SSN</b>	
	PALMER LAKE	CO	80133		
<b>DL No</b>	<b>DL State</b>	<b>DOB</b>	<b>SEX</b>	<b>RACE</b>	<b>EO</b>
	AK		M	WHITE	UNKNOWN
<b>HT</b>	<b>WT</b>	<b>HAIR</b>	<b>EYES</b>	<b>Cell Phone</b>	
600	200	BRO	BLU		

**WITNESS Information**

<b>Name Type</b>	<b>Name</b>				
WITNESS	BOGGS, NICHOLAS DAVID				
<b>Address</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Zip</b>	<b>DL No</b>	
	PALMER LAKE	CO	80133		
<b>DL State</b>	<b>DOB</b>	<b>SEX</b>	<b>RACE</b>	<b>EO</b>	<b>HT</b>
CO		M	WHITE	UNKNOWN	604
<b>WT</b>	<b>HAIR</b>	<b>EYES</b>	<b>Cell Phone</b>		
200	BRO	BLU			

**Narrative****Written By:**

VANDERPOOL, JASON

On Wednesday March 2, 2016, I, Chief J. Vanderpool was dispatched to a possible Aircraft crash, in the area of Lake Ave and Cathedral Drive in Palmer Lake.

Upon arrival I observed what appeared to be a small single engine aircraft fully engulfed in flames just to the west of the above listed intersection and on the west side of the Sante Fe Trail. Fire Department personnel had arrived on scene at the same time and started to put out the fire. once the fire had been contained and the flames were out I was able to observe the remains of two human being inside the shell of the air craft. I then contacted the El Paso County Sheriff's Office Dispatch Center and informed them that I needed the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) as Well As the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) notified and asked that they call me.

Upon further inspection of the air craft I was able to see a partial tail number N 464 and could tell that at least the tail of the air craft was red. I then spoke with Josh Lindberg of the NTSB and informed him of the

situation. I was told that I would be contacted by the on duty investigator from the NTSB as soon as possible. Corporal R. Stewart of the Monument Police Department arrived on scene and I had him locate and speak with any/ all witnesses to the accident he could locate. Several Deputies from the El Paso County Sheriff's arrived and set up a perimeter. I then spoke with the paramedic from AMR 2. He informed me that he had contacted Dr. Baker from Penrose Main Hospital and was told that no life saving procedures would be started due to the condition of the victims in the air craft.

I then received a telephone call from Josh Lindberg. He informed me that he had the on duty investigator from the Denver NTSB office on the line and wanted us to coordinate with each other. I then spoke with Jason Aguilera from the Denver NTSB office. He said that he would be traveling to the scene and would be contacting a salvage crew to recover the wreckage. I ask him how he wanted the bodies handled, he said that i should go ahead and contact the Coroners office and have them remove the bodies. He asked that photographs be taken prior to the coroner removing the bodies. I thanked Mr. Aguilera and ended my conversation with him.

The Coroners Office was contacted and responded. Prior to the arrival of the Coroners office personnel I took digital photographs of the wreckage, I also took photographs as the bodies were being removed from the wreckage, these photographs were later taken to the Palmer Lake Police Department, downloaded onto a computer and then placed on a compact disc for the NTSB investigation. The photographs will also be attached to this case report. Deputy Coroner Robb Stevenson arrived on scene at approximately 0958 hours and pronounced both victims deceased at 1000 hours. He recovered both bodies and left the scene at approximately 1035 hours.

I was then notified by Corporal Stewart that he had spoken to Keith Greba DOB: [REDACTED] and his wife Martha Greba DOB: [REDACTED] he had provided them with witness statement forms and asked that they complete them. He informed me that they would telephone my Office when the statements were completed. I received a telephone call at approximately 1030 hours from Corporal Stewart letting me know the statements were completed.

At approximately 1100 hours Mr. Aguilera from the NTSB arrived and took control of the scene. I walked him through the scene and explain what had been done thus far. At approximately 1116 hour I cleared the scene and was informed of a telephone call that had come in while I was on scene. I responded to the PLPD and contacted Mary Sandell at [REDACTED], She informed me that earlier in the morning she had heard a plane that sounded like it was flying very low. She said this was strange and thought the plane might be looking for a place to land. She went on to say that she did not see the plane nor did she go out side to look for the plane as she was watching her granddaughter. She continued saying that she just wanted someone to know what she had heard. I thanked her for her time and ended my conversation with her.

