



Report Type: Incident Report  
Status: Referred to Other Agency  
Reason:  
Report Date: 7/5/2018  
Title: AIR-CRAFT CRASH

CASE #: 2018-101

Cargo Theft

Incident Date/Time: 6/29/2018 8:13:08 PM  
Location: 7402 STATE HIGHWAY 158 WEST  
STERLING CITY, TX 76951

INVESTIGATING OFFICER:

Sanders, Tim ID-NR: 601

SIGNATURE:

REGION/DISTRICT/SGT. AREA: Texas

APPROVING SUPERVISOR:

ID-NR:

SIGNATURE:

Suspect Name                      DOB                      DL/ID#

**VICTIM**

Name: MCENTIRE, EWING FOWLER  
Address:   
County:   
City, State, Zip:

DOB:   
Age:   
Race/Gender:   
Ethnicity:   
Height/Weight:   
Build:   
Hair/Eyes:   
Complexion:   
Alias:   
Scars:   
Marks:   
Tattoos:   
Disabilities:

DL Number:   
ID Card Number:   
SSN:   
Home Phone:   
Cell Phone:   
Occupation:   
Employer:   
Work Phone:

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**WITNESS INFORMATION:**

**WITNESS**

Name: **MCENTIRE, MARY CATHERINE**

Address:  
County:  
City, State, Zip:

DOB:  
Race/Gender:  
Ethnicity:  
Height/Weight:  
Build:  
Hair/Eyes:  
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**REPORTEE INFORMATION:**

Name: **MCENTIRE, MARY CATHERINE**

Address:  
County:  
City, State, Zip:

DOB:  
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Height/Weight:  
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**VEHICLE INFORMATION:**

**VEHICLE**

Vehicle Status:  
License Plate State:  
License Plate:  
Registration Exp. Date:

Year: **2004**  
Make: **ROBINSON**  
Model: **R-22 BETA II**

Owner:  
Vehicle Type:  
VIN:

Towed By:  
Towed To:  
Released To:  
Impounded:



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**EVIDENCE INFORMATION:**

**VIDEO EVIDENCE**

Evidence Collected:  Yes  No  
Evidence Type: Body Camera

**NARRATIVE:**

SEE ATTACHED NARRATIVE

**STERLING COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

**INCIDENT REPORT**

**CASE# 2018-101**

**AIR-CRAFT CRASH**

**VICTIM: MCENTIRE, EWING FOWLER** [REDACTED]

**REPORT MADE BY: TIM A. SANDERS, SHERIFF** [REDACTED]

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1. On June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 8:13pm, Cathy McEntire contacted the Sheriff's Office by telephone. McEntire was out of breath and stated "Mackey crashed his helicopter and I think he is deceased". [REDACTED]
2. I contacted Sterling County EMS, Sterling County Chief Deputy Doug Shoemate and Sterling Volunteer Fire Department Chief Dow Ferguson for assistance.
3. I arrived at the location of the crash which is identified as [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] I observed a White in color Helicopter on its right-side and observed McEntire near the helicopter. I observed the Victim (Ewing Folwer McEntire) known as Mackey with his head and feet outside the air-craft. The Victim's torso was inside the air-craft. I checked the Victim for a pulse but none was found. I observed that the Victim was bleeding from his head and his face had already turned blue. I noticed brain matter near the Victim's nose. I contacted Sterling County Justice of The Peace Stacy Dyer and the Texas Department of Public Safety to Investigate the Crash.
4. I briefly spoke with McEntire who advised that the Victim was landing his helicopter on his trailer and quickly went back into the air. McEntire advised she heard a loud pop, then the helicopter crashed.
5. I took photographs of the crash site prior to moving the Victim. I noticed (3) three ammo cans, several .410 shotgun shells and glass from the air-craft scattered on the ground near the Crash Site. Sterling County EMS, Chief Deputy Sheriff Doug Shoemate and Fire Chief Dow Ferguson arrived on scene.
6. Sterling County Justice of the Peace Stacy Dyer pronounced the Victim (Ewing Fowler McEntire) deceased at 8:37pm. Ross Funeral Home from Sterling City, Texas was also notified. The Victim was removed from the air-craft prior to the Funeral Home arriving due to aviation fuel leaking from the air-craft. I did cut the Victim's shirt and undershirt off due to them containing aviation fuel.



7. Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper Keenan Crumbly and Corporal Hope Hohertz arrived on scene. The scene was secured with Yellow Sheriff's Office Crime Scene Tape. I was advised that Texas DPS Communications out of Midland, Texas had made contact with the Federal Aviation Administration.
8. The helicopter was identified as a 2004 Robinson R-22 Beta II, Serial# 3727.
9. On June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018, Myself and Federal Aviation Administration Safety Inspector Anthony Leinneweber arrived at the Crash site. Leinneweber gathered information from the scene and advised me that the Crash was approximately 140 Feet from the air-craft trailer. Leinneweber interviewed Cathy McEntire at the Crash Site. Leinneweber advised that an Investigator with the National Traffic Safety Administration and a technical Investigator with Robinson Helicopter Company would be at the crash site on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018.
10. On July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018, I arrived at the Crash Site and meet with Alexander Lemishko, Senior Air Craft Safety Investigator with the National Transportation Safety Administration, Thom Webster, Technical Investigator with Robinson Helicopter Company and John Butler, Senior Air Safety Investigator with Lycoming Engines. Lemishko, Webster and Butler investigated the area of the Crash. The helicopter was later removed to a nearby hanger to continue the Investigation.
11. On June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 Lemishko, Webster and Butler continued their Investigation into what caused the crash. I contacted the National Weather Service in San Angelo, Texas and obtained the weather data for June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018 near the time of the Crash The data showed the following: Wind: West South West at 11-15 MPH, Temp: 85, D-Point: 62 and Pressure 29.88. It appeared thru the Investigation that the main components of the helicopter were operating during the time of the crash.
12. The helicopter was later released to Lone Star Recovery out of Dallas, Texas for safekeeping of the Air-Craft.

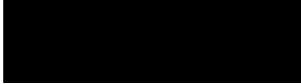
  
**TIM A. SANDERS, SHERIFF  
STERLING COUNTY, TEXAS**

**Parties Associated to the Crash:**

**Tim A. Sanders, Sheriff  
Sterling County, Texas**



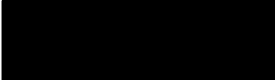
**Doug Shoemate, Chief Deputy  
Sterling County Sheriff's Office**



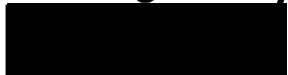
**Stacy Dyer, Justice of the Peace  
Sterling County, Texas**



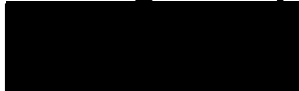
**Dow Ferguson, Fire Chief  
Sterling County Vol. Fire Department**



**Lora Holland, ECA  
Sterling County EMS**



**Seth Seaton, EMT  
Sterling County EMS**



**Skeete Foster, Owner  
Ross Funeral Home**



**Kenan Crumbly, Trooper  
Texas Department of Public Safety**



**Hope Hohertz, Corporal  
Texas Department of Public Safety**



**Anthony Leinneweber, Inspector  
Federal Aviation Administration**



**Alexander Lemishko, Investigator  
National Traffic Safety Administration**



**Thom Webster, Investigator  
Robinson Helicopter Company**



**John Butler, Investigator  
Lycoming Engines**



