

**Witness Group Factual Report**

# **APPENDIX C**

**Documents Pertaining to  
Witnesses  
51-100**

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[REDACTED]  
155 Beach 137<sup>th</sup> Street  
Belle Harbor, NY 11694

January 23, 2002

Mr. Luke Schiada  
Air Safety Investigator  
National Transportation Safety Board  
2001 Route 46, Suite 504  
Parsippany, NJ 07054

Re: Eyewitness Statement – 11/12/01 Crash of American Airlines Flight 587 – Belle Harbor, NY

Dear Mr. Schiada:

Attached please find a written statement of my observations regarding the above-referenced crash, which was a truly frightening and terrible occurrence for me, my children, my extended family, and our entire neighborhood. The events of that day are now, regrettably, burned into my memory. It's unfortunate that as I sit here at my computer in my home office, the window affords me a view of the spot where the plane went down over the houses to the east that day. It's hard to get away from it.

I spoke to Officer Francia of the NYPD the day of the crash, as he and another officer walked up and down our block seeking out eyewitnesses and plane debris. I related the attached information in person to him at that time. Although in my short glimpse from my driveway at about 9:17 a.m. on November 12 as the plane came down I did not see any smoke or flames, nor did I clearly see anything that even looked like an airplane hurtling to the ground (probably because of the bright sunshine that morning), I did clearly see a piece separate from the plane and fly off toward the west, a good distance from the crash site. As it flew off the plane, the white triangular piece was silhouetted against the blue sky just prior to the horrible boom and the thick black smoke that rose over the houses to the east. It's my understanding that there is a red and blue "AA" insignia on both sides of the tail. Since there was no writing or other insignia on the piece to catch my attention, I believe it was not the tail. It seems most likely that the part I saw was all or part of a wing of the plane.

Since November 12, I have followed the news of the investigation closely, both in our local and national media, and on the NTSB website. Although there has been a great deal of speculation about the engines, the tail and the rudder, and the fuselage was obviously burned to bits, it still puzzles me that there has been no reference to recovery of the wings or other parts of the plane that may have been intact. Perhaps the NTSB does not deem it to be relevant, or perhaps there has been no information because nothing was found. Because of what I observed, I am very curious as to what extent the NTSB has been able to recover any additional parts of the plane other than the engines, the tail and the rudder.

It is my sincere hope that the NTSB will ultimately be able to piece together what happened.

Sincerely yours,

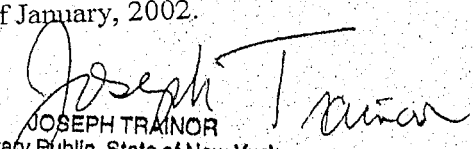
[REDACTED]

STATEMENT OF OBSERVATIONS

I, [REDACTED] being solemnly sworn, state the following:

- 1) I reside with my husband and two children at 155 Beach 137<sup>th</sup> Street, Belle Harbor, NY 11694, a one-family house on the west side of the street in the block between Rockaway Beach Boulevard and the Atlantic Ocean;
- 2) On the morning of November 12, 2001, I awoke at 9:16 a.m. and began walking down the staircase on the northeast side of our house;
- 3) I met my husband on the first-floor landing, as he returned from an errand;
- 4) A plane could be heard in the distance taking off at that moment, and my attention was first drawn to the plane by the fact that it revved its engines quite loudly; I thought to myself: "Is that the SST? If it is, it must be having trouble gaining altitude" (which caused me to feel a bit edgy, given the earlier Concorde crash that had occurred in France);
- 5) The next thing I heard was a loud creaking noise, and since my husband had walked away, I shouted to him "was **that** that plane?" I didn't hear him respond, so I ran to the driveway door on the northeast side of our house;
- 6) As I ran, I heard a really loud whirring sound, as if something high in the air got stuck in the blades of a huge fan;
- 7) Then there was a loud concussion, and the whole house shook;
- 8) It took only a few seconds for me to get out the door and run a few feet down the driveway to where I could see the sky to the northeast;
- 9) In the bright sunlight, I observed something hurtling to the ground over the housetops on the opposite side of our street; however, I did not see the shape of an airplane, I did not see flames, and I did not see smoke at that time;
- 10) As I stood there watching, I felt the force of the plane as it hit, and I saw a large white triangular piece of the plane fly off to the northwest (far from the main crash site, in my judgment); The piece I saw did not have any insignia on it, but since it was clearly silhouetted against the blue sky, I clearly saw its shape and color, and knew that an airplane had crashed;
- 11) I then screamed, "an airplane just hit Rockaway!" It only took a few seconds before the heavy and huge cloud of black smoke began rising from the direction of the crash;
- 12) I ran back into our house to see to the well-being of my children, and to summon my husband, whose father lives in an apartment toward the direction of where the plane crashed;
- 13) In the moments following the distress sounds from the plane in question, I recall that there were at least two loud concussions that shook our house;
- 14) I estimate that the total time I spent observing the plane from my driveway was about ten seconds;

[REDACTED]  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23 day of January, 2002.

  
JOSEPH TRAINOR  
Notary Public, State of New York  
No. 02TR5087686  
Qualified in Nassau County 2005  
Commission Expires November 17, ~~2006~~

Crime: INVESTIGATE PLANE CRA. Pct. 100 OCCB No. 3325 Complaint No. 11/13/01

Date of Orig. Report: [ ] Date Assigned: [ ] Case No. 1389 Unit Reporting 102 Follow-Up No. [ ]

Complainant's Name - Last, First, M.I.: [ ] Victim's Name - If Different: [ ]

Witness No. 1: Last Name, First, M.I.: [ ] Address, Include City, State, Zip: 155 B137th Street Apt. No. P/H

Home Telephone: [ ] Business Telephone: [ ] Position / Relationship: [ ] Sex: [ ] Race: [ ] Date of Birth: [ ] Age: [ ]

Total No. of Perpetrators: [ ] Wanted: [ ] Arrested: [ ] Weapon: [ ] Describe Weapon (If firearm, give color, make, calibre; type, model, etc.): [ ]

Wanted: [ ] Arrested: [ ] Last Name, First, M.I.: [ ] Address, Include City, State, Zip: [ ] Apt. No. [ ] Res. Pct. [ ]

Sex: [ ] Race: [ ] Date of Birth: [ ] Age: [ ] Height: [ ] Weight: [ ] Eye Color: [ ] Hair Color: [ ] Hair Length: [ ] Facial Hair: [ ] NYSD No. [ ]

Eyeglasses: [ ] Sunglasses: [ ] Clothing Description: [ ] Nickname, First Name, Alias: [ ] Scars, Marks, M.O., Etc. (Continue in "Details"):

Wanted: [ ] Arrested: [ ] Last Name, First, M.I.: [ ] Address, Include City, State, Zip: [ ] Apt. No. [ ] Res. Pct. [ ]

Sex: [ ] Race: [ ] Date of Birth: [ ] Age: [ ] Height: [ ] Weight: [ ] Eye Color: [ ] Hair Color: [ ] Hair Length: [ ] Facial Hair: [ ] NYSD No. [ ]

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Comp. Interviewed: [ ] In Person: [ ] By Phone: [ ] Date: [ ] Time: [ ] Results: Same as Comp. Report - Different (Explain in Details)

Witness Interviewed: [ ] In Person: [ ] By Phone: [ ] Date: [ ] Time: [ ] Results: Same as Comp. Report - Different (Explain in Details)

Canvass Conducted: [ ] Yes [ ] No If Yes - Make Entry in Body Re: Time, Date, Names, Addresses, Results Crime Scene Visited: [ ] Yes [ ] No If Yes - Make Entry in Details Re: Time, Date, Evidence Obtained

Complainant Viewed Photos: [ ] Yes [ ] Refused [ ] Future Results: [ ]

Witness Viewed Photos: [ ] Yes [ ] Refused [ ] Future Results: [ ]

Crime Scene Dust: [ ] Yes [ ] No By (Enter Results in Details): [ ] Crime Scene Photos: [ ] Yes [ ] No By (Enter Results in Details): [ ]

If Closing Case "No Results," Check Appropriate Box and State Justification in Details: [ ] C-1 Improper Referral [ ] C-2 Inaccurate Facts [ ] C-3 No Evidence / Can't ID [ ] C-4 Uncooperative Complainant [ ] C-5 "Leads" Exhausted

DETAILS: INVESTIGATION: FLIGHT 587 PLANE CRASH SUBJECT; WITNESSES WHO OBSERVED PLANE

1. On 11/13/01 Undersigned Detective spoke with [ ] who reside at 155 B137th St. Phone# [ ] who stated the following in sum and substance, she observed what appeared to be the tail section separate from the plane followed by the plane going straight down and crashing.

CASE: [ ] ACTIVE [ ] CLOSED DATE REVIEWED / CLOSED: 11/14/01 IF ACTIVE, DATE OF NEXT REVIEW: [ ] REPORTING OFFICER: [ ] RANK: DET SIGNATURE: [ ] NAME PRINTED: BATTISTA TAX REG. NO.: 11208 COMMAND: 102SQD REVIEWING / CLOSING SUPERVISOR: [ ] CASE NO.: [ ] ENTER DESIGNATION: [ ] SIGNATURE: [ ] C.O.'s INITIALS: [ ]

Choice 1 Choice 2 Perp 1 Perp 2 Perp 1 Perp 2

Mr. Schiada  
NTSB  
2001 Rt. 46, Suite 504  
Parsippany, NJ 07054

Dear Mr. Schiada,

I am writing to you in reference to the Crash of Flight 587. I reside at 272 Beach 136<sup>th</sup> Street. I witnessed the crash from my home. The posterior view from my house directly faces the sight at which the plane crashed. I am exactly five blocks to the address of the crash sight.


On the morning of November 12<sup>th</sup> I was preparing breakfast when I heard a loud explosion. I assumed it was the Concord but then realized that the Concord departs at 8:15, promptly, It was approximately 9:15. I proceeded to my back sliding doors and saw the plane. The plane was facing nose down. The wing (right) which was facing my home, was disassembling; black smoke and fire were coming out of the hole where the wing was supposed to be attached. Another very loud explosion blew the wing in the direction of my home. At this point I fled the kitchen and brought my children to the basement. At last view, the plane was plummeting no more than 50 feet above the houses. My total observation was about 1 to 1 ½ minutes.

At this time I would like to take the opportunity to make a request to the NTSB. I have resided in Belle Harbor for more than nine years. The air traffic is almost unbearable. Every two minutes on the hour there are one or more planes directly flying over our homes. At times you can read the writing and actually see the windows on the aircrafts. This community has been devastated by the attacks on our Country and our neighborhood. We are constantly reminded of the tragedy that occurred on November 12<sup>th</sup> (again, at least once every two minutes).

There is a clear alternate route for the planes to travel across. We are a community surrounded by water. The width of Rockaway is no more than 4 blocks (less than ¼ mile). These flight patterns are an impending accident. The planes can fly out over Jamaica Bay past Breezy Point, and straight out over the Atlantic Ocean. It is such a clear alternative. If there is anyway possible that you can help this Community, Our Families, it would be MOST appreciated.

My gratitude in advance, for consideration of this matter. If I can further assist you with your investigation, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,



## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 11/13/2001

On 11/12/2001 [REDACTED] dob [REDACTED] was interviewed at her residence, 272 Beach 136th St., Belle Harbor, NY, [REDACTED]. After being apprised of the identity of the interviewing agents and the purpose of the interview, [REDACTED] provided the following information:

On the morning of 11/12/2001 [REDACTED] was in her kitchen making breakfast when she heard a loud explosion. She proceeded to look out her kitchen window and observed a plane on fire with a wing coming off. [REDACTED] then heard repetitive explosions and observed a plane begin to nosedive.

[REDACTED] immediately grabbed her children and proceeded to her basement. The next explosion knocked her down her basement stairs. No debris was found on her property.

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Investigation on 11/12/2001 at Belle Harbor, NY

File # 149A-NY-280669-302 Date dictated 11/13/2001  
by SA Beth A. Ambinder  
SA Elizabeth R. Morris

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Date of Orig. Report 11-12-01 Date Assigned Case No. 1389 Unit Reporting BS-Intelligence Division Follow-Up No.

PERP 2

Complainant's Name - Last, First, M.I. Victim's Name - If Different

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Last Name, First, M.I. Address, include City, State, Zip Apt. No.

PERP 1

Home Telephone Business Telephone Position / Relationship Sex Race Date of Birth Age

PERP 2

Total No. of Perpetrators Wanted Arrested Weapon Describe Weapon (If firearm, give color, make, calibre, type, model, etc.)

Wanted Arrested Last Name, First, M.I. Address, include City, State, Zip Apt. No. Res. Pct.

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Sex Race Date of Birth Age Height Weight Eye Color Hair Color Hair Length Facial Hair HYSID No.

CHOICE 1

Eyeglasses Sunglasses Clothing Description Nickname, First Name, Alias Scars, Marks, M.O., Etc. (Continue in "Details")

CHOICE 2

Wanted Arrested Last Name, First, M.I. Address, include City, State, Zip Apt. No. Res. Pct.

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Sex Race Date of Birth Age Height Weight Eye Color Hair Color Hair Length Facial Hair HYSID No.

CHOICE 2

Eyeglasses Sunglasses Clothing Description Nickname, First Name, Alias Scars, Marks, M.O., Etc. (Continue in "Details")

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CHOICE 1

Comp. Interviewed In Person By Phone Date Time Results: Same as Comp. Report - Different (Explain in Details)

CHOICE 2

Witness Interviewed In Person By Phone Date Time Results: Same as Comp. Report - Different (Explain in Details)

Canvass Conducted If Yes - Make Entry in Body Re: Time, Date, Names, Addresses, Results Crime Scene Visited If Yes - Make Entry in Details Re: Time, Date, Evidence Obtained

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Complainant Viewed Photos Results: Yes Refused Future

CHOICE 2

Witness Viewed Photos Results: Yes Refused Future

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Crime Scene Dusted By (Enter Results in Details) Crime Scene Photos By (Enter Results in Details)

PERP 1

If Closing Case "No Results," Check Appropriate Box and State Justification in Details: C-1 Improper Referral C-2 Inaccurate Facts C-3 No Evidence / Can't ID C-4 Uncooperative Complainant C-5 "Leads" Exhausted

PERP 2

DETAILS: INVESTIGATION: INVESTIGATE ACCIDENT/PLANE CRASH

PERP 1

CANVASS : WITNESS CANVASS

PERP 2

1. On above date @ approximately 1100 hours I did conduct a canvass for witnesses to a plane crash 430 133RD Street was checked with negative results.

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PERP 1

6. [redacted] of 272 Beach 136TH Street [redacted] stated that she observed an explosion while the plane was still in flight. At which time a wing separated from the plane and then it "nosedived".

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7. [redacted]

PERP 2

CHOICE 1 CHOICE 2

Form with fields for CASE (ACTIVE/CLOSED), DATE REVIEWED / CLOSED, IF ACTIVE, DATE OF NEXT REVIEW, REPORTING OFFICER (SIGNATURE, RANK, NAME PRINTED, TAX REG. NO., COMMAND), REVIEWING / CLOSING SUPERVISOR (SIGNATURE, RANK, NAME PRINTED, TAX REG. NO., COMMAND), and checkboxes for Choice 1 and Choice 2.