I then responded to [REDACTED]. Upon arrival I made contact with Mr. And Mrs. Greba, they provided me with their hand written statements. The statements contained the following information:

**Keith Greba:**

*Approximately 7:55 am my & myself were having morning coffee - then out our kitchen window I saw this aircraft - flying low - over the north end of Palmer Lake with a south bownd heading - I said to my wife that, that airplane is going to crash - we live in Alaska during the summer and fly alot in small aircraft - it - seemed as if the aircraft lost control - it then seemed to get under control again - then heading south bownd - then turned north again as if to try to land on Palmer Lake (frozen) then again*

*turned south then banked to the left, nosed dived into the ground - my wife called 911, I got into my car to go to the (sight) when I arrived the aircraft was engulfed in flames - there was a city police car (Officer Rob Stewart) who showed (up at the same time) - Officer Stewart got my information, then contacted myself about 1 hour later - the fire department showed up in a small truck to fight the fire - along with a larger - truck - I stayed around for about 10 - 15 min - and was then asked to leave the area - went home-*

*\*the aircraft look (brown dark color -) had morning sun in our face- (look like older) (Bi-plane)- model -*

Martha Gerba:

*Around 7:55 am my husband said to look at the (red) Bi plane flying above the lake. We watched it struggle and it seem to level out and then it lost control again and then the plane banked left and nose dived. we saw the flames when it crashed. I called 911 at 8:01 am.*

*\*the plane reminded me of the one snoopy flew with his scarf blowing in the wind.*

I thanked them for their time and left the residence.

I have no further information at this time.

CASE STATUS: ADMIN CLOSED

**Supplemental Narrative**

**Date Written:**

03/03/2016

**Written By:**

VANDERPOOL, JASON

**Approved By:**

VANDERPOOL,  
JASON

On Wednesday March 2, 2016, I, Chief J. Vanderpool conducted further investigation on this case.

At approximately 1250 hours, I made contact with Nicholas Boggs DOB: [REDACTED]. He said he had seen the plane just prior to the crash. he informed me of the following:

Mr. Boggs said he was traveling on county line road when he saw a small red plane flying south bound following the railroad tracks, approximately 100 feet off the ground. He went on to say that the plane appeared to be floating in the air and did not seem to have a lot of power. He continued saying that the plane was listing left and right greatly. He further described the plane as "the red baron type of plane" and said it had an emblem on the side towards the front of the plane. He related that the plane then turned east just past the lake, he said the turn appeared to be controlled and he thought the plane was possibly trying to land. He went on saying that the plane had dropped in altitude to approximately 15 to 20 feet off the ground by this time. He had pulled over to the side of the road and waited to see if he heard and explosion, when he did not he left the area and headed to work. He said that he had later heard on the news of the plane crash, he called my office to report what he had witnessed.

I have no further information at this time.

CASE STATUS: SAO

**Supplemental Narrative**

**Date Written:**

**Written By:**

**Approved By:**

On Wednesday March 2, 2016 at approximately 1312 hours,I, Chief J. Vanderpool received further information in this case.

I received a voice message from Deodo Schipper DOB: [REDACTED], [REDACTED]. I called him back and he informed me of the following:

He said that he had seen the pictures of the plane crash on the news and believed he knew who the aircraft belonged to. He said he is a flight instructor in Longmont Colorado and that he recognized the plane even as burned as it was. He went on to say that he believed the plane belonged to Daniel Murray who resides in Longmont. He described that aircraft as a 1928 Travel Air 4000 bearing tail number NC6464. He went on to say that Mr. Murray had filed a flight plan on Tuesday March 1, 2016 indicating he was traveling from Longmont to Casa Grande Arizona for an air show. He continued saying that the plane had left Longmont at approximately 0715 hours on this date, and had approximately 51/2 hours of fuel on board. He further stated that he believed the lower tank as well as the upper tank both had fuel in them.

