

## WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE

Incident Report

DATE: 02/09/2010

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D.L.N.:

## Witness Segment

NAME: **WHITE, CHRISTOPHER ADAM** RACE: W SEX: M HEIGHT: 508 WEIGHT: 150  
ADDRESS: [REDACTED] HAIR: BRN EYES: GRN DOB: [REDACTED]  
ADDRESS: [REDACTED] CITY, STATE ZIP: WINSLOW, AR. 72959-  
HOME PHONE: [REDACTED] WORK PHONE: [REDACTED]  
OCCUPATION: [REDACTED] EMPLOYER: [REDACTED]  
S.S.N.: XXX-XX-XXXX D.L.N.:

NAME: **WHITE, CLARA ALICE** RACE: W SEX: F HEIGHT: 501 WEIGHT: 140  
ADDRESS: [REDACTED] HAIR: GRY EYES: HZL DOB: [REDACTED]  
ADDRESS: [REDACTED] CITY, STATE ZIP: WINSLOW, AR. 72959-  
HOME PHONE: [REDACTED] WORK PHONE: ( ) -  
OCCUPATION: [REDACTED] EMPLOYER: RETIRED  
S.S.N.: XXX-XX-XXXX D.L.N.:

## Case Segment

APPROVING OFFICER: 7500 - MORGAN, LYNN

DATE: 02/08/2010

ASSIGNED OFFICER: 2647 - CONNER, GARY

DATE: 02/06/2010

## Narrative

Officer's Report  
DFC Josh Hardin #124  
Agency Assist  
Airplane crash  
201000317

On 02/06/10, I was dispatched to Brentwood Mountain area in reference to a possible airplane crash. Dispatch told me the caller advised that he saw an airplane crash. He said that it appeared to be a smaller airplane. He said that the airplane was going straight down towards the ground. While I was headed to the scene, I was advised by Sgt. Green that the crash was closer to the Hwy 74 side of the Brentwood Mountain. Prior to our arrival, we were told that the airplane crashed behind the address of [REDACTED]. Cpl. Pifer and I arrived on scene. We were able to go down a small dirt road behind the house to a small clearing where the airplane crashed. The airplane crashed in between the house and in front of an old chicken house.

We were advised that there were no signs of life inside the wreckage. Cpl Pifer began taping off the area and I started to photograph the scene. The Boston Mountain Fire Department took over on taping off the scene while Cpl. Pifer went over and spoke to some witnesses of the airplane crash. He gave the witnesses some statement forms to fill out. I photographed the scene from various angles from a distant but I did not approach the airplane. Sgt. Green arrived on scene.

I went over and spoke to Christopher White. He told me he had been cutting wood and was driving up the hill. He said that he heard a funny noise and he turned down radio on the truck because he thought that it was coming from his truck. He said that then he heard the noise over head and he looked up and saw a white blur that was headed straight for the ground. He said that he did not see it hit the ground because the corner of the chicken house was in the way. He said that he ran over to the fence and jumped it. He told me that he thought that it was a remote control airplane. He said as he ran over to the plane and he realized that it was a regular airplane. He said that he ran up the left hand side of the plane and called 911. He walked around the plane and told them what he saw. They asked him how many people were inside the airplane. He told them that there were 3 or 4 people inside the plane and they all appeared to be deceased.

I received a statement form from Clara White. It said: At approximately 11:40am Saturday February 06, 2010 she was sitting in her living room when a small plane seemed to buzz her house twice. She looked out the window just in time to see the plane plunge nose down into the neighbor's back yard.

Sgt. Hagan and Det. Conner with the Criminal Investigation Division arrived on scene. I gave them a quick brief of what was going on. They began to photograph the scene. As we approached the crash site, I saw that the airplane was a Beechcraft Model A36. It is a single

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engine aircraft. The airplane appeared to have run straight into the ground and sent debris out from the front of the crash site about 100 yards. Due to damage of the plane, we were unable to get the tail number off the plane. There were four occupants inside the wreckage of the plane. There appeared to be 2 males in the front of the plane facing forward. There appeared to be 2 females in the back of the plane that were facing backward. Drake Field's Manager arrived on scene he was able to provide us with the tail number of N1085D. He told us that it was out of Hot Springs, Arkansas. He told us that the plane came from Cooper Aviation with a possible pilot of the Edward Cooper.

I drew a diagram of the plane crash site and the debris field. I took measurements from the corners of the Chicken house to the plane. Then I measured some of the debris from the front of the plane.

The Boston Mountain Fire Department assisted us with the removal of the occupants of the airplane. After they cut the top off the airplane, a purse was located containing a drivers license belonging to Mary Catherine Cooper. The smaller of the two females was removed first. She was sitting on the back right side of the plane and she was wearing her seatbelt. Then the other female who was sitting on the back left side was removed. There was male sitting in the pilot seat. They were able to remove a wallet from his back pocket. The wallet contained identification that identified him as Edward Cooper from Hot Springs, AR. The male on the right side was removed next. A wallet was located in his jacket pocket that identified him as Martin Draper. The Bodies were removed from the wreckage and turned over to Washington County Coroner Randall Galloway.

While I was at the scene a firefighter came up and gave me an index card with the name and information of a witness, Sean Groh. I called Sean. He told me that he had been around small aircrafts all his life and he told me that he did not see the crash but he heard the plane. He said that he heard the engine of the plane and it sounded funny, so he went out on the deck. He said the plane sounded like the pilot was doing tight maneuvers. He said that engine sounded like it was running high RPM then it shut down. He said that he told his wife that he thought the plane was about to crash. He told me that he thought the pilot might have been looking for a place to land before the engine stalled.

The statement forms will be added to the case file. Some of the photographs were added to this report and the rest were added to the T-drive in the CID. The Diagram will be redrawn and turn into the case file.

### Supplements

Officer	Date	Case
PIFER, MARK	02/07/2010	201000317

On February 06, 2010 I responded to [REDACTED] to assist Deputy J. Hardin #124 in reference to a possible air plane crash. Upon my arrival Deputy Hardin and I were told there was a plane crash, and the Boston Mountain Fire Department had confirmed there were two deaths. We went to the accident scene, and I saw pieces of the plane along with dirt approximately forty yards from where the plane impacted the ground. The plane had crashed near a chicken house, and there was dirt on the roof of the chicken house.

The plane had collapsed down to a small pile after hitting the ground. It appeared the plane had impacted the ground nose first. The tail of the plane was sticking up in the air. We could not read the numbers on the plane due to the extensive damage. We were unable to see into the passenger compartment of the plane. I could see one victim in the cockpit area. The plane had collapsed around the victim pinning the victim.

I had a Boston Mountain Fire Fighter start taping off the area. The area was taped beyond where we could find any pieces of the plane. I talked to the witnesses who had seen the plane go down. Christopher White was cutting wood approximately sixty yards from where the plane had impacted the ground. Clara White, who is Christopher's grandmother was at her home and saw the plane going down. I had the two witnesses fill out statement forms to give to Deputy Hardin. Deputy Hardin was taking pictures of the scene. Sgt. Green #115 arrived at the scene and released me to take calls.