

WAXAHACHIE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Incident Number: 1000017263

On Friday July 30, 2010 at approximately 2008 hours I, D. Bittle was dispatched to in reference to a plane crash.

Officer K. Patterson, Officer C. Eadler and Sgt. Wilson arrived on the scene just before I did at approximately 2018 hours. Patterson advised dispatch of the tail number of the aircraft (N5027G) and advised that there were two fatalities on board.

I arrived and Midlothian PD and Fire were already on the scene. I spoke with Midlothian PD Officer Cody Moon who advised that he had obtained a witness statement from Samuel Williams. I obtained a copy of the statement and attached it to this report.

I observed the orange and white Bellanca aircraft sitting on the west side of the long drive leading to two houses on the property. On the east side of the drive I observed the possible point of impact with the propeller and debris. There was debris scattered across the drive. Midlothian put crime scene tape around the crash site and kept a crime scene log. Midlothian PD made contact with the FAA (NTSB) and they advised that they would come to investigate on Saturday July 31, 2010 at 0800. Inside the plane I observed two white males. One male had on a dark t-shirt and blue jean shorts. The other male had on a white t-shirt. Justice of the Peace Linda Sibley was on the scene and contacted Boze Mitchell Mckibbin funeral home to come to the scene.

Texas DPS Troopers Tom Prudom and Casey Crocker arrived on the scene to assist.

I took photos of the crash site until Midlothian PD Officer Bovinich arrived and took over photographing the scene. After the initial photos were taken, Waxahachie FD extricated the two occupants of the plane.

Midlothian PD and I gathered some evidence on the scene. At 2200 hours we recovered a notebook with the tail number on the spine and a portable GPS from the ground near the right side of the aircraft. At 2205 hours we recovered a VFR / IFR placard from the same location on the ground. At 2216 hours Waxahachie FD recovered a silver cell phone from the lap of the front occupant. At 2217 hours the front occupant was removed from the aircraft. A Texas Driver's License was located in the shorts pocket of the front seat pilot identifying him as Dudley, Lance. At 2219 hours a sectional chart was recovered. At 2226 hours a black AOPA flight bag was removed from the cockpit with Dudley's log book inside. At 2227 hours another black flight bag was removed from the cockpit (Avcomm Communication Series). At 2230 hours the second pilot was removed from the aircraft. A Texas Driver's License was located in a

wallet in the pocket of the second pilot's shorts, identifying him as Bogdan, Szajer. Inside the second flight bag I located Bogdan's pilot's license.

Judge Sibley pronounced both pilots dead at 2245 hours.

The representatives from Boze Mitchell Mckibbin placed the two bodies in body bags and transported them to the Dallas Medical Examiners office.

The Ellis County Sheriff's Department posted a Deputy at the crash site to secure the scene until the NTSB investigators arrive.

Waxahachie PD Lt. Wiser #104, along with the Midlothian PD Chaplin, made the death notification to Tonya Dudley, Lance Dudley's wife.

We were unable to locate a next of kin for Bogdan. I called Ft. Worth PD and they went by Bogdan's residence but were unable to make any contact.

I obtained a CD with the photographs taken by Midlothian PD. The disc is included with this report.

The photographs I took on the scene were burned onto a disc and attached to this report.

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On 07-30-2010 at 2009 hrs, I, Kevin Patterson along with several other officers were dispatched to a major accident by Mid-Way airport.

I was the first unit to arrive. Midlothian PD was already on scene and advised the accident was in our city limits. I told dispatch we had two fatalities and disregard ETMC. I ran the tail number to try to identify the owner of the aircraft. Officer Bittle arrived and took over the investigation.

Sgt. Wilson told me to go to the front gate and assist Officer Eadler with the traffic attempting to access the scene.

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On 07-31-2010 at approximately 1600 hours, I, Sgt. Ron Turbeville was contacted at the Waxahachie Police Department by Tom Latson of the National Transportation Safety Board.

Tom, an investigator for the NTSB, wanted to inspect the items of disposable (risk of being lost, destroyed or tampered with) evidence that Officer David Bittle collected at the site of the plane crash.

Tom copied the flight log book, numbers listed in Szajar's phone and seized the Garmin GPS. Tom signed a receipt for the GPS.

Tom Latson requested that this department retain the photographs of the crash scene until he contacts Officer J. McLemore with further instructions. Tom cited that his agency is a subject to FOIA requests and he did not want to risk exposing them to public request for ill intentions.

Other items left in locker #2 can be released to family members at the discretion of the department. Tom re-bagged several items and tagged the bag a bio-hazard due to the amount of blood and tissue contamination on the items. Tom suggested that the family of Dudley be contacted and urged to allow this department to destroy the contaminated items.

Tom Latson can be reached at

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SUPPLEMENT BY: WOODRUFF, TODD

DATE OF SUPP: 08/03/2010

NARRATIVE:

I spoke with Inv. Tom Latson. He said he had possession of the written statement that was taken from the witness to the crash. This had been missing from the report.

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