It should be noted that at approximately 1455 hours, I received a second call from Mr. Schipper, he said that further checking at the hanger of Mr. Murray gleaned that Mr. Murray's vehicle as well as a vehicle belonging to Jeffrey Caplitz of Lafayette Colorado were both on scene. He continued saying that another individual ( he did not want to identify) had seen the plane leaving the hanger with both Mr. Murray and Mr. Caplitz inside. He went saying htat the plane had been fueled with 60 gallons of fuel, he said that this would make the plane heavy but it was not at max capacity.

I have no further information.

CASE STATUS: SAO

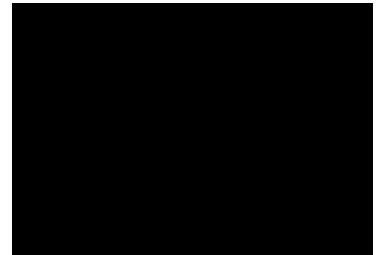
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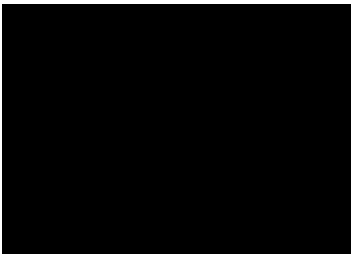
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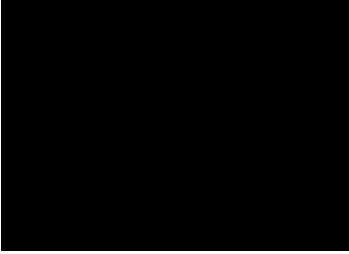
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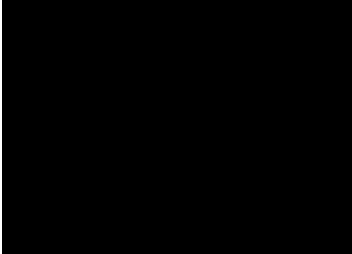
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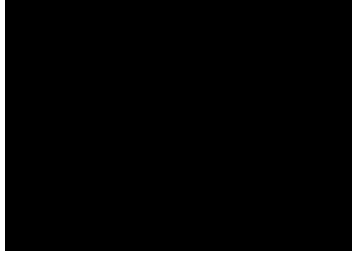
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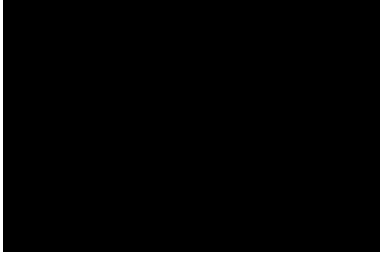
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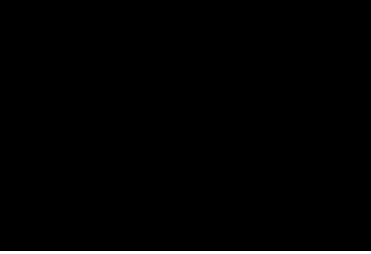
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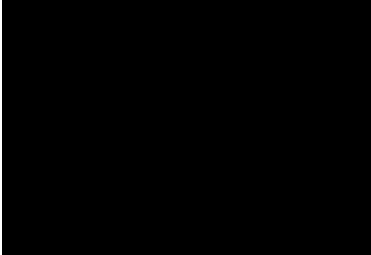