INVESTIGATION: CRASH 100

3325 11/12/01

Date of Orig. Report 11/12/01	Date Assigned	Case No. 1057	Unit Reporting Queens Gang Squad	Follow-Up No.
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Complainant's Name - Last, First, M.I.	Victim's Name - If Different
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Last Name, First, M.I.		Address, Include City, State, Zip		Apt. No.
Home Telephone	Business Telephone	Position / Relationship	Sex	Race
			Date of Birth	Age

Total No. of Perpetrators	Wanted	Arrested	Weapon	Describe Weapon (If firearm, give color, make, calibre, type, model, etc.)
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Wanted	Arrested	Last Name, First, M.I.	Address, Include City, State, Zip	Apt. No.	Res. Pct.
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Sex	Race	Date of Birth	Age	Height	Weight	Eye Color	Hair Color	Hair Length	Facial Hair	MYSID No.
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Nickname, First Name, Alias										

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Witness Interviewed	In Person	By Phone	Date	Time	Results: Same as Comp. Report - Different (Explain in Details)
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Canvass Conducted	If Yes - Make Entry in Body Re: Time, Date, Names, Addresses, Results	Crime Scene Visited	If Yes - Make Entry in Details Re: Time, Date, Evidence Obtained
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

Complainant Viewed Photos	Results:
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Refused <input type="checkbox"/> Future	

Witness Viewed Photos	Results:
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Refused <input type="checkbox"/> Future	

Crime Scene Dusted	By (Enter Results in Details)	Crime Scene Photos	By (Enter Results in Details)
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

If Closing Case "No Results," Check Appropriate Box and State Justification in Details:				
<input type="checkbox"/> C-1 Improper Referral	<input type="checkbox"/> C-2 Inaccurate Facts	<input type="checkbox"/> C-3 No Evidence / Can't ID	<input type="checkbox"/> C-4 Uncooperative Complainant	<input type="checkbox"/> C-5 "Leads" Exhausted

DETAILS:

1. On November 12, 2001 between 1300 and 1500 hrs I did canvass for witness/victims of American Airlines Flight#587 which crashed in the confines of the 100 Precinct. The following location, 272 Beach 136 Street, was met with positive results:

Present at the above location was [redacted] D.O.B. [redacted] who stated that while looking out her window she heard a loud explosion and looked up and saw a airplane "in a complete nose dive" with the left wing coming detached from the plane as it traveled toward the ground. At this time she left the window and grabbed her children and went into the basement and returned to the above mentioned window approximately ten to fifteen minutes later and observed large clouds of smoke. [redacted] could provide no further information but stated she can be contacted at the following phone number [redacted]

2. For your information.

CASE	DATE REVIEWED / CLOSED	IF ACTIVE, DATE OF NEXT REVIEW
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACTIVE <input type="checkbox"/> CLOSED	11/12/01	

REPORTING OFFICER:	RANK	SIGNATURE	NAME PRINTED	TAX REG. NO.	COMMAND
	Det.	[Signature]	Rourke	899783	QGS

REVIEWING / CLOSING SUPERVISOR:	CASE	ENTER DESIGNATION	SIGNATURE	C.O.'s INITIALS
[Signature]	CLOSED: C	OR B	[Signature]	

Choice 1	Choice 2	Perp 1	Perp 2	Perp 1	Perp 2



██████████ construction worker, PCM Contracting residing at ██████████ Staten Island, NY telephone number ██████████ cell phone number ██████████ being advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and the purpose of the interview which was to obtain information regarding the plane crash on November 12, 2001, provided the following information:

██████████ advised that at approximately 9:20 A.M. November 12, 2001 A.M. he was working a construction job on the street and standing in the vicinity of Beach 135th St and Rockaway Beach Blvd. ██████████ heard an aircraft engine and initially believed that it was a Concord jet. ██████████ looked up and observed an aircraft flying in a takeoff pattern. ██████████ then observed an explosion near the tail of the aircraft. ██████████ then observed a wing and an engine of the aircraft separate from the aircraft. The aircraft then went into a nosedive and crashed approximately one block away from ██████████. ██████████ heard an explosion as the aircraft crashed to the ground. As ██████████ was running he observed pieces of the aircraft falling in the vicinity of Beach 133rd St.

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Investigation on 11/12/01 at Queens, NY

File # 149A-NY-280669-302 Date dictated N/A

by SA Paul Harris PST  
SA Paul S. Tambrino/PST:pst

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December 3, 2001

Dear Mr. Shiada,

I will try to the best of my ability to describe exactly what I observed on November 12, 2001.

At approximately 9:15am I was on the boardwalk at Beach 60<sup>th</sup> Street walking southwest towards my building which is located at [REDACTED]. Prior to observing the aircraft in question, I heard a very loud roar from an airplane engine. I assumed it was the concord and looked up to see where it was. However, I did not see any aircraft. I proceeded to walk southwest on the boardwalk. From my location, I had a clear and unobstructed view of the sky and the water and the land and I observed an airplane that was flying south towards the ocean approximately one minute after hearing said airplane engine roar. The left side of the airplane, from the left wing to the tail, exploded which caused the aircraft to bank to the left and spiral down to the Earth. There were flames coming from the aircraft after the explosion. I vaguely remember seeing something falling away from the aircraft towards the north, but I cannot describe what it was. I did not actually see the aircraft hit the ground. However, I anticipated hearing the impact of the airplane crashing into the ground and, in fact, I did hear a distant explosion of some kind and assumed it was the airplane hitting the ground. I subsequently observed a huge fireball and black smoke rise up into the sky presumably where the airplane went down. The entire incident lasted approximately 10 to 15 seconds. When the explosion occurred it seemed like the airplane stood still for a moment before it banked to the left and plummeted to the ground.

I hope that I will never witness anything that horrible again for the rest of my life. It is my sincere wish that with all of the eyewitness accounts and your expertise, we will someday know the truth about what happened.

I would also like to add that I am a retired New York City Police Officer. I served for twenty-three years and I do not exaggerate.

You may reach me at [REDACTED] preferably after 6PM.

Thank you,  
[REDACTED]

Date of Orig. Report: 11/12/01 Date Assigned: 11/12/01 Case No.: 1339 Unit Reporting: 100 squad Follow-Up No.:

Complainant's Name - Last, First, M.I.: P.S.N.Y. Victim's Name - If Different:

Witness No. 1: Last Name, First, M.I.: [Redacted] Address, include City, State, Zip: [Redacted] Apt. No.: 9E

Home Telephone: [Redacted] Business Telephone: [Redacted] Position / Relationship: [Redacted] Sex: F Race: W Date of Birth: [Redacted] Age: 56

Total No. of Perpetrators: [Redacted] Wanted: [Redacted] Arrested: [Redacted] Weapon: [Redacted] Describe Weapon (if firearm, give color, make, calibre, type, model, etc.):

Perp. No. 1: Wanted: [Redacted] Arrested: [Redacted] Last Name, First, M.I.: [Redacted] Address, include City, State, Zip: [Redacted] Apt. No.: [Redacted] Res. Pct.: [Redacted]

Sex: [Redacted] Race: [Redacted] Date of Birth: [Redacted] Age: [Redacted] Height: [Redacted] Weight: [Redacted] Eye Color: [Redacted] Hair Color: [Redacted] Hair Length: [Redacted] Facial Hair: [Redacted] NYSID No.: [Redacted]

Eyeglasses: [Redacted] Sunglasses: [Redacted] Clothing Description: [Redacted] Scars, Marks, M.O., Etc.: [Redacted] (Continue in "Details"):

Perp. No. 2: Wanted: [Redacted] Arrested: [Redacted] Last Name, First, M.I.: [Redacted] Address, include City, State, Zip: [Redacted] Apt. No.: [Redacted] Res. Pct.: [Redacted]

Sex: [Redacted] Race: [Redacted] Date of Birth: [Redacted] Age: [Redacted] Height: [Redacted] Weight: [Redacted] Eye Color: [Redacted] Hair Color: [Redacted] Hair Length: [Redacted] Facial Hair: [Redacted] NYSID No.: [Redacted]

Eyeglasses: [Redacted] Sunglasses: [Redacted] Clothing Description: [Redacted] Scars, Marks, M.O., Etc.: [Redacted] (Continue in "Details"):

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Comp. Interviewed: [Redacted] In Person: [Redacted] By Phone: [Redacted] Date: 11/14/01 Time: 1800 Results: Same as Comp. Report - Different (Explain in Details)

Witness Interviewed: [Redacted] In Person: [Redacted] By Phone: [Redacted] Date: 11/14/01 Time: 1800 Results: Same as Comp. Report - Different (Explain in Details)

Canvass Conducted: [Redacted] If Yes - Make Entry in Body Re: Time, Date, Names, Addresses, Results: [Redacted] Crime Scene Visited: [Redacted] If Yes - Make Entry in Details Re: Time, Date, Evidence Obtained:

Complainant Viewed Photos: [Redacted] Results: [Redacted]

Witness Viewed Photos: [Redacted] Results: [Redacted]

Crime Scene Dusted: [Redacted] By (Enter Results in Details): [Redacted] Crime Scene Photos: [Redacted] By (Enter Results in Details): [Redacted]

If Closing Case "No Results," Check Appropriate Box and State Justification in Details: [Redacted]

DETAILS: Investigation: Plane Crash  
Subject: Interview of [Redacted]

1. On 11/14/01 at approx 1800 hrs the undersigned did receive a phone call from the above mentioned who stated that she had seen the plane crash. An interview was conducted over the phone with the following results::: She states that on 11/12/01 at approx 0915 hrs she was taking her morning walk on the boardwalk as she always does. While walking west bound on the boardwalk at approx 53 street she heard a plane that did not sound normal. When she looked up she noticed a plane flying very low. At that moment she states that she observed the rear portion of the plane, near the tail explode with fire and smoke visible. She states that the plane seemed to be out of control and began to spiral downward in a nose dive. She states that she observed both wings on the plane when it started to descend. She further states that she saw the plane disappear from view for a split second then heard what she believed to be an explosion upon impact. She then states that she observed thick black smoke coming from the area of the impact.

Investigation Continuing.....

CASE: [Redacted] DATE REVIEWED / CLOSED: 11/15/01 IF ACTIVE, DATE OF NEXT REVIEW: [Redacted]

REPORTING OFFICER: [Redacted] RANK: PO SIGNATURE: [Redacted] NAME PRINTED: DESMOND TAX REG. NO.: 903787 COMMAND: 100squad

REVIEWING / CLOSING SUPERVISOR: [Redacted] CASE: [Redacted] ENTER DESIGNATION: [Redacted] SIGNATURE: [Redacted] C.O.'s INITIALS: [Redacted]

Choice 1: [Redacted] Choice 2: [Redacted] Perp 1: [Redacted] Perp 2: [Redacted] Perp 3: [Redacted]

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 11/12/01

██████████, residence ██████████  
██████████ was interviewed telephonically at ██████████.  
After being advised of the identities of the interviewing agents,  
██████████ provided the following information:

██████████, a retired police officer, was walking on the boardwalk this morning when she heard a loud sound like a jet fighter or the Concorde. She looked up but did not see a plane but saw a plane trail. She was at Beach 62nd Street when this occurred. At this point her attention was on the sky and she then saw the back of a plane explode. She saw fire coming out of the back of the plane. ██████████ then saw the plane bank. ██████████ remembers seeing at least one wing on the plane. The plane then came straight down but ██████████ couldn't determine exactly where. She then saw billowing smoke. ██████████ did not see any pieces of the plane or anything else fall from the sky.

Investigation on 11/12/01 at New York, NY (telephonically)  
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by SA Joy Adam, SA William Inzerillo/JA:ja Lead 1 NY 5

Name: [REDACTED] first officer Jet Blue flight 41 (JFK-MCO)  
Time: 1640 EST  
Location: via telephone  
Present: Evan Byrne

[REDACTED] was the first officer on Jet Blue flight 41. He was in an A320 behind a DC-9 holding in position for runway 31L. He happened to look up and saw the airplane going down. He described the airplane when he saw it as nose-down and out of control. He said the wings were rocking back and forth and the airplane was diving slowly -- like the airplane was stalling but nose down. He could see a fume trail following the airplane and he described it as being light gray, almost white, in color. He said it didn't look like smoke.

[REDACTED] said the whole plane was in complete shape. He said just before the airplane hit the ground he saw an explosion -- an orange light or fire. He said the fire was on the main fuselage by the wing -- right in the middle of the airplane. He could see either the top or the bottom of the airplane at this time and the fire was in the middle. He said the plane then hit the ground and there was a big explosion.

He said the airplane was between 1000 and 2000 feet high when he first saw it about 2 or 3 miles away.

He said the airplane looked normal during taxi. He said there was another AAL airplane in front of the Northwest DC-9, a B-767.

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On 11/12/2001, G [REDACTED] date of birth [REDACTED] Florida driver's license number [REDACTED] home address 1405 Saint Gabrielle Lane, Apartment 3112, Weston, Florida 33326, telephone [REDACTED] cellular telephone [REDACTED], was interviewed at Terminal 6, John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK) by Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Special Agent John T. Dugan and Port Authority Police Detective George J. Dorner. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agent/detective, and the nature of the investigation, [REDACTED] provided the following information.

[REDACTED] advised that he was the First Officer of Jet Blue flight 41 departing JFK at 8:50 A.M. 11/12/2001, arriving at Orlando, Florida (MCO). [REDACTED] entered the cockpit of Jet Blue flight 41 at approximately 8:15 A.M. About ten minutes later, Captain [REDACTED] arrived in the cockpit. [REDACTED] noted that passengers began to board the aircraft at 8:30 A.M. Jet Blue flight 41 was delayed approximately ten minutes for a maintenance repair on an air conditioning pack.

[REDACTED] advised that at approximately 9:10 A.M. on 11/12/2001, Jet Blue flight 41 was staged on runway 31L's taxiway when he looked up and saw an unknown American Airlines Airbus flight rocking out of control, in a vertical nose down descending attitude. [REDACTED] later learned that this was American Airlines flight 587.

[REDACTED] estimated that American Airlines flight 587 was at approximately one to two thousand feet in altitude when he first observed it. Additionally, flight 587 took approximately eight to nine seconds to fall to the ground from the time Chavez first observed it.

Approximately four seconds from his initial observation of flight 587, [REDACTED] observed a round light orange ball of flame approximately the size of an aircraft engine in the vicinity of the middle of the aircraft. [REDACTED] could not determine if the flame was on the left or right side of the aircraft. The flame

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appeared to be near the wing root either on the fuselage or the wing itself.

[REDACTED] recalled that when he first observed flight 587, it appeared that the airplane was falling slowly and was emitting a fume trail.

American Airlines flight 587 impacted with the ground, and approximately one second later, a bright orange fire ball emitting black smoke was observed by [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] estimated the size of the fire ball as possibly five times the size of the aircraft.

[REDACTED] did not observe anything falling from flight 587, nor did he observe any bird activity.

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THE PORT AUTHORITY OF NY & NJ  
One Path Plaza, Jersey City, N. J. 07306  
POLICE CRIMINAL COMPLAINT  
FOLLOW-UP REPORT

TEL. EXT. (201)963-7111

*PA (over)*

		UF 61 Number		Agency 03	Facility JFK	County of Offense QUEENS	C.C.R. Number 22239/01
1	Complaint INVESTIGATE AIRCRAFT CRASH	Law/Sect	P.A. Crime Code 0	Date Occurred 11/12/01	Loc Code 000 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NY <input type="checkbox"/> NJ		
2	Complaint	Law/Sect	P.A. Crime Code	Day Occurred	Time Occurred (From-To)		
Place of Occurrence (Address) <input type="checkbox"/> Inside <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Outside NEWPORT ROAD/129&131 ST/BELL HARBOR NY				Date Reported 11/12/01	Time Reported 0921HR		
Complainant's Name STATE OF				Sex <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	Race	Age	Area Cd - Bus. Tele.
Complainant's Address NEW YORK				Area Cd. - Home Tele.			
1	Suspect's Name (Last, First, Initial)	<input type="checkbox"/> Arrested <input type="checkbox"/> Interviewed	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	Race	Date of Birth	Age	Phone
Suspect's Address				Hgt.	Wgt.	Hair	Eyes
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				P.A. Arrest #		B. Number	
Pct. of Occurrence 100	Pct. Voucher No.	Alarm No.	Docket Number		Court Date	Court	
Magistrate	Disposition	Case Closed <input type="checkbox"/> By Arrest <input type="checkbox"/> By Other <input type="checkbox"/> Unfounded	Case Open <input type="checkbox"/> Inactive <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Active	Records Section Only <input type="checkbox"/> Master Log <input type="checkbox"/> MNI File			

Details of Complaint: Include Additional Suspects, Complainants, Witnesses. Summarize Detail of Complaint

SYNOPSIS: INVESTIGATE CRASH OF AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT #587, TAIL #NO53AA, AIRCRAFT TYPE A300, ON TAKE OFF FROM JFK AIRPORT, RUNWAY 31L, AND ENROUTE TO SANTO DOMINGO.