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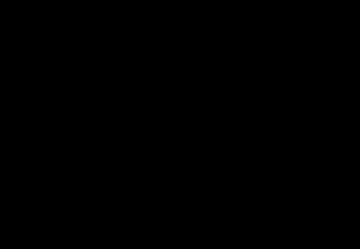
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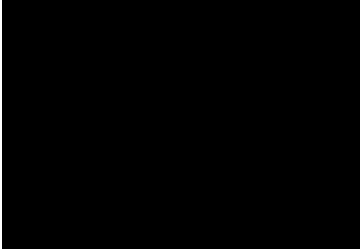
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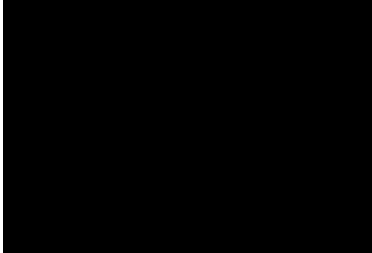
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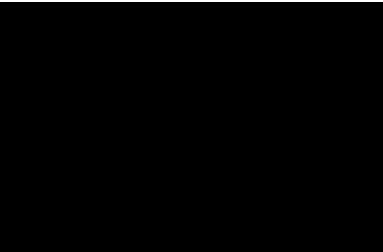
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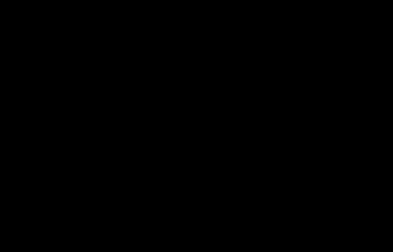
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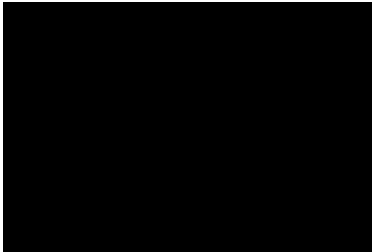
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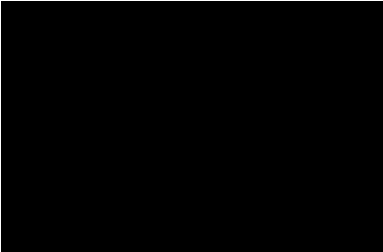
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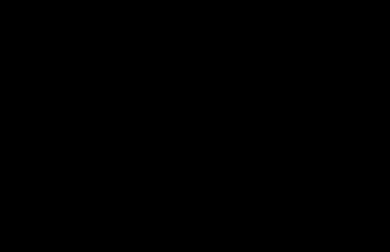
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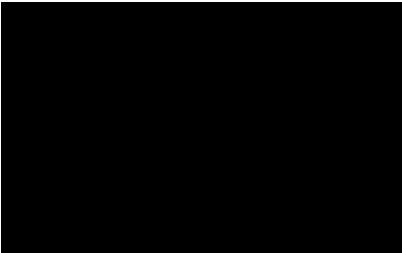
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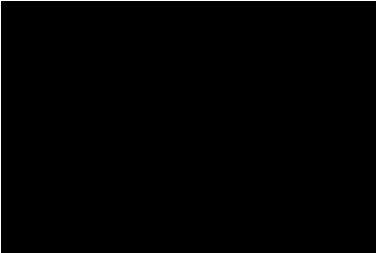
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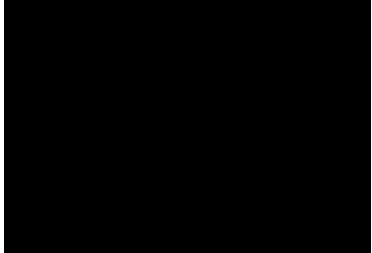
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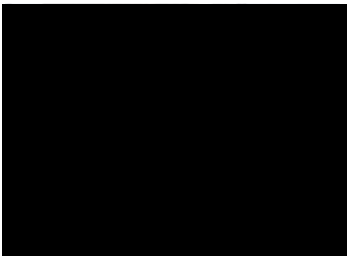
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Attachment Title	Date Entered	Entered By	File Name
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**Case Management**