ON 01/12/01 DETECTIVE GEORGE DORNER AND FBI AGENT JOHN T. DUGAN (212 384 8460) WERE DISPATCHED BY THE JFKIA COMMAND CENTER TO TERMINAL #6 JET BLUE, SUBSEQUENTLY TWO JET BLUE CAPTAINS AND TWO FIRST OFFICERS WERE INTERVIEWED.

#2 AT 1135 HRS. [REDACTED] FIRST OFFICER OF JET BLUE FLIGHT #41 WAS INTERVIEWED ([REDACTED]). FIRST OFFICER [REDACTED] STATED THAT HE DID NOT OBSERVE THE AMERICAN AIRCRAFT TAKE OFF BUT FIRST OBSERVED IT IN AIR AND IN A VERTICLE ROCKING NOSE DOWN POSITION. [REDACTED] FURTHER STATED

Arresting/Investigating Officer DET. GEORGE DORNER	Date	Shield Number 106	Tax Registry Number 22048
Tour Commander	Date	Facility Commanding Officer	Date

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82. Additional Suspect Information:										CCR Number 22239/012		
3	Suspect's Name (Last, First, Initial) <input type="checkbox"/> Arrested <input type="checkbox"/> Interviewed				Sex <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F		Race	Date of Birth	Age	Phone		
Suspect's Address					Hgt	Wgt	Hair	Eyes	Soc. Sec. Number			
Complexion - Scars, Marks, Clothing, Alias							Describe Weapon <input type="checkbox"/> Used <input type="checkbox"/> Possessed					
Distinctive Words Used By Suspect								P.A. Arrest #		B. Number		
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Complexion - Scars, Marks, Clothing, Alias							Describe Weapon <input type="checkbox"/> Used <input type="checkbox"/> Possessed					
Distinctive Words Used By Suspect								P.A. Arrest #		B. Number		

Additional Details of Complaint Including Suspects, Witnesses, Complainants and Other Pertinent Information Regarding Incident:

APPROXIMATELY 4 SECONDS BEFORE THE AIRCRAFT HIT THE GROUND HE OBSERVED A ROUND ORANGE BALL OF FLAME ABOUT THE SIZE OF A ENGINE (UNSURE AS TO THE LEFT OR RIGHT SIDE) IN THE MIDDLE OF THE PLANE, VICINITY OF THE FUSELAGE. [REDACTED] ALSO STATED THAT HE REMEMBERS A FUME TRAIL FROM TIME HE OBSERVED SAID AIRCRAFT AS PLANE FELL SLOW. AFTER THE AIRCRAFT HIT GROUND THERE WAS A LARGE FIRE BALL. A FLAME APPROXIMATELY FIVE TIMES THE SIZE OF THE AIRCRAFT WAS VISIBLE WITH BRIGHT ORANGE FLAMES AND BLACK SMOKE. [REDACTED] STATED THAT THE WEATHER WAS CLEAR WITH NO BIRD ACTIVITY VISIBLE.

Date of Orig. Report: 11/12/01 Date Assigned: 11/12/01 Case No: 1389 Unit Reporting: 100 Squad Follow-Up No.

Complainant's Name - Last, First, M.I.: American Airlines Victim's Name - If Different

Last Name, First, M.I. Address, include City, State, Zip Apt. No.

Home Telephone Business Telephone Position / Relationship Sex Race Date of Birth Age

Total No. of Perpetrators: Wanted Arrested Weapon Used Possessed Describe Weapon (If firearm, give color, make, calibre, type, model, etc.)

Wanted Arrested Last Name, First, M.I. Address, include City, State, Zip Apt. No. Res. Pct.

Sex Race Date of Birth Age Height Weight Eye Color Hair Color Hair Length Facial Hair NYSID No.

Eye-glasses Sunglasses Clothing Description Nickname, First Name, Alias Scars, Marks, M.O., Etc. (Continue in "Details")

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Comp. Interviewed In Person By Phone Date Time Results: Same as Comp. Report - Different (Explain in Details)

Witness Interviewed In Person By Phone Date Time Results: Same as Comp. Report - Different (Explain in Details)

Canvass Conducted If Yes - Make Entry in Body Re: Time, Date, Names, Addresses, Results Crime Scene Visited If Yes - Make Entry in Details Re: Time, Date, Evidence Obtained

Complainant Viewed Photos Results: Witness Viewed Photos Results:

Crime Scene Dusted By (Enter Results in Details) Crime Scene Photos By (Enter Results in Details)

If Closing Case "No Results," Check Appropriate Box and State Justification in Details: C-1 Improper Referral C-2 Inaccurate Facts C-3 No Evidence / Can't ID C-4 Uncooperative Complainant C-5 "Leads" Exhausted

DETAILS: INVESTIGATION: INVESTIGATE AIRLINER CRASH SUBJECT: INTERVIEWS OF NASSAU COUNTY POLICE OFFICERS (HARBOR MARINE 5)

1. On this date of Monday November 12, 2001 at approximately 1415hrs, the undersigned responded to Beach 108st. and Rockaway Beach Blvd, the dock area to interview three Police Officers from the Nassau County Police Department's Harbor Unit (Marine 5) that witnessed the American Airlines Crash that occurred in Rockaway Park on this date.

3. Lastly on this date, the undersigned interviewed PO. [redacted] also of Marine 5, and he stated to the undersigned that he only saw the plane going down after PO [redacted] alerted him as to what was happening. He to also noticed the fire behind the left wing of the Airliner. None of these Police Officers saw anything falling from the plane while it was going down.

4. Due to all of the above facts, the undersigned requests that this case remain active at tghis time.

CASE ACTIVE CASE ACTIVE CLOSED DATE REVIEWED / CLOSED IF ACTIVE, DATE OF NEXT REVIEW

REPORTING OFFICER: RANK: DET. SIGNATURE: NAME PRINTED: KINARD TAX REG. NO.: 893232 COMMAND: 100SQD

REVIEWING / CLOSING SUPERVISOR: J. Amg CASE ENTER DESIGNATION SIGNATURE C.O.'s INITIALS

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[REDACTED] Police Officer, Badge 919, Nassau County Police Department, Marine Bureau was interviewed at the New York Police Department Aviation Hangar, Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn, New York 11234. [REDACTED] was advised as to the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the inquiry wherein he furnished the following information:

[REDACTED] advised his base is located at Foot of the Bay Park, East Rockaway, New York, telephone number [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] advised he was on board Nassau County Marine 5, a 41 foot patrol boat along with Police Officers [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] was piloting the boat in the East Rockaway inlet, headed west. As they neared the head buoy he heard [REDACTED] shout, "They did it again". [REDACTED] said he looked out and saw a plane on fire falling from the sky. [REDACTED] described the fire as being present behind the wing. [REDACTED] saw the plane descend. [REDACTED] said the airplane came straight down to it's final impact.

After observing the explosion on land, [REDACTED] drove the boat to the Rockaway inlet, east of the Marine Parkway Bridge. [REDACTED] advised he and the other officers on board observed aircraft debris floating in the water.

Investigation on 11/12/01 at Brooklyn, New York

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Date dictated 11/14/01

by SA David S. Edward:dse



# National Transportation Safety Board

## Telephone Memorandum

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Date: March 11, 2002

Person Interviewed: [REDACTED]

Present: Luke Schiada, Witness Group

Subject: DCA02MA001, Witness Interview

[REDACTED] witnessed the subject accident and was interviewed by a witness group member via telephone. During the conversation she stated:

She was a passenger in a car, with her husband and daughter on the corner Beach 129<sup>th</sup> Street and Newport Avenue. She looked up and observed the accident airplane in a "nosedive." She was looking at the left side of the airplane and could clearly see it was an "American Airlines" airplane. She did not observe any smoke or fire coming from the airplane until it struck the ground. She then observed a "fireball."

[REDACTED] did not observe any pieces separated or falling from the airplane.

[REDACTED] did not recall hearing any sounds from the airplane. She remembered hearing "grinding" sound, she initially thought was coming from her car, but may have come from the airplane or engines.

[REDACTED] estimated she observed the airplane for about 3 seconds. She also stated that both her husband and daughter did not see the airplane prior to the impact.

[REDACTED]

January 18, 2002

Mike Schada  
NTS B  
2001 Route 46, Suite 504  
Parsippany NJ 07054  
Re: Crash 11/12/02

On this day I was out walking  
at 9:15 I turned from Rockaway Bch  
Blvd at 133rd St heading toward  
Newport ave. at around 9:17 I was  
1/3 up the block, I heard an explosion  
I looked up in the sky, I saw a  
plane heading toward the ground on  
fire. At that point I ran for  
my life, I was running to keep  
a distance between me & the  
plane. The way I know the plane  
was down & I was safe was seeing  
the flash smoke.

[REDACTED]

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 11/12/01

On Monday, November 12, 2001, [REDACTED] date of birth [REDACTED] Social Security number [REDACTED], was interviewed at her residence [REDACTED] Belle Harbor, Queens, New York by Special Agents Louis DiGregorio, and Beth A. Ambinder, Federal Bureau of Investigation. After being advised of the nature of the interview [REDACTED] provided the following information:

[REDACTED] advised that she normally takes a morning walk with a friend of hers who resides on Beach 133rd Street. On 11-12-01 at approximately 9:17 am, [REDACTED] was walking on Beach 133rd Street between Newport Avenue and Rockaway Beach Boulevard. [REDACTED] recalled hearing an explosion overhead, then observing an airplane, on fire and falling from the sky. [REDACTED] ran to her friends house and later returned to her own residence on Beach 140th Street. [REDACTED] provided her home telephone number [REDACTED] and advised she would be receptive to any additional contact by the FBI if necessary.

Investigation on 11/12/01 at Belle Harbor, Queens, New York

File # 149A-NY-280669-302 Date dictated 11/12/01

by SA Beth A. Ambinder [Signature]  
SA Louis DiGregorio [Signature]

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TO: Luke Schiada, Air Safety Investigator  
FROM: Police Officer [REDACTED]

Shield Number 402, Serial Number 7058

SUBJECT: Flight 587 Plane Crash

1. On November 12, 2001 at about 0915hrs. I was on patrol aboard Nassau County police boat Marine 5. Also aboard were Police Officer [REDACTED] and Police Officer [REDACTED]. Officer [REDACTED] was operating the vessel. We were westbound at the East Rockaway head buoy in the Atlantic Ocean.

2. At this time Officer [REDACTED] became alarmed and was pointing forward. I observed a large jet plane heading straight down with the top of the plane facing us. There were flames and smoke coming from the rear starboard (right) side of the plane. The plane continued to fall straight down for 10-15 seconds until it crashed to the ground causing a large orange fireball and thick black smoke. Also apparent was a smaller secondary crash to the east which sent thick black smoke in the air.

3. We immediately notified USCG on VHF16 and our base then responded to Jamaica Bay. We arrived 20 minutes later and observed the crash sight which was on land in Belle

Harbor. In the water were two large pieces of the tail section. One piece was taken aboard a N.Y.C. Police vessel and the other was too big to lift so it was marked with floats. We began a search of the area and stayed at scene until we were ordered to return to our base at 1515 hrs.

4. After the incident myself, P.O. [REDACTED] and P.O. [REDACTED] determined, with the use of marine navigation charts, that we were 4 miles from the crash site when we noticed the plane in distress. Our view was unobstructed and it was a clear day.

[REDACTED]  
Police Officer



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After observing the explosion on land, [REDACTED] drove the boat to the Rockaway inlet, east of the Marine Parkway Bridge. [REDACTED] advised he and the other officers on board observed aircraft debris floating in the water.

Investigation on 11/12/01 at Brooklyn, New York

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Date of Orig. Report: 11/12/01 Date Assigned: 11/12/01 Case No: 1389 Unit Reporting: 100 Squad Follow-Up No.

Complainant's Name - Last, First, M.I.: American Airlines Victim's Name - H. Diligent

Last Name, First, M.I.: Address, include City, State, Zip: Apt. No.

Home Telephone: Business Telephone: Position/Relationship: Sex: Race: Date of Birth: Age:

Total No. of Perpetrators: Wanted: Arrested: Weapon: Describe Weapon (If firearm, give color, make, caliber, type, model, etc.):

Wanted: Arrested: Last Name, First, M.I.: Address, include City, State, Zip: Apt. No. Res. Pol.

Sex: Race: Date of Birth: Age: Height: Weight: Eye Color: Hair Color: Hair Length: Facial Hair: NYSD No.

Eye Glasses: Sunglasses: Clothing Description: Nickname, First Name, Alias: Scars, Marks, M.O., Etc. (Continue in "Details"):

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Comp. Interviewed: In Person: By Phone: Date: Time: Results: Same as Comp. Report - Different (Explain in Details)

Witness Interviewed: In Person: By Phone: Date: Time: Results: Same as Comp. Report - Different (Explain in Details)

Canvass: Conducted: If Yes - Make Entry in Body Re: Time, Date, Names, Addresses, Results: Crime Scene Visited: If Yes - Make Entry in Details Re: Time, Date, Evidence Obtained

Complainant Viewed Photos: Yes: Refused: Future: Results:

Witness Viewed Photos: Yes: Refused: Future: Results:

Crime Scene Dusted: By (Enter Results in Details): Crime Scene Photos: Yes: No: By (Enter Results in Details)

If Closing Case "No Results." Check Appropriate Box and State Justification in Details:  
 C-1 Improper Referral  C-2 Inaccurate Facts  C-3 No Evidence / Can't ID  C-4 Uncooperative Complainant  C-5 "Leads" Exhausted

DETAILS: INVESTIGATION: INVESTIGATE AIRLINER CRASH  
 SUBJECT: INTERVIEWS OF NASSAU COUNTY POLICE OFFICERS (HARBOR MARINE-5)

1. On this date of Monday November 12, 2001 at approximately 1415hrs, the undersigned responded to Beach 108st and Rockaway Beach Blvd, the dock area to interview three Police Officers from the Nassau County Police Department's Harbor Unit (Marine 5) that witnessed the American Airlines Crash that occurred in Rockaway Park on this

2. The undersigned also interviewed PO. [redacted] also of the Nassau County Police Department's Harbor unit who was also aboard Marine 5 and he stated that his partner PO. [redacted] yelled to him to look up, and when he did, he saw the Jetliner going down and he also noticed fire behind the left wing of the plane.

CASE: ACTIVE  CLOSED  DATE REVIEWED: CLOSED: 11/12/01 IF ACTIVE, DATE OF NEXT REVIEW:

REPORTING OFFICER: RANK: DET. SIGNATURE: NAME PRINTED: KINARD TAX REG. NO.: 893232 COMMAND: 100SQD

REVIEWING / CLOSING SUPERVISOR: AMG CASE: CLOSED: C ENTER DESIGNATION: SIGNATURE: C.O.'s INITIALS:

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[REDACTED]  
Rockaway Park, N.Y. 11694  
[REDACTED]

JAN 8, 2002

DEAR SIR,

I WORK FOR KEYSpan A UTILITY HERE IN NEW YORK.  
ON NOV. 12, 2001 I WAS WORKING ON THE S/W CORNER OF  
ROCKAWAY BEACH BLVD. AND BEACH 131<sup>ST</sup> ST, WITH A CREW OF  
(3) [REDACTED], [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]. WE  
WERE WORKING ON A GAS MAIN PROJECT.

AT APPROX 9:15 AM WE HEARD A LOUD ROAR FROM  
A PLAIN ENGINE SUCH AS THE S.S.T. FLYING LOW. I LOOKED  
UP AND SAW A PLAIN COMING AT US FROM THE NORTH  
SKY. THE PLANE WAS COMING DOWN, I SAW FLAMES AND  
DARK GRAY SMOKE COMING FROM THE LEFT SIDE WING NEXT TO  
THE PLANE BODY. THE PLANE WINGS WERE TURNING SLIGHTLY TO THE RIGHT.

THEN I SAW A PART BREAK AWAY FROM THE PLANE  
AND FLIP LIKE A PLAYING CARD TO THE RIGHT OF THE PLANE.  
WITH THE LETTER (A) ON IT. IT REMINDED ME OF A PLAYING  
CARD FLIPPING AND FLOATING ON THE AIR.

I ALSO SAW WHAT LOOKED LIKE A SILVER SHINGLE  
COME OFF THE PLANE ON THE LEFT SIDE AND FLIP AND FLOAT  
IN THE AIR.

Jan. 8, 2002

I OBSERVED THE PLANE FOR WHAT FELT TO BE 10 MINUTES BUT WAS ONLY ABOUT 15 SECONDS

THAN I REALIZED THAT I HAD BETTER RUN FOR MY LIFE BECAUSE WE WERE IN THE PATH OF THE PLANE. SO THATS WHAT WE DID.

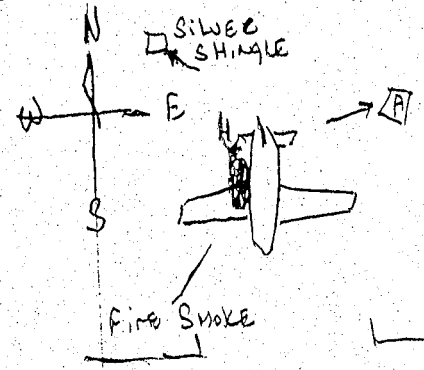
AFTER THE IMPACT OF THE PLANE WE WENT INTO THE CRASH AREA APPROX 400 FEET AWAY STRAIGHT DOWN BEACH 131 ST TO SEE WHAT ASSISTANCE WE COULD BE TO THE PEOPLE

MY FINAL VIEW OF THE PLANE WAS THE MUSHROOM CLOUD FROM IMPACT.

HOME PHONE AFTER 6 PM WEEK DAYS  
WORK CELL PHONE 7AM TO 6PM " "

AND RESCUED 2 FROM BURNING BUILDING ON BEACH 131 ST AND WAS THE FIRST TO SEE THE PLANE IN THE SKY

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WE WERE HERE X X 131

Rockway Beach Blvd



# National Transportation Safety Board

## Telephone Memorandum

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Date: February 27, 2002

Person Interviewed: [REDACTED]

Present: Debbie Roland, Witness Group

Subject: DCA02MA001, Witness Interview

A witness group member interviewed [REDACTED] via telephone. During the conversation, he stated:

He and his family were backing out of their driveway at about 0910.

He heard a loud whining engine sound and the airplane was about 1,000 feet in the air. He saw orange flames coming from the right side where the engines should have been. While sitting in his car, with the vantage point through the front windshield, bending down and looking up, he saw the airplane in a vertical, nose first position. He was looking port side and saw the nose and the belly of the airplane. He does not recall if the airplane was spiraling.

He then heard an explosion and a fire ball. He immediately got out of his car and saw an engine falling, well after the airplane had crashed. He believes it was the engine that landed on 128<sup>th</sup> Street. He saw a lot of aircraft fragments and debris falling.

He lost sight of the airplane right before it hit the ground because of a garage and houses in front of him.

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Date of transcription 11/14/01

[REDACTED] 407 Beach 124th street, Belle Harbor, New York, [REDACTED] was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the purpose of the interview.

[REDACTED] advised that he was in his driveway when he heard and noticed the American Airlines plane out of control. [REDACTED] saw the right side of the plane on fire. [REDACTED] saw an engine falling but noticed that it was not on fire. [REDACTED] then saw the plane turning left. [REDACTED] stated that the plane was vertical with the nose pointed straight to the ground. [REDACTED] advised that it looked like the plane was being screwed into the ground. [REDACTED] heard the impact and saw smoke.

Investigation on 11/12/01 at Queens, New York

File # 149A-NY-280669-sub-302 -159 Date dictated 11/14/01

by SA Sean C. McMullen

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Date of transcription 11/19/2001

[REDACTED]; 407 Beach 124th Street, Belle Harbor, New York 11694, telephone ([REDACTED]) [REDACTED], was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the interview. [REDACTED] provided the following information.

On the morning of November 12, 2001, at approximately 9:20am, [REDACTED] his wife [REDACTED] and their two (2) children were in the family vehicle pulling out of their driveway. [REDACTED] heard a loud noise and looked out the front windshield in a westward direction and observed an airplane falling from the sky nose first. [REDACTED] stated that the plane was on fire and in total distress. [REDACTED] stated that one (1) of the planes engines was missing.

[REDACTED] stated that the plane crashed a few blocks away and put the homes on fire.

Investigation on 11/13/2001 at Queens, New York

File # 149A-NY-280669 sub 302

Date dictated \_\_\_\_\_

by SA Christopher B. McKeough

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INFORMATIONAL  
PD 313-081A (Rev. 4-89)-31

Crime: **INVESTIGATE PLANE CRASH** Pct. **100** OCCB No. **-** Complaint No. **3325** Date of This Report **11/12/01**

Date of Orig. Report **11/12/01** Date Assigned **11/12/01** Case No. **1389** Unit Reporting **101 SOD** Follow-Up No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Complainant's Name - Last, First, M.I. \_\_\_\_\_ Victim's Name - If Different \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name, First, M.I. \_\_\_\_\_ Address, Include City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Business Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Position / Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Race \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Total No. of Perpetrators \_\_\_\_\_ Wanted \_\_\_\_\_ Arrested \_\_\_\_\_ Weapon \_\_\_\_\_ Describe Weapon (If firearm, give color, make, caliber, type, model, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Used  Possessed \_\_\_\_\_ Address, Include City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. No. \_\_\_\_\_ Res. Pct. \_\_\_\_\_

Perp. No. 1: Wanted  Arrested  Last Name, First, M.I. \_\_\_\_\_ Address, Include City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. No. \_\_\_\_\_ Res. Pct. \_\_\_\_\_  
Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Race \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_ Weight \_\_\_\_\_ Eye Color \_\_\_\_\_ Hair Color \_\_\_\_\_ Hair Length \_\_\_\_\_ Facial Hair \_\_\_\_\_ NYSID No. \_\_\_\_\_

Eyeglasses  Sunglasses \_\_\_\_\_ Clothing Description \_\_\_\_\_  
Nickname, First Name, Alias \_\_\_\_\_ Scars, Marks, M.O., Etc. \_\_\_\_\_ (Continue in "Details") \_\_\_\_\_ Address, Include City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. No. \_\_\_\_\_ Res. Pct. \_\_\_\_\_

Perp. No. 2: Wanted  Arrested  Last Name, First, M.I. \_\_\_\_\_ Address, Include City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. No. \_\_\_\_\_ Res. Pct. \_\_\_\_\_  
Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Race \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_ Weight \_\_\_\_\_ Eye Color \_\_\_\_\_ Hair Color \_\_\_\_\_ Hair Length \_\_\_\_\_ Facial Hair \_\_\_\_\_ NYSID No. \_\_\_\_\_

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Comp. Interviewed  Yes  No In Person  By Phone  Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_ Results: Same as Comp. Report - Different (Explain in Details)    
Witness Interviewed  Yes  No In Person  By Phone  Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_ Results: Same as Comp. Report - Different (Explain in Details)

ERP 1: Gahvass Conducted  Yes  No If Yes - Make Entry in Body Re: Time, Date, Names, Addresses, Results \_\_\_\_\_ Crime Scene Visited  Yes  No If Yes - Make Entry in Details Re: Time, Date, Evidence Obtained \_\_\_\_\_

ERP 2: Complainant Viewed Photos  Yes  Refused  Future \_\_\_\_\_ Results: \_\_\_\_\_  
Witness Viewed Photos  Yes  Refused  Future \_\_\_\_\_ Results: \_\_\_\_\_

ERP 1: Crime Scene Dusted  Yes  No By (Enter Results in Details) \_\_\_\_\_ Crime Scene Photos  Yes  No By (Enter Results in Details) \_\_\_\_\_

ERP 2: If Closing Case "No Results," Check Appropriate Box and State Justification in Details:  
 C-1 Improper Referral  C-2 Inaccurate Facts  C-3 No Evidence / Can't ID  C-4 Uncooperative Complainant  C-5 "Leads" Exhausted

ERP 1: DETAILS:

ERP 2: INVESTIGATION: PLANE CRASH

ERP 1: SUBJECT: INTERVIEW OF WITNESS KEVIN CONLON

ERP 2: 1. ON MONDAY NOVEMBER 12, 2001 THE UNDERSIGNED DID INTERVIEW [REDACTED] [REDACTED] STATED HE WAS IN HIS CAR OF 407 124ST PHONE # [REDACTED] [REDACTED] STATED HE OBSERVED A PLANE WITH FLAMES IN FRONT OF HIS HOUSE FACING WEST WHEN HE OBSERVED A PLANE WITH FLAMES COMING OFF OF THE WINGS. [REDACTED] STATED THE PLANE SOUNDED LIKE THE CONCORD BECAUSE THE PLANE WAS FLYING SO LOW. [REDACTED] FURTHER STATES HE OBSERVED AN ENGINE FALL FROM THE PLANE THEN THE PLANE TOOK A NOSE DIVE STRAIGHT INTO THE GROUND. [REDACTED] THEN SAW A LARGE AMOUNT OF SMOKE AND FIRE.

ERP 2: 2. SUBMITTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

CHOICE 1  
CHOICE 2

CASE  ACTIVE  CLOSED DATE REVIEWED / CLOSED **11/26/01** IF ACTIVE, DATE OF NEXT REVIEW \_\_\_\_\_  
REPORTING OFFICER: RANK **DET** SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ NAME PRINTED **ERIK PAULSEN** TAX REG. NO. **911351** COMMAND **101 SOD**  
REVIEWING / CLOSING SUPERVISOR: CASE ENTER DESIGNATION \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ C.O.'S INITIALS \_\_\_\_\_  
CLOSED:  C  OR B  Choice 1  Choice 2  Pwp 1  Pwp 2  Pwp 1  Pwp 2

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[REDACTED]  
Brooklyn, NY 11234-6006

Home Tel# [REDACTED]

Day or Evening

January 9, 2002

Mr. Luke Schiada  
Air Safety Investigator  
National Transportation Safety Board  
2001 Route 46, Suite 504  
Parsippany, NJ 07054

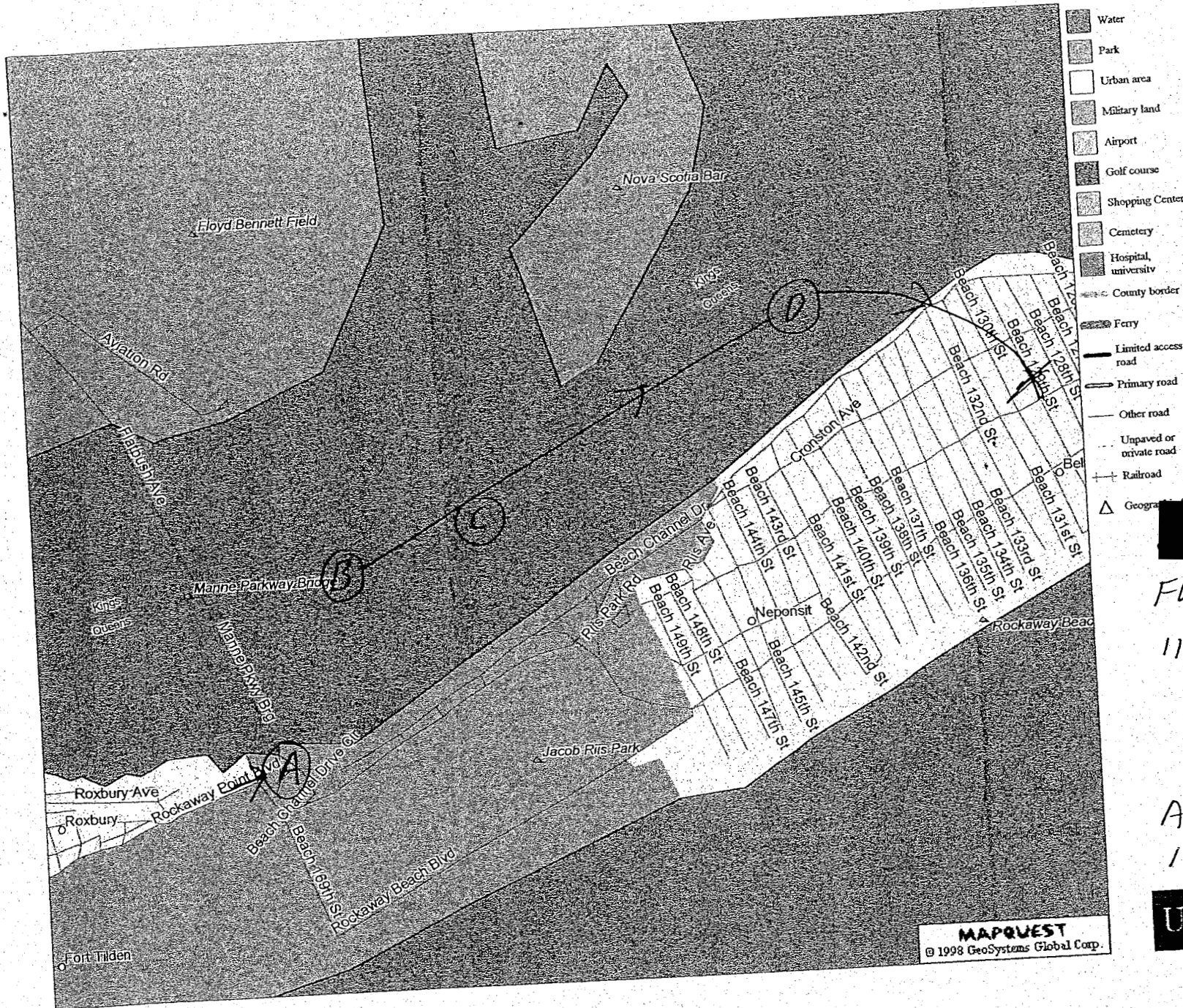
Dear Mr. Schiada,

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to provide the NTSB with my eyewitness statement relative to the crash of American Airlines Flight 587, which occurred on November 12, 2001. I have attached a map indicating my location of observation with the flight path and actions of the aircraft during that observation.

On the morning of November 12, 2001, shortly after 9:00 AM, I was driving eastbound in my car on Rockaway Point Blvd. Approximately 100 feet from the Brooklyn/Rockaway ramp divide (Point (A) on the map. It was warm and extremely clear on that day. I had my windows and my sunroof open. I have a tendency to observe the view of the Marine Parkway Bridge, which was to my direct left. I heard and observed an airliner in that same direction approximately one/half mile out and possibly 1,500 feet up proceeding in an easterly direction and appeared to be in a level normal flight, Point (B) on the map. It did seem to be flying lower than it should have been on a clear day. I saw a puff of white smoke come from the right side of the plane's body where the right wing meets. Within 2 to 3 seconds, an explosion occurred. The plane, from the wings back became fully enveloped in flames and dark black smoke (Point (C). The plane proceeded in the same direction and was descending. At (Point (D), it veered to the right, with the right wing perpendicular to the water. At that point, I observed pieces of debris falling from the aircraft through the black smoke. The debris continued to drop as it proceeded over land. From my point of observation, the wings seemed to have folded somewhat at that point. I never lost sight of the airplane. I saw the impact in Rockaway. This all occurred within 10 seconds, more or less.

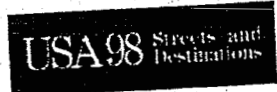
Sincerely,  
[REDACTED]

*There were also  
construction workers on  
the Bridge and a  
Green Bus Operator who  
were in the IMMEDIATE  
AREA NEAR ME.*



FLIGH 587  
11/12/2001

ATTACHMENT  
1/9/2002



Dear Sir,

I was at a mailbox at 141<sup>st</sup> and Newport Ave. facing east when the plane came from the bay (flying north to south). It was a couple of blocks in front of me and very low. In rise to planes flying over us in Belle Harbor but never like this.

As it came over it made a left turn and was now facing east going in the same direction as I was and maybe five blocks in front of me. The plane started tilting with its left wing tip almost pointing to the ground. At that time the tail flew off (North) toward the bay, then one motor also flew off. The pilot then looked like he was trying to turn back to the bay (left) and climb when the left engine flew off, also toward the bay. It was only then that I saw the only fire in the area where the engine flew off. It was a slight flame and then the plane climbed slightly and then came straight down nose first and that was the only explosion, when it

hit the ground. I am certain there was no explosion before it hit as I am also certain that the only fire was after the engine fell off. I observed the plane from the time it came over Jamaica Bay till the time it hit the ground and exploded.

Sincerely

Tel. #

[REDACTED]  
Belle Harbor, N.Y. 11694



COMPLAINT - FOLLOW UP INFORMATIONAL  
 PD 313-081A (Rev. 4-89)-31

Crime: INVESTIGATE PLANE CRASH  
 Pct: 100  
 OCCB No.: 3325  
 Complaint No.: 11-16-01  
 Date of This Report: 11-16-01

Date of Orig. Report: 11-12-01  
 Date Assigned: 11-12-01  
 Case No.: 1389  
 Unit Reporting: 100 SQD  
 Victim's Name - If Different: [REDACTED]  
 Follow-Up No.: [REDACTED]

Complainant's Name - Last, First, M.I.: P.S.N.Y.  
 Last Name, First, M.I.: [REDACTED]  
 Address, Include City, State, Zip: [REDACTED] ROCKAWAY, N.Y. 11693  
 Adt. No.: PH  
 Sex: M  
 Race: WHITE  
 Date of Birth: [REDACTED]  
 Age: 61

Home Telephone: [REDACTED]  
 Business Telephone: [REDACTED]  
 Position/Relationship: [REDACTED]  
 Describe Weapon (If firearm, give color, make, calibre, type, model, etc.): [REDACTED]

Total No. of Perpetrators: [REDACTED]  
 Wanted: [REDACTED] Arrested: [REDACTED]  
 Weapon: [REDACTED]  
 Used: [REDACTED] Possessed: [REDACTED]  
 Address, Include City, State, Zip: [REDACTED]  
 Apt. No.: [REDACTED] Res. Pct.: [REDACTED]

Perp. No. 1  
 Wanted: [REDACTED] Arrested: [REDACTED] Last Name, First, M.I.: [REDACTED]  
 Sex: [REDACTED] Race: [REDACTED] Date of Birth: [REDACTED] Age: [REDACTED] Height: [REDACTED] Weight: [REDACTED] Eye Color: [REDACTED] Hair Color: [REDACTED] Hair Length: [REDACTED] Facial Hair: [REDACTED] NYSID No.: [REDACTED]

Perp. No. 2  
 Eyeglasses: [REDACTED] Sunglasses: [REDACTED] Clothing Description: [REDACTED]  
 Nickname, First Name, Alias: [REDACTED] Scars, Marks, M.O., Etc.: [REDACTED]  
 Address, Include City, State, Zip: [REDACTED] Apt. No.: [REDACTED] Res. Pct.: [REDACTED]

Perp. No. 3  
 Wanted: [REDACTED] Arrested: [REDACTED] Last Name, First, M.I.: [REDACTED]  
 Sex: [REDACTED] Race: [REDACTED] Date of Birth: [REDACTED] Age: [REDACTED] Height: [REDACTED] Weight: [REDACTED] Eye Color: [REDACTED] Hair Color: [REDACTED] Hair Length: [REDACTED] Facial Hair: [REDACTED] NYSID No.: [REDACTED]

Perp. No. 4  
 Eyeglasses: [REDACTED] Sunglasses: [REDACTED] Clothing Description: [REDACTED]  
 Nickname, First Name, Alias: [REDACTED] Scars, Marks, M.O., Etc.: [REDACTED]  
 Address, Include City, State, Zip: [REDACTED] Apt. No.: [REDACTED] Res. Pct.: [REDACTED]

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 Comp. Interviewed: [REDACTED] In Person: [REDACTED] By Phone: [REDACTED] Date: [REDACTED] Time: [REDACTED] Results: Same as Comp. Report - Different (Explain in Details): [REDACTED]  
 Witness Interviewed: [REDACTED] In Person: [REDACTED] By Phone: [REDACTED] Date: 11-16-01 Time: 1905 Results: Same as Comp. Report - Different (Explain in Details): [REDACTED]

Canvass Conducted: [REDACTED] If Yes - Make Entry in Body Re: Time, Date, Names, Addresses, Results: [REDACTED]  
 Crime Scene Visited: [REDACTED] If Yes - Make Entry in Details Re: Time, Date, Evidence Obtained: [REDACTED]

Complainant Viewed Photos: [REDACTED] Results: [REDACTED]  
 Witness Viewed Photos: [REDACTED] Results: [REDACTED]  
 Crime Scene Dusted: [REDACTED] By (Enter Results in Details): [REDACTED]  
 Crime Scene Photos: [REDACTED] By (Enter Results in Details): [REDACTED]

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DETAILS: INVESTIGATION: PLANE CRASH  
 SUBJECT: INTERVIEW OF WITNESS (RICHARD COOPER)  
 CONTENTS: SAW PLANE CRASH

1. On the above date and time I did speak to [REDACTED] about the events that occurred on 11-12-01. He stated that at the T/P/O he had just gotten out of his auto at 141 Street and Newport Ave. to mail some letters. He saw a plane that was coming down. It was so loud it sounded like a Concord Jet. He states that the left wing tilted towards the ground then he observed the Tail and another piece of the plane fall away from the plane towards the ground. Then the left engine flew off and a fire ensued where it had been. The plane then attempted to go upward but then just nose dived to the ground.

2. CASE.....ACTIVE... F.B.I. AGENT PHIL ACALA NOTIFIED AT 1920 HRS.

DATE REVIEWED / CLOSED: 11/18/01  
 IF ACTIVE, DATE OF NEXT REVIEW: [REDACTED]

CASE:  ACTIVE  CLOSED  
 REPORTING OFFICER: [REDACTED] RANK: DET7  
 SIGNATURE: [REDACTED] NAME PRINTED: THOMAS DOLAN  
 TAX REG. NO.: 883079  
 COMMAND: 100SQD

REVIEWING / CLOSING SUPERVISOR: [REDACTED] CASE: [REDACTED] ENTER DESIGNATION: [REDACTED] SIGNATURE: [REDACTED] C.O.'S INITIALS: [REDACTED]

CHOICE 1: [REDACTED] CHOICE 2: [REDACTED]  
 PERP 1: [REDACTED] PERP 2: [REDACTED]

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 11/17/01

On 11/17/01, [REDACTED] DOB [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Rockaway, New York, [REDACTED] was interviewed at his residence. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview, [REDACTED] provided the following information:

On November 12, 2001, [REDACTED] left his home and drove to a mailbox located on B141st and Newport Avenue. [REDACTED] was outside his car when he heard a plane and looked up over his head. [REDACTED] saw a plane flying low, between 500-1000 feet over his head, and coming in at a slight angle. [REDACTED] said it appeared as though the plane turned toward the left at Newport Avenue. [REDACTED] saw the left wing dip down and then saw a large piece of the tail fly off the plane. Immediately after the large piece flew off, [REDACTED] saw a smaller object come from the plane. [REDACTED] assumed it was another part of the tail, but he could not be sure. Both pieces flew toward the direction of the bay. [REDACTED] watched the plane travel a few more blocks and then observed the left engine fall from the plane. After the engine fell, [REDACTED] saw some fire coming from the plane. It then appeared that the plane tried to go up a little, but suddenly fell straight down into the ground nose first. All of [REDACTED] observations occurred within about 30 seconds. [REDACTED] said the only explosion occurred when the plane impacted the ground.

[REDACTED] immediately returned to his house and by the time he arrived home, he noticed a police helicopter was already in the air.

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Investigation on 11/17/01 at Rockaway, New York

File # 149A-NY-280669-302-184 Date dictated \_\_\_\_\_  
 by SA Susan Ostrobinski  
SA Michael Porzio

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Crime: **INVESTIGATE PLANE CRASH** Pct. **100** OCCB No. **3325** Complaint No. **11/12/01**  
 Date of this report: **11/12/01** Follow-Up No. **PERP 1**

Date of this report: **11/12/01** Date Assigned: **1389** Unit Reporting: **Major Case Squad**  
 Complainant's Name - Last, First, M.I.: \_\_\_\_\_ Victim's Name - If Different: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name, First, M.I.: \_\_\_\_\_ Address, include City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Business Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Position / Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Race: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Total No. of Perpetrators: \_\_\_\_\_ Wanted: \_\_\_\_\_ Arrested: \_\_\_\_\_ Weapon: \_\_\_\_\_ Describe Weapon (If firearm, give color, make, calibre, type, model, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address, include City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Res. Pct.: \_\_\_\_\_

Perp. No. 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name, First, M.I.: \_\_\_\_\_ NYSID No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Race: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ Eye Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Hair Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Hair Length: \_\_\_\_\_ Facial Hair: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Eyeglasses  Sunglasses Clothing Description: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nickname, First Name, Alias: \_\_\_\_\_ Scars, Marks, M.O., Etc.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Continue in "Details")

Perp. No. 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name, First, M.I.: \_\_\_\_\_ NYSID No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Race: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ Eye Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Hair Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Hair Length: \_\_\_\_\_ Facial Hair: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Witness Interviewed:  Yes  No In Person:  By Phone:  Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Results: Same as Comp. Report - Different (Explain in Details)

4. Canvass Conducted:  Yes  No If Yes - Make Entry in Body Re: Time, Date, Names, Addresses, Results: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Crime Scene Visited:  Yes  No If Yes - Make Entry in Details Re: Time, Date, Evidence Obtained

5. Complainant Viewed Photos:  Yes  Refused  Future Results: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Witness Viewed Photos:  Yes  Refused  Future Results: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Crime Scene Dust:  Yes  No By (Enter Results in Details): \_\_\_\_\_ Crime Scene Photos:  Yes  No By (Enter Results in Details): \_\_\_\_\_

6. If Closing Case "No Results," Check Appropriate Box and State Justification in Details:  
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7. DETAILS:  
 INVESTIGATION: **CRASH OF AMERICAN AIRLINES FLT. #587**  
 SUBJECT: **P.O. [REDACTED] SH. # 65**  
**HARBOR A**

8. CONTENT:  
**INTERVIEW WITH WITNESS**

1. On 11/12/01 at approximately 1415 hrs. the undersigned interviewed P.O. Cooper at the Coast Guard Station at Broad Channel. He related the following. He and his partner P.O. [REDACTED] were speaking to a boater in the vicinity of Floyd Bennett Field and the Marine Parkway Bridge. At approximately 0915 hrs. he noticed a plane which had a wing on fire. The wing separated from the plane and fall to the water and the plane spun and hit the ground and exploded. He does not recall hearing any type of explosion before he saw the plane.

2. Case active pending further developments.

10. CHOICE 1  
 CHOICE 2

11. CASE:  ACTIVE  CLOSED DATE REVIEWED / CLOSED: **11/15/01** IF ACTIVE, DATE OF NEXT REVIEW: \_\_\_\_\_  
 REPORTING OFFICER: **DET.** SIGNATURE: **JOHN M. RYAN** NAME PRINTED: **JOHN M. RYAN** TAX REG. NO.: **863280** COMMAND: **MCS**  
 REVIEWING / CLOSING SUPERVISOR: **[Signature]** CASE: **C** ENTER DESIGNATION: \_\_\_\_\_ OR B: \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ C.O.'s INITIALS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Choice 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Choice 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Perp 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Perp 2: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date of transcription 11/14/01

On November 12-14, 2001, [REDACTED] 425 Beach 138th Street, Belle Harbor, New York, telephone number [REDACTED] [REDACTED], provided the following information:

On the morning of November 12, 2001, she was working outside in the front of her house. She felt the house shake, and some of her pots fell. She also heard a rumble in the sky, and thought that it was the CONCORDE flying too low. She looked up and saw something in the sky that she thought at first appeared to be a warhead. It did not appear to be an intact plane and it was falling straight down from the sky. She believed that the object may have been a portion of the front right part of the plane, which she estimated to be a length of about thirty five feet. When asked whether it could have been an engine, she said that she was not sure. The rear portion of that section was on fire, and it fell near her house. At impact, black smoke billowed up, and it became very quiet in the neighborhood.

At that point, she called out to a neighbor to dial 911, and jumped in her car to go to the scene. At some point, she could not drive any further and she returned home. She then started to move on foot to the area of impact. She ran down Newport Avenue, and at Beach 129th Street, she was surprised to see pieces of the plane on the porch of [REDACTED] house, Beach 129th Street, opposite the gas station. The pieces of the plane were still hot.

She will be available for further interviews at any time.

Investigation on 11/12-14/01 at Queens, New York

File # 149A-NY-280669

Date dictated 11/14/01

by SA JAMES P. WYNNE/dak



INFORMATIONAL PD 313-081A (Rev. 4-89)-31		Crime Investigate Plane crash	Pct. 100	OCCB No.	Complaint No. 3325	Date of This Report 11/12/01	14 PERP 1
Date of Duty Report 11/12/01	Date Assigned 11/12/01	Case No. 1389	Unit Reporting C.I.S. BNBIT	Follow-Up No.		15 PERP 2	
Complainant's Name - Last, First, M.I.			Victim's Name - If Different				16 PERP 1
Last Name, First, M.I.			Address, include City, State, Zip			Apt. No.	
Home Telephone		Business Telephone		Position / Relationship		Sex	Race
Date of Birth		Age		Date of Birth		Age	
Total No. of Perpetrators		Wanted	Arrested	Weapon		Describe Weapon (If firearm, give color, make, calibre, type, model, etc.)	
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Wanted		Arrested	Last Name, First, M.I.			Address, include City, State, Zip	
Apt. No.		Res. Pct.					
Sex		Race	Date of Birth	Age	Height	Weight	Eye Color
Hair Color		Hair Length		Facial Hair		NYSID No.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Eyeglasses <input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses		Clothing Description					
Nickname, First Name, Alias		Scars, Marks, M.O., Etc. (Continue in "Details")					
Wanted		Arrested	Last Name, First, M.I.			Address, include City, State, Zip	
Apt. No.		Res. Pct.					
Sex		Race	Date of Birth	Age	Height	Weight	Eye Color
Hair Color		Hair Length		Facial Hair		NYSID No.	
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7 DETAILS: Investigation: Plane Crash in the confines of the 100 Pct. Subject: Canvass of 124 St. from the Ocean and Newport Ave. 1. On Monday, November 12, 2001 At approximately 1300 hours Det. Scanlon and Det. Shaw of the BNBIT did conduct a canvass of 124 Street from the ocean to Newport Ave. in regards to a plane crash in the V/O 131 St. and Newport Ave.. The results							

131 B. 124 St. [REDACTED] saw plane descend then saw engine fall off. He then lost sight of the Plane and saw black smoke afterwards.