Initial Investigator	Current Investigator	Event Status/Dispo	Event Status/Dispo Date
VANDERPOOL, JASON	VANDERPOOL, JASON	ADMIN CLOSED	03/02/2016
Report Status	Assigned By	Date Assigned	Solvability Percentage
ASSIGNED	VANDERPOOL, JASON	03/02/2016 12:51	%
Investigator	Team Name	Date	
VANDERPOOL, JASON	PATROL	03/02/2016 12:51	



# MONUMENT POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Monument, CO 80132  
719-481-3253  
Fax: 719-884-8033

## STATEMENT

Name (Last, First, Middle Initial) <u>GREBA KEITH D.</u>			Person making statement is: <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Witness <input type="checkbox"/> Person advised <input type="checkbox"/> Victim		
Residence Street Address [REDACTED]			City <u>PALMER LAKE</u>	State/Zip <u>80133</u>	County
Home Phone [REDACTED]	Social Security No. [REDACTED]		Driver's License No. [REDACTED]		State <u>ALASKA</u>
Date of Birth [REDACTED]	Height <u>6'0"</u>	Weight <u>200</u>	Eye Color <u>BLUE</u>	Hair Color <u>BROWN</u>	Sex <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F
Employer <u>SELF EMPLOYED</u>	Employer Address <u>N/A</u>		Work Phone <u>N/A</u>	Occupation <u>N/A</u>	
Your Vehicle Information		Make <u>SUBARU</u>	Model <u>FORESTER</u>	Year <u>2012</u>	Color <u>SILVER</u>
License Plate [REDACTED]		State <u>ALASKA</u>			
Location/Date of Incident <u>PALMER LAKE 3/02/2016</u>			Date <u>3/02/2016</u>	Time <u>8 AM</u>	
Location/Date of statement <u>PALMER LAKE - (HOME) [REDACTED]</u>			<u>3/02/2016</u>		

**Summary of Statement:** APPROX 755 AM MY WIFE & MY SELF WERE HAVING MORNING COFFEE - THEN OUT OUR KITCHEN WINDOW I SAW THIS AIRCRAFT - FLYING LOW - OVER THE NORTH END OF PALMER LAKE WITH A SOUTH BOUND HEADING - I SAID TO MY WIFE THAT, THAT AIR PLANE IS GOING TO CRASH - WE LIVE IN ALASKA DURING THE SUMMER AND FLY ALOT IN SMALL AIR CRAFT - Continue →

I have read the foregoing statement and the facts contained therein are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I do not maintain that it contains all of the facts or details of the incident, but only those facts about which I have been asked.

Date of Statement <u>3-2-16</u>	 Signature of person making Statement
Time Statement completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> PM	

OFFICE USE ONLY	
Officer: _____	Case #: _____





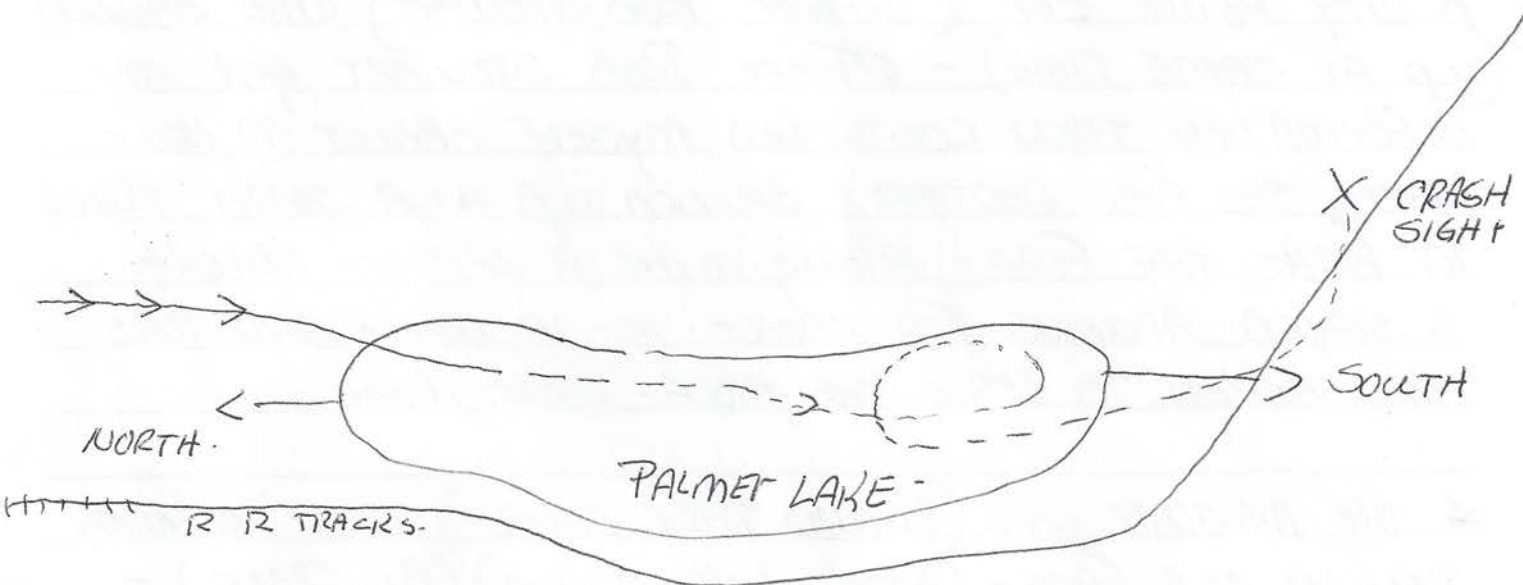
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Summary of Statement (continued): IT SEEMED AS IF THE AIR CRAFT  
LOST CONTROL - IT THEN SEEMED TO GET UNDER CONTROL  
AGAIN - THEN HEADING SOUTH BOUND - THEN TURNED NORTH  
AGAIN AS IF TO TRY TO LAND ON PALMER LAKE (FROZEN)  
THEN AGAIN TURNED SOUTH, THEN BANKED LEFT, NOSED  
DIVED INTO THE GROUND - MY WIFE CALLED 911, I GOT  
INTO MY CAR TO GO TO THE (SIGHT) WHEN I ARRIVED  
THE AIR CRAFT WAS ENVELOFFEN IN FLAMES - THERE WAS  
A CITY POLICE CAR (OFFICER ROB STEWART) WHO SHOWED  
UP AT SAME TIME) - OFFICER ROB STEWART GOT MY  
INFORMATION, THEN CONTACTED MYSELF ABOUT (1) HOUR  
LATER - THE FIRE DEPTMENT SHOWED UP IN A SMALL TRUCK  
TO FIGHT THE FIRE - ALONG WITH A LARGER - TRUCK -  
I STAYED AROUND FOR ABOUT - 10 - 15 MIN - AND WAS  
THEN ASKED TO LEAVE THE AREA - WENT HOME -

\* THE AIRCRAFT LOOK (BROWN DARK COLOR -) HAD MORNING  
SUN IN OUR FACE - (LOOK LIKE OLDER) (BI-PLANE) -  
MODEL -

BACK PAGE - DRAWING

On front of form, please fill in date and time of Statement and sign.



our Home -







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## STATEMENT

Name (Last, First, Middle Initial) <u>Greba Martha E</u>				Person making statement is: <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Witness <input type="checkbox"/> Person advised <input type="checkbox"/> Victim			
Residence Street Address [REDACTED]				City <u>Palmer Lake</u>		State/Zip <u>80133</u>	
Home Phone [REDACTED]		Social Security No. [REDACTED]		Driver's License No. [REDACTED]		State <u>AK</u>	
Date of Birth [REDACTED]		Height <u>5-08</u>		Weight <u>155</u>		Eye Color <u>BLU</u>	
						Hair Color <u>Blonde</u>	
						Sex <input type="checkbox"/> M <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> F	
Employer <u>Retired</u>		Employer Address		Work Phone		Occupation <u>Teacher</u>	
Your Vehicle Information [REDACTED]		Make <u>SUBARU</u>		Model <u>FORESTER</u>		Year <u>2012</u>	
License Plate [REDACTED]		State <u>AK</u>				Color <u>Silver</u>	
Location/Date of Incident <u>Palmer Lake 3-2-16</u>				Date <u>3-2-16</u>		Time <u>8AM</u>	
Location/Date of statement <u>Palmer Lake - [REDACTED] 3-2-16</u>							

Summary of Statement: Around 7:55 A.M. my husband said to look at the <sup>(red)</sup> Bi plane flying above the lake. We watched it struggle and it seem to level out and then it lost control again and then the plane banked left and nose dived. We saw the flames when it crashed. I called 911 at 8:01 A.M. Continue →

\* The plane reminded me of the one Snoopy flew with his scarf blowing in the wind.  
I have read the foregoing statement and the facts contained therein are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I do not maintain that it contains all of the facts or details of the incident, but only those facts about which I have been asked.

Date of Statement <u>3-2-16</u>	<u>[Signature]</u> Signature of person making Statement
Time Statement completed <u>10:30</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> PM	

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Officer: _____	Case #: _____