<input type="checkbox"/> ACTIVE <input type="checkbox"/> CLOSED	SIGNATURE [Signature]		NAME PRINTED Scanlon	TAX REC. NO. 899816	COMMAND CIS
REPORTING OFFICER:	RANK 1st Lt.	ENTER DESIGNATION		C.O.'S INITIALS	
REVIEWING / CLOSING SUPERVISOR:	CASE CLOSED: C	OR B		SIGNATURE SGT. [Signature]	
Choice 1	Choice 2	Perp 1	Perp 2	Perp 1	Perp 2

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[REDACTED]

Mr. Luke Schiada  
National Transportation Safety Board  
2001 Route 46, Suite 504  
Parsippany, New Jersey 07054

Dear Mr. Schiada:

This letter is in response to your request for my eyewitness testimony regarding the crash of American Airlines Flt 587 on November 12, 2001.

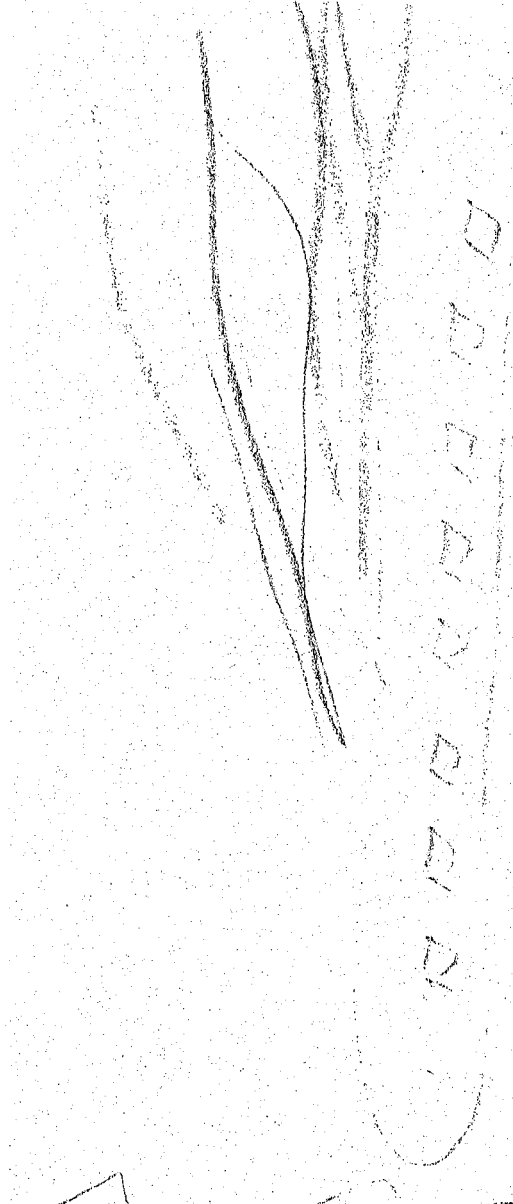
On that morning I was at my desk in my home office on the third floor on my residence on Beach 132<sup>nd</sup> Street. My back was to the window that faces the area where the plane came down (the plane crashed approximately 500 feet northeast of where I was situated.) I became bothered by the unusually loud sounds of what I thought to be the Concorde taking off—finally, I thought “this is ridiculous—I’m going to report them!” I turned to look out the window directly behind me (with an unobstructed view of the crash area) to see where the Concorde was headed and instead witnessed the close encounter with Flt.587.

At that moment the plane was coming straight down (no spiraling) behind me. I watched only for a few seconds. My view was of the left side of the plane (i.e. the left hand side of a passenger seated facing the pilot.) I left the window as the plane was about to impact. (I went to get my two sleeping children and their friend out of harms way.)

My vision of the plane is imprinted in my memory. Just as I told an official immediately after fleeing my house – I don’t remember seeing a tail or wings on the plane. I viewed only one side of this partial plane (a very close view) and there were no flames on the side I saw –fire was on the other side of the plane. The side of the partial plane I saw was unmarked and not in flames.

I’m not much of an artist but I attached a sketch of what I remember seeing. Please contact me at anytime if I can be of further assistance [REDACTED]

Sincerely,  
[REDACTED]



- Straight Down
- No memory of seeing a tail or wing
- the side of the partial plane that I saw was intact and not on fire
- flames were in the background (i.e. on the opposite side of my view)

fops of houses

EYEWITNESS:  
 CRASH 744 587  
American Airlines



Belle Harbor, NY-11694



Date of Orig. Report: 11-12-01 Date Assigned: 11-12-01 Case No. 1389 Unit Reporting: B.N.H.T.F. Follow-Up No.

Complainant's Name - Last, First, M.I.: P.S.N.Y. Victim's Name - If Different:

Last Name, First, M.I.: Address, include City, State, Zip

Home Telephone Business Telephone Position / Relationship Sex Race Date of Birth Age

Total No. of Perpetrators Wanted Arrested Weapon Describe Weapon (If firearm, give color, make, caliber, type, model, etc.)

Wanted Arrested Last Name, First, M.I. Address, include City, State, Zip Apt. No. Res. Pct.

Sex Race Date of Birth Age Height Weight Eye Color Hair Color Hair Length Facial Hair NYSID No.

Eyeglasses Sunglasses Clothing Description Nickname, First Name, Alias Scars, Marks, M.O., Etc. (Continue in "Details")

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Complainant Viewed Photos If Yes Refused Future Results:

Witness Viewed Photos If Yes Refused Future Results:

Crime Scene Dusted By (Enter Results in Details) Crime Scene Photos If Yes No By (Enter Results in Details)

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DETAILS:

INVESTIGATION: INVESTIGATE PLANE CRASH. SUBJECT: STREET CANVASS. STATUS: CASE OPEN.

1. On november 12, 2001 at approximately 0950 hours the undersigned along with Det. Amalfitano were present in the vicinity of Newport Ave. and 131 St. and conducted a street canvass regarding this investigation. The results were as follows:

230 132 St. I was working at home and heard a loud noise. I thought it was the concord. I looked out of the window and saw the plane in a nose dive about to hit my neighbor's yard. I then went to get my kids. The tremendous noise was before the plane hit.

CASE: ACTIVE / CLOSED DATE REVIEWED / CLOSED: 11/12/01 IF ACTIVE, DATE OF NEXT REVIEW

REPORTING OFFICER: Det. SIGNATURE: NAME PRINTED: Nesbot, A. TAX REG. NO.: 878267 COMMAND: BNHTF

REVIEWING / CLOSING SUPERVISOR: ENTER DESIGNATION: SIGNATURE: C.O.'s INITIALS

Choice Choice 1 2

[REDACTED]  
BELLE HARBOR, NY 11694  
[REDACTED]

TO LUKE SCHIADA (NTSB),

I AM RESPONDING TO YOUR INQUIRY RE: FLIGHT 587, I AM INDEED AN EYEWITNESS TO THE CRASH OF AMERICAN AIRLINES ON 11/12/01. I WAS AT HOME, INSIDE THE REAR OF MY ADDRESS, WHEN I HEARD AN EXTREMELY LOUD SOUND ALMOST DIRECTLY OVER MY HOME. IT SOUNDED AS IF A PLANE WAS VERY, VERY LOW AND NOT CONDUCTIVE TO A NORMAL SOUND A PLANE THAT USUALLY FLIES OVER MY HOME WOULD SOUND. I OPENED UP MY BACK DOOR, WHICH FACES WEST TO SOUTHWEST, AND IMMEDIATELY OBSERVED A PLANE FALLING STRAIGHT DOWN IN THE VICINITY OF BEACH 129<sup>TH</sup> STREET AND NEWPORT AVENUE. I ALSO OBSERVED AT THIS TIME THAT THE PLANE WAS ON FIRE AT APPROXIMATELY ITS MIDSECTION WHERE THE ENGINE/WING WOULD BE. FROM MY VANTAGE POINT, FACING SOUTHWEST, THE FIRE APPEARED TO BE EMANATING FROM THE LEFT SIDE. I OBSERVED THE PLANE FALLING FOR APPROXIMATELY 1 MINUTE UNTIL THE TIME IT JUST ABOUT HIT THE GROUND. AT THAT TIME, I HEARD THE ENSUING CRASH AND OBSERVED AT LEAST 3 AREAS WHERE HEAVY SMOKE AND FIRE WERE EMANATING FROM. SUBSEQUENTLY, I ALSO DISCOVERED THAT A GLASS TABLE THAT I HAVE ON MY REAR DECK WAS SHATTERED. THE POLICE DEPARTMENT LATER FOUND A 2" SHEARED PIECE OF A BOLT ON MY DECK IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF THE TABLE.



Pct. 100	Complaint No. 3325	Date of This Report 11/12/01
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DETAILS:  
 CONTINUATION FROM PREVIOUS....

3. (WITNESS # 02) [REDACTED] F.D.N.Y BATALLION # 40, ENGINE # 228, [REDACTED], RESIDING AT 547 BEACH 127 ST. [REDACTED] REPORTS THE FOLLOWING: HE WAS STANDING IN HIS KITCHEN WHICH IS IN THE REAR OF HIS HOUSE. HE HERAD AN EXTREMELY LOUD NOISE OVERHEAD, SOUNDING LIKE A ROCKET OR MISSILE. HE RAN OUT ONTO HIS BACK DECK. HE LOOKED UP AND SAW THAT A HUGE PLANE HAD JUST PASSED OVER HIS HOUSE. HE SAW THAT THE LEFT SIDE OF THE PLANE WAS ENGULFED IN A BALL OF FIRE. HE SAYS THAT THE PLANE WAS MOVING QUICKLY SUDDENLY, THE PLANE BEGAN TO MAKE A DIRECT NOSE DIVE DOWNWARD, AND IT BEGAN TO CORKSCREW. HE DID NOT SEE THE TAIL OF THE PLANE AND HE BELIEVES THAT ONE ENGINE FELL OFF THE PLANE IN FLIGHT OVER THE AREA OF 128 ST. HE CALLED THE FIRE DEPARTMENT DISPATCHER & REPORTED THE CRASH AND THE LOCATION AS BEING 129 ST. & NEWPORT AVE. HE THEN RAN OUT OF HIS HOUSE TOWARD THE CRASH. HE RAN INTO THE YARD OF 414 B. 128 ST. WHERE THE REAR OF THE HOUSE WAS ON FIRE, AS WELL AS TWO GARAGES AND A BOAT. HE REMAIND THERE AND ASSISTED THE FIRE UNITS THAT WERE ON THE SCENE. HE STATES THAT THE PLANE WAS TRAVELING IN A SOUTHWESTERLY DIRECTION HAVING PASSED OVER THE JAMAICA BAY. LATER WHEN HE RETURNED TO HIS HOUSE, HE SAW DEBRIS AND JET FUEL IN THE WATER IN THE V/O 127 ST. & BEACH CHANNEL DRIVE.

CASE ACTIVE.....

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CASE		DATE REVIEWED/CLOSED	IF ACTIVE, DATE OF NEXT REVIEW	
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	DET.	[Signature]	BRANDT	893874 115 SQD.
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	CLOSED:	C OR B	[Signature]	

Rockaway Beach N.Y.  
#693

1-21-02

To N.T.S.B.

Dear Sir or Madam.

This statement is in ref. to what I observed of American Airlines Flight # 587.

at about 9:15 AM, I was on beach 7351 in Rockaway travelling West. my purpose was to go across the cross bay bridge.

As I looked up, I saw the fuselage of the plane in "FLAMES" like a balloon of fire. I then saw two parts of the plane separate from the plane.

a large portion and a small portion which they recovered from the bay. I was horrified and angry that this could happen.

my opinion was that the pilot was struggling to ditch the plane in the bay to avoid hitting land.

It is obvious that the struggle was apparent to ditch the plane in the water. It finally took a nose dive and the last thing was tremendous smoke.

Sincerely

If you not in  
or call my cell # [redacted] or leave a message [redacted]

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Date of Orig. Report 11-12-01 Date Assigned 11-12-01 Case No. 1389 Unit Reporting 100 SQSD Follow-Up No.

Complainant's Name - Last, First, M.I. P. S. N. Y. Victim's Name - If Different

Witness No. 1 Last Name, First, M.I. Address, include City, State, Zip. Apt. No. ROCKAWAY, N. Y. 57

Home Telephone Business Telephone Position / Relationship NONE Sex N Race WHITE Date of Birth Age 55

Total No. of Perpetrators Wanted Arrested Weapon Describe Weapon (If firearm, give color, make, calibre, type, model, etc.)

Wanted Arrested Last Name, First, M.I. Address, include City, State, Zip. Apt. No. Res. Pct.

Perp. No. 1 Sex Race Date of Birth Age Height Weight Eye Color Hair Color Hair Length Facial Hair NYSID No.

Eyeglasses Sunglasses Clothing Description, Scars, Marks, M.O., Etc. (Continue in "Details")

Wanted Arrested Last Name, First, M.I. Address, include City, State, Zip. Apt. No. Res. Pct.

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Complainant Viewed Photos Results: Witness Viewed Photos Results:

Crime Scene Dusted By (Enter Results in Details) Crime Scene Photos By (Enter Results in Details)

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DETAILS: INVESTIGATION: PLANE CRASH SUBJECT: INTERVIEW OF WITNESS ARTIE COYLE CONTENTS: SAW PLANE NOSEDIVE

1. On the above date and time [redacted] was present at the 100 Det. Sq. At that time he stated the following: yesterday I had just dropped my wife off at her job at Beach 20 Street. I started to drive back home and got to Beach 70 Street and Beach Channel Drive when I looked up and saw this plane on fire. Then I saw what appeared to be one of the wings separate from the plane, then another small part of the plane also fall off. Both parts appeared to fall into the Bay. The plane then begin to sway back and forth and did then nosedive straight down towards the ground. I did not hear any explosion but I did see a large cloud of black smoke in the distance.

2. CASE.....ACTIVE

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CASE ACTIVE CLOSED DATE REVIEWED / CLOSED 11/19/01 IF ACTIVE, DATE OF NEXT REVIEW REPORTING OFFICER: RANK DET. SIGNATURE THOMAS DOLAN TAX REG. NO. 883079 COMMAND 100SQSD REVIEWING / CLOSING SUPERVISOR: CASE ENTER DESIGNATION OR B SIGNATURE C.O.'s INITIALS

Choice 1 Choice 2 Perp 1 Perp 2





COMPLAINT - FOLLOW UP OF INFORMATIONAL  
 PD 313-081A (Rev. 4-89)-31

Crime INVESTIGATE AIRPLANE CRASH Pct. 100 UCCB No. 3325 11/12/01

Date of Orig. Report 11/12/01 Date Assigned 11/12/01 Case No. 1389 Unit Reporting 106 SQUAD Follow-Up No. PERP 1

Complainant's Name - Last, First, M.I. Victim's Name - If Different PERP 2

Last Name, First, M.I. Address, include City, State, Zip Apt. No. PERP 1

Home Telephone Business Telephone Position / Relationship Sex Race Date of Birth Age PERP 2

Total No. of Perpetrators Wanted Arrested Weapon Describe Weapon (If firearm, give color, make, caliber, type, model, etc.) Address, include City, State, Zip Apt. No. Res. Pct. PERP 1

Wanted Arrested Last Name, First, M.I. Sex Race Date of Birth Age Height Weight Eye Color Hair Color Hair Length Facial Hair NYSID No. CHOICE 1

Eyeglasses Sunglasses Clothing Description Nickname, First Name, Alias Scars, Marks, M.O., Etc. (Continue in "Details") Address, include City, State, Zip Apt. No. Res. Pct. CHOICE 2

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Witness Interviewed In Person By Phone Date Time Results: Same as Comp. Report - Different (Explain in Details) CHOICE 1

Canvass Conducted If Yes - Make Entry in Body Re: Time, Date, Names, Addresses, Results Crime Scene Visited If Yes - Make Entry in Details Re: Time, Date, Evidence Obtained CHOICE 2

Complainant Viewed Photos Yes Refused Future Results: CHOICE 1

Witness Viewed Photos Yes Refused Future Results: CHOICE 2

Crime Scene Observed By (Enter Results in Details) Crime Scene Photos Yes No By (Enter Results in Details) CHOICE 1

If Closing Case "No Results," Check Appropriate Box and State Justification in Details: C-1 Improper Referral C-2 Inaccurate Facts C-3 No Evidence / Can't ID C-4 Uncooperative Complainant C-5 "Legs" Exhausted CHOICE 2

DETAILS: AIRPLANE CRASH INTERVIEWS OF MARINEPARK BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION WORKERS PERP 1

INVESTIGATED: SUBJECT: ON 11/12/01 I RESPONDED TO THE MARINE PARK BRIDGE ALONG WITH DET. CLASSI TO CANVASS AND INTERVIEW CONSTRUCTION WORKERS WHO MAY HAVE WITNESSED THE CRASH OF FLIGHT # 587. THE RESULTS ARE AS FOLLOWS: PERP 2

9 PERP 1 [REDACTED] M/W/35 1025 EAST 2ST BROOKLYN [REDACTED] HE WAS STANDING WITH THE ABOVE WITNESS, FACING THE WEST AS HE TALKED TO THEM WHEN [REDACTED] SAID LOOK AND TURNED HIM AROUND. HE SAW THE PLANE IN A DIVING ROLL WITH DERRIS TRAILING OUT. THE PLANE THEN DIVED INTO THE GROUND AND EXPLODED INTO A FIREBALL. PERP 2

ACTIVE  CLOSED  REPORTING OFFICER: [Signature] RANK: DET SIGNATURE: [Signature] NAME PRINTED: DREW, CHRISTOPHER TAX REG. NO.: 891478 COMMAND: 106SQD SUPERVISOR: [Signature] ENTER DESIGNATION: [Signature] SIGNATURE: [Signature] C.O.'S INITIALS: [Signature]

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Date of Orig. Report: 11/12/01 | Date Assigned: 11/12/01 | Case No.: 1389 | Unit Reporting: Brooklyn North Intell | Follow-Up No.:

Complainant's Name - Last, First, M.I.: PSNY | Victim's Name - If Different:

Witness No. 1: Last Name, First, M.I. | Address, include City, State, Zip | Apt. No. | PERP 1

Home Telephone | Business Telephone | Position / Relationship | Sex | Race | Date of Birth | Age | PERP 2

Total No. of Perpetrators: Wanted | Arrested | Weapon:  Used  Possessed | Describe Weapon (If firearm, give color, make, calibre, type, model, etc.)

Perp. No. 1: Wanted | Arrested | Last Name, First, M.I. | Address, include City, State, Zip | Apt. No. | Res. Pct. | CHOICE 1

Sex | Race | Date of Birth | Age | Height | Weight | Eye Color | Hair Color | Hair Length | Facial Hair | NYSID No. | CHOICE 2

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Perp. No. 2: Wanted | Arrested | Last Name, First, M.I. | Address, include City, State, Zip | Apt. No. | Res. Pct. | CHOICE 1

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Witness Interviewed:  Yes  No | In Person | By Phone | Date | Time | Results: Same as Comp. Report - Different (Explain in Details)

Canvass Conducted:  Yes  No | If Yes - Make Entry in Body Re: Time, Date, Names, Addresses, Results | Crime Scene Visited:  Yes  No | If Yes - Make Entry in Details Re: Time, Date, Evidence Obtained | CHOICE 1

Complainant Viewed Photos:  Yes  Refused  Future | Results: | CHOICE 2

Witness Viewed Photos:  Yes  Refused  Future | Results: | CHOICE 2

Crime Scene Dusted:  Yes  No | By (Enter Results in Details) | Crime Scene Photos:  Yes  No | By (Enter Results in Details) | PERP 1

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DETAILS: Investigation: Plane Crash confines of the 100 Pct | Subject: Canvass of Beach 120th St, Newport to Rockaway Beach Blvd | Details: As Noted below | PERP 1

On this date, at approx 1330hrs to 1430hrs, the undersigned along with Det DeRito and Sgt Daly, conducted a door to door canvass on Beach 120th St, from Newport to Rockaway Beach Blvd. The following is a list of the addresses checked and people | PERP 2

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[Redacted] /13, told [Redacted] stated he was standing by 414 B123 Street and heard a loud noise. People were screaming and he looked up saw back tail section of plane on fire as the plane banked to the right and then went into the ground. He said he didn't notice any of the engines on fire.

CASE:  ACTIVE  CLOSED | DATE REVIEWED / CLOSED | IF ACTIVE, DATE OF NEXT REVIEW: CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

REPORTING OFFICER: [Signature] | RANK: P10T | NAME PRINTED: Renneth Catip | TAX REG. NO.: 913134 | COMMAND: 448BIT

REVIEWING / CLOSING SUPERVISOR: [Signature] | CASE CLOSED: C | ENTER DESIGNATION OR B | SIGNATURE: [Signature] | C.O.'s INITIALS:

Choice 1 | Choice 2 | PERP 1 | PERP 2



## National Transportation Safety Board

### Telephone Memorandum

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**Date:** February 26, 2002

**Person Interviewed:** G [REDACTED]

**Present:** Debbie Roland: Witness Group

**Subject:** DCA02MA001, Witness Interview

A witness group member interviewed Mr. [REDACTED] via telephone. During the conversation, he stated:

He was leaving his bedroom at approximately 0902-0904, headed out to warm the car and drive to a bagel shop, located at 129<sup>th</sup> Street. He had turned onto Crounston Avenue and made a right to 129<sup>th</sup> Street.

Stopping at the stop sign, he heard a loud, roaring noise, and thought it was the SST. He put his window down, looked out, and saw the airplane coming from the water. He said the airplane was a lot lower than normal. The airplane was steady. The weather was a sunny day and the airplane looked shiny.

As he turned the corner, he continued to look out his window at the airplane. There was no fire or smoke, but the airplane was definitely making a loud noise. He saw the airplane nosing toward the ground. He then heard a pop, like an electrical line popping, then an explosion.

Right after the explosion, the airplane seemed to veer towards the right, at a  $\frac{3}{4}$  degree to nose down attitude. He did not see any flames shooting from the bottom of the airplane during the explosion. He saw a puff of white smoke about where the left engine should be located. Then he saw the tail of the airplane blown off. He saw the letters AA on the tail as it feathered into the water. He saw debris in the air.

He saw in quick succession, one of the two engines completely on fire sailing past the left of his car, and then the other engine fall. He lost partial view of the airplane after the engines fell off, due to the smoke interfering with his vision.

He saw the airplane that seemed to be without wings, in a ball of black smoke, diving down to the ground. There was a huge explosion, and black smoke bellowed out of the location.

He was interviewed by Agent Stone, FBI.



DETAILS:

[REDACTED]

4) [REDACTED] PH [REDACTED] Tele# [REDACTED]  
 At approx. 1530 hours, the undersigned received a call on my cellphone from the above person. The above person stated to the undersigned, that he had returned home and was talking with his neighbor, whom resides at [REDACTED]. They gave him my business card, to which he called the undersigned to relate the following facts in sum and substance of what he observed. He stated that he was driving on Cronton Ave toward Beach 129 Street, when he observed an American Airline Plane approaching. He then observed the noise and saw the tail of the plane blowup. He then allegedly saw the right side of the plane separate from the plane, as well as the left side of the plane fall off also. He then saw the remainder of the plane fall toward the ground toward houses. He left the location to get home to check on the safety of his family. After he made sure his family was ok, he proceeded to return to the scene, to help with the rescue of any possible survivors.

FBI AGENT LEWIS NOTIFIED OF EYEWITNESS ACCOUNT OF PLANE CRASH.  
 FAXED COPY OF DD5 TO COMMAND POST

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	DET	[Signature]	DEVINE	883770
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**AA587 Witness**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 25, 2002 10:14 PM  
**To:** AA587WIT@NTSB.GOV  
**Subject:** EYE WITNESS 587

To Whom it may concern, I am a crewchief for American Airlines. I witnessed Flight 587 from my point of view, I was on gate 48A looking west. I seen Flight 587 struggling and the back of the tail violently going side to side. At this point I seen the tail of the aircraft snap off the plane and the aircraft went into a left nose dive and started to spin. I seen no smoke coming from the aircraft. If I could be of any assistance please feel free to contact me.



01/28/2002

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 11/16/01

[redacted] American Airlines Cargo Handler, JFK International Airport, born 4/2/58, home address: [redacted] Congers, New York 10992, telephone [redacted] 5, cellular telephone [redacted], Port Authority Identification Number: 001919004, after being advised of the identity of the interviewing Detective and the nature of the interview, provided the following information:

[redacted] is a cargo handler for American Airlines. He was working on the American Airlines ramp at gate 48 on 11/12/01. [redacted] witnessed an American Airlines aircraft repeatedly pulling right to left while flying level and west. The aircraft lost part of its wing or rudder, and the aircraft nosedived into the Rockaways.

[redacted] does not remember seeing any smoke or fire.

Investigation on 11/15/01 at Jamaica, New York

File # 149A-NY-280669-302

Date dictated 11/16/01

by Detective Frank Esposito, PAPD, JFK

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 11/14/2001

██████████, DOB ██████████, SSAN ██████████ of ██████████  
 ██████████, telephone number ██████████  
 was interviewed telephonically at his residence by Special Agent  
 Pierre G. Chrissafis, Federal Bureau of Investigation. After being  
 advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of  
 the interview, ██████████ provided the following information:

██████████ is employed as a cable slicer with VERIZON, 318  
 Nevin Street, Park Slope, Brooklyn, New York, telephone number ██████████  
 ██████████. On 11/12/2001, ██████████ was off from work because of  
 Veteran's Day and was fishing on Jamaica Bay near Jacob Riis Beach  
 and Fort Tilden on a jette, when he witnessed the a plane on fire.

██████████ advised that at approximately 9:10am or 9:12am he  
 heard two (2) loud noises seconds apart described as explosions,  
 coming from the sky. The second explosion was louder then the  
 first. When he looked up to the sky he witnessed a plane on fire  
 with dark grey smoke coming from the plane. He could not tell  
 exactly from which part of the plane the fire was coming from.

██████████ advised that from his position he could not tell  
 if the plane was coming apart or an engine detaching from plane.  
 ██████████ did not witness any fuel or anything like fuel being  
 released from the plane.

██████████ further explained that it appeared the plane took  
 a ninety degree turn towards the ground and fell nose first,  
 crashing into the ground. After the plane crashed it erupted into  
 flames.

Finally, ██████████ did not believe that there was any  
 suspicious activity of any kind at the time he observed the plane  
 on fire and crashing to the ground. ██████████ provided no further  
 information.

Investigation on 11/12/2001 at Rockaway Park, New York (telephonically)  
 File # 149A-NY-280669 SUB 302 - 124 Date dictated \_\_\_\_\_  
 by SA Pierre G. Chrissafis p6c

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INFORMATIONAL  
PD 313-081A (Rev. 4-89)-31

Crime: **INVEST. PLANE CRASH** Pct: **100** OCCB No.: **3325** Date of This Report: **11/12/01**

Date of Orig. Report: **11/12/01** Date Assigned: **11/12/01** Case No.: **1389** Unit Reporting: **100 P.D.U.** Follow-Up No.:

Complainant's Name - Last, First, M.I.: \_\_\_\_\_ Victim's Name - If Different: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness No. 1: Last Name, First, M.I.: \_\_\_\_\_ Address, include City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Business Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Position / Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Race: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Total No. of Perpetrators: \_\_\_\_\_ Wanted: \_\_\_\_\_ Arrested: \_\_\_\_\_ Weapon: \_\_\_\_\_ Describe Weapon (If firearm, give color, make, calibre, type, model, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_  
Used  Possessed  Address, include City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Res. Pct.: \_\_\_\_\_

Perp. No. 1: Wanted: \_\_\_\_\_ Arrested: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name, First, M.I.: \_\_\_\_\_ Address, include City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Res. Pct.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Race: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ Eye Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Hair Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Hair Length: \_\_\_\_\_ Facial Hair: \_\_\_\_\_ NYSID No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Eyeglasses  Sunglasses Clothing Description: \_\_\_\_\_  
Nickname, First Name, Alias: \_\_\_\_\_ Scars, Marks, M.O., Etc.: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Continue in "Details"):

Perp. No. 2: Wanted: \_\_\_\_\_ Arrested: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name, First, M.I.: \_\_\_\_\_ Address, include City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Res. Pct.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Race: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ Eye Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Hair Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Hair Length: \_\_\_\_\_ Facial Hair: \_\_\_\_\_ NYSID No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Comp. Interviewed:  Yes  No In Person:  By Phone:  Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Results: Same as Comp. Report - Different (Explain in Details)

Witness Interviewed:  Yes  No In Person:  By Phone:  Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Results: Same as Comp. Report - Different (Explain in Details)

Canvass Conducted:  Yes  No If Yes - Make Entry in Body Re: Time, Date, Names, Addresses, Results: \_\_\_\_\_ Crime Scene Visited:  Yes  No If Yes - Make Entry in Details Re: Time, Date, Evidence Obtained: \_\_\_\_\_

Complainant Viewed Photos:  Yes  Refused  Future Results: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness Viewed Photos:  Yes  Refused  Future Results: \_\_\_\_\_

Crime Scene Dusted:  Yes  No By (Enter Results in Details): \_\_\_\_\_ Crime Scene Photos:  Yes  No By (Enter Results in Details): \_\_\_\_\_

If Closing Case "No Results," Check Appropriate Box and State Justification in Details:  
 C-1 Improper Referral  C-2 Inaccurate Facts  C-3 No Evidence / Can't ID  C-4 Uncooperative Complainant  C-5 "Leads" Exhausted

DETAILS:  
Investigation: **PLANE CRASH AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT 587**

Contents: **INTERVIEW OF WITNESS**

WITNESS: [REDACTED] D/O/B [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] WILLISTON PARK, NY 11596  
[REDACTED] 8235

STATED THAT HE WAS ON BRIDGE WORKING WHEN HE SAW THE PLANE BEGIN TO LEAN TO ONE SIDE AND THEN PLANE BEGAN TO SPIRAL. WITNESS STATED HE SAW ONE ENGINE ON FIRE. THE PLANE THEN WENT INTO A SPIN WITH DEBRIS FALLING FROM PLANE INTO WATER. AFTER SEEING THE WING FALL APART FROM PLANE HE SAW THE PLANE HIT THE GROUND AND EXPLODE. THE WITNESS IS AN EMPLOYEE OF KISKA CONSTRUCTION COMPANY.

CASE:  ACTIVE  CLOSED DATE REVIEWED / CLOSED: **11/15/01** IF ACTIVE, DATE OF NEXT REVIEW: \_\_\_\_\_  
REPORTING OFFICER: **[Signature]** SIGNATURE: **[Signature]** NAME PRINTED: **[Signature]** TAX REG. NO.: **51255** COMMAND: **Q131T**  
REVIEWING / CLOSING SUPERVISOR: **[Signature]** CASE ENTER DESIGNATION: \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE: **[Signature]** C.O.'S INITIALS: \_\_\_\_\_  
Choice 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Choice 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Pct 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Pct 2: \_\_\_\_\_



January 10, 2002

Mr. Luke Schiada  
Air Safety Investigator  
National Transportation Safety Board  
2001 Route 46, Suite 504  
Parsippany, New Jersey 07054

Re: American Airlines flight 587

Dear Mr. Schiada:

On the morning of November 12, 2001 I was walking up from the beach on Beach 129th Street. As I was approaching the beach wall I looked up and saw an airplane that was flying very low with fire coming out by the left wing. When I first saw the plane it looked like it was over Beach 129th Street approaching the corner of Rockaway Beach Blvd. The plane appeared to be heading south west. As I started running off the beach I saw the plane go on its' left side and begin to fall from the sky. By the time I reached the front of my house, which is only a few feet away from the beach where I first saw the plane, I couldn't see the plane for about 5 to 10 seconds then the next thing I saw was black smoke everywhere. The last thing I saw before I lost sight of the plane was the plane coming down on its' left side with fire coming out by the back of the left wing. The fire coming out the plane by the back of the left wing was present from the moment I saw the plane until I lost sight of the plane. It is hard to say for sure how long I observed the plane. I would say that I observed the plane for approximately 1 minute.

Very truly yours,

  
Belle Harbor, NY 11694

 after 5:00 P.M.



COMPLAINT - FOLLOW UP  
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Crime: INV. PLANE CRASH Pct. 100 OCCB No. 3325 Date of This Report 11/12/01

Date of Orig. Report 11/12/01 Date Assigned 11/12/01 Case No. 1389 Unit Reporting 115 SQUAD Follow-Up No.

Complainant's Name - Last, First, M.I. P.S.N.Y. Victim's Name - If Different

Last Name, First, M.I. Address, include City, State, Zip Apt. No.

Home Telephone Business Telephone Position / Relationship Sex Race Date of Birth Age

Total No. of Perpetrators Wanted Arrested Weapon Describe Weapon (If firearm, give color, make, calibre, type, model, etc.)

Wanted Arrested Last Name, First, M.I. Address, include City, State, Zip Apt. No. Res. Pct.

Sex Race Date of Birth Age Height Weight Eye Color Hair Color Hair Length Facial Hair NYSID No.

Perp. No. 1  
 Eyeglasses  Sunglasses Clothing Description, Scars, Marks, M.O., Etc. (Continue in "Details")

Wanted Arrested Last Name, First, M.I. Address, include City, State, Zip Apt. No. Res. Pct.

Perp. No. 2  
Sex Race Date of Birth Age Height Weight Eye Color Hair Color Hair Length Facial Hair NYSID No.

Perp. No. 2  
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Witness Interviewed In Person By Phone Date Time Results: Same as Comp. Report - Different (Explain in Details)

Canvass Conducted If Yes - Make Entry in Body Re: Time, Date, Names, Addresses, Results Crime Scene Visited If Yes - Make Entry in "Details" Re: Time, Date, Evidence Obtained

Complainant Viewed Photos  Yes  Refused  Future Results:

Witness Viewed Photos  Yes  Refused  Future Results:

Crime Scene Dusted By (Enter Results in Details) Crime Scene Photos  Yes  No By (Enter Results in Details)

If Closing Case "No Results," Check Appropriate Box and State Justification in Details:  
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DETAILS:  
INVESTIGATION: PLANE CRASH  
SUBJECT: INTERVIEW EYEWITNESSES

1. ON 11/12/01 AT APPX. 1100 HOURS THE UNDERSIGNED CONDUCTED INTERVIEWS OF THE FOLLOWING TWO INDIVIDUALS IN REGARD TO THE CRASH OF AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT # 587. THE RESULTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

2. (WITNESS # 01) [REDACTED] F/W, 50, RESIDING AT [REDACTED] P.H. STATES THAT AT SOMETIME AFTER 9:00 A.M. SHE WAS WALKING HER DOG ON THE BEACH, ON THE AREA SOUTH OF THE BEACHHEAD. AS SHE WAS WALKING TOWARD HER HOUSE FROM THE BEACH ONTO 129 ST, SHE HEARD A LOUD SOUND IN THE SKY. SHE LOOKED UP AND SAW A PLANE FLYING IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION IN WHAT SHE BELIEVED WAS THE AREA ABOVE 129 ST. AND NEWPORT AVE. THE PLANE WAS BANKING TOWARD THE SOUTH. SHE STATES THAT SHE SAW A BRIGHT RED FLAME STREAMING FROM THE LEFT SIDE OF THE PLANE, EITHER FROM THE WING OR ENGINE. AS SHE WATCHED THE PLANE, THE PLANE GREW STRONGER. THERE WAS NO SMOKE AT THAT TIME. THE PLANE THEN STARTED TO ROLL TO ITS LEFT, FLYING EXTREMELY LOW. SHE SAYS AT THAT POINT THE PLANE DISAPPEARED FROM HER SIGHT JUST OVER THE ROOFLINES. SHE NEXT HEARD A LOUD EXPLOSION AND SAW A HUGE CLOUD OF BLACK SMOKE RISE INTO THE AIR. SHE RAN INTO HER HOUSE AND EVACUATED HER TWO DAUGHTERS AND RAN TO HER FRIENDS HOUSE ON BEACH 145 ST. [REDACTED] DESCRIBED THE AIRPLANE AS A GREY AND SILVER COLORED STANDARD COMMERCIAL AIRLINER BUT DID NOT KNOW THE NAME OF THE AIRLINE. [REDACTED] STATED THAT THE AIRPLANE ENGINE WAS STEADY AND LOUD, IT DID NOT SEEM TO EITHER GROW LOUDER OR WEAKER AND SHE DID NOT SEE ANY OVERT MOVEMENTS OR SUDDEN CHANGES IN THE DIRECTION OF FLIGHT.

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CASE  ACTIVE  CLOSED DATE REVIEWED / CLOSED IF ACTIVE, DATE OF NEXT REVIEW

REPORTING OFFICER: [REDACTED] RANK DET. SIGNATURE [REDACTED] NAME PRINTED BRANDT TAX REG. NO. 893874 COMMAND NO. 115

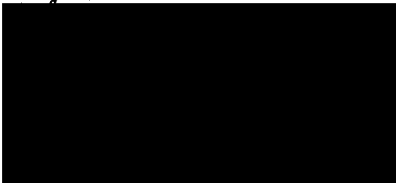
REVIEWING / CLOSING SUPERVISOR: [REDACTED] CASE ENTER DESCRIPTION SIGNATURE [REDACTED] C.O.'S INITIALS

Re: Telephone call from Luke Scaiapa – NTSB New Jersey - Wednesday, November 21, 2001

I have 22 –23 years military flight Experience with the US Marine Corps and retired in 1970. Observations were made from Floyd Bennet Field, Hanger B where I was working as a Red Cross Volunteer

At approximately 0900 hours on November 12, my wife called attention to an airplane in trouble. At that point I was about five miles from the aircraft, initially estimated to be about 3,000 feet altitude. I observed the aircraft in a slightly nose high position and in a right wing down (estimated to be 45 degrees) position with the left engine streaming fire. The aircraft then continued rotation to inverted and down in a tight spiral or spin for a half to three quarters of a turn and crashed nose down and vertical (est. 90 degrees) to the ground. There was virtually no forward travel from the first observation until the crash. A fireball was observed about two or three seconds after impact. I did not observe any pieces break or fall from the aircraft.

Please call if I can be of further assistance.



Tallahassee, Florida 32312



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 1/16/01

██████████ DOB ██████████ residing at ██████████ Tallahassee, Florida 32312, home telephone number ██████████ cell phone number ██████████, was interviewed at the Ramada Inn located on the grounds of John F Kennedy International airport located in Queens, New York. Also present for the interview was NY/NJ Port Authority Detective St. Clair Jeffers. Upon being notified of the identity of the interviewing Agent, and the purpose of the interview, ██████████ provided the following information:

██████████ retired from the United States Marine Corp in 1970 with twenty two years of military flight experience as a pilot. Currently ██████████ is working for the American Red Cross as an ERV Logistics Coordinator in Florida. ██████████ has recently been working out of Floyd Bennett Field in Brooklyn, New York helping in the World Trade Center relief efforts.

At approximately 900 hours, from Hanger B on Floyd Bennett Field, ██████████ observed a 767 approximately 3000 feet in altitude with the port wing or engine on fire and in a steep right bank (approximately 45 degrees). The plane then slowly rolled into a spiral nose down and went into the ground, then exploded and burned.

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File # 149A-NY-280669-302 Date dictated N/A  
by SA Perry Cuocci:pc

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**THE PORT AUTHORITY OF NY & NJ**  
One Path Plaza, Jersey City, NJ, 07306  
**POLICE CRIMINAL COMPLAINT**  
**FOLLOW-UP REPORT**

TEL. EXT. (201) 216-6800

Follow-up #

Complaint		UF 61 Number	Agency	Facility	County of Offense	NCIR Number
Investigate Aircraft Crash			03	JFK	Queens	22230-01
1	Complaint	Law/Sect	Crime Code	Date Occurred	P.A. Location Code	
				11-12-01	000 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NY <input type="checkbox"/> NJ	
2	Complaint	Law/Sect	Crime Code	Day Occurred	Time Occurred (From-To)	
				Mon	0915	
Place of Occurrence (Address)			Date Reported	Time Reported		
<input type="checkbox"/> Inside <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Outside Newport Road Belle Harbor N.Y.			11/12/01	0921		
Complainant's Name (Last, First, Initial)				Sex	Race	Age
The People				<input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F		
Complainant's Address				Area Cd - Bus. Tele.		
State Of New York				Area Cd. - Home Tele.		
Suspect's Name (Last, First, Initial)			<input type="checkbox"/> Arrested <input type="checkbox"/> Interviewed	Sex	Race	D.O.B.
1				<input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F		
Suspect's Address			Hgt	Wgt	Hair	Eyes
			P.A. Arrest No.		B. Number	
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Suspect's Address			Hgt	Wgt	Hair	Eyes
			P.A. Arrest No.		B. Number	
Pct of Occurrence	Pct Voucher No.	Wanted Person Alarm No.	Docket Number	Court Date	Court	
100th						
Magistrate	Disposition	Case Closed <input type="checkbox"/> By Arrest <input type="checkbox"/> By Other <input type="checkbox"/> Unfounded	Case Open <input type="checkbox"/> Inactive <input type="checkbox"/> Active	Records Section Only <input type="checkbox"/> Master Log <input type="checkbox"/> MNI File		
Details of Complaint: On follow-up report give additional details of complaint such as progress of investigation, description of property recovered, etc.						
Synopsis: Investigate crash of American Airlines, Airbus A300. Flight number 587; tail number N053AA, departed John F. Kennedy International Airport on the above date, via runway 31L enroute to Santo Domingo, in the Dominican Republic.						
At 1205 hrs. on the above date, the undersigned while conducting interviews at the Ramada Plaza Hotel concerning the crash of American Airlines flight number 587, contacted [REDACTED] was contacted, based on information given by [REDACTED] in her statement to the undersigned. According to Mrs. [REDACTED] my husband was a military pilot, he knows all about planes and he saw the crash".						
When the undersigned contacted [REDACTED] he said he had already scratched out what he had seen of the crash from his vantage point, at Floyd Bennett Field. The undersigned asked [REDACTED] if he could respond to the Ramada Plaza Hotel at JFK, he said he would be there as soon as traffic will allow him to. However, prior to departing his work place, he did inform the undersigned of the following, "I saw the plane with flames coming from the Port Side (engine) of the plane. The plane was approximately 3000 feet in the air. It started a 45 degree right hand turn, roll nose up, then a fast spiral, down. The plain then impacted and burn". It did not explode until, approximately two seconds after impact, then the fire ball came. He later added, the plane was clearly out of control.						
The undersigned have attached that scratched statement [REDACTED] did prior to his arrival at the Ramada Plaza Hotel.						
Witness Information:						
[REDACTED] Tellahasse Fl. 32312						
DOB [REDACTED] Cell Phone: [REDACTED]						
Part of the Red Cross Support group						
ERV logistic coordinator (emergency response vehicle fleet maintenance)						
Retired military 22yrs. military flight experience						
Arresting/Investigating Officer			Shield Number	Tax Registry Number		
Det St. Clair Jeffers 11-26-01			116	21324		
Tour Commander			Date	Facility Commanding Officer		
D. W. Hamley			11/27/01			

At approximately 900 hours from the Floyd Bennett Field observed a 767 approximately 3000 feet altitude with the port wing or engine on fire and in a steep right bank [approx. 45 degrees] then slowly roll into a spiral, nose in to the ground explode and burn.

[REDACTED]  
ERV logistics coordinator

[REDACTED] (U)

[REDACTED]  
Tallahassee, Florida 32312

Retired military 22 years military flight experience.

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Date of transcription 11/14/2001

On November 12, 2001, [REDACTED] 418 Beach 123 Street, Belle Harbor, N.Y. 11694, telephone number [REDACTED] was interviewed by Special Agent Richard J. Shaw. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the interview, [REDACTED] provided the following information:

[REDACTED] advised that on the morning of November 12, 2001 she was cleaning up the front yard of her residence listed above when she heard a loud noise. [REDACTED] looked up to see a airplane flying overhead. [REDACTED] watched as the airplane " started to come apart " and " the engine fall out of the plane".

[REDACTED] watched as the plane left her point of view.

Investigation on 11/14/2001 at Queens, New York

File # 149A-NY-280669-SUB-302 Date dictated 11/14/2001

by SA Richard J. Shaw:rjs

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Date of transcription 11/21/01

██████████ DOB ██████████ of 229 Beach 118th Street, Rockaway Park, NY, was interviewed at his residence in the presence of his mother, ██████████. Also present was Detective P. J. Curran of the New York City Police Department. After ██████████ was informed of the official identity of the interviewing agent, ██████████ provided the following information:

On the morning of November 12, 2001, while standing in his backyard, ██████████ observed an airplane flying overhead on fire. ██████████ who is approximately 4'-5" tall, was facing west and the plane was traveling south. ██████████ attention was not attracted to the plane by any sound. He just happened to be looking in its direction and was able to see it between the two houses behind his residence.

██████████ observed flames on the body or fuselage just above the left wing of this large American Airlines plane. ██████████ also noticed that the tail section was missing, and what seemed to be yellow "parachutes" were coming from the top middle portion of the plane's body. ██████████ could not recall whether the plane's left engine was still attached, or whether the landing gear was extended.

After his view of the plane became obstructed by the white house behind his residence, ██████████ ran inside to inform his parents.

Investigation on 11/19/01 at Rockaway Park, NY

File # 149A-NY-280669-302 Date dictated 11/21/01

by SA Terrence R. Sweeney

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INVESTIGATE PLANE CRASH

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11/17/01

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e of Orig. Report 11/12/01	Date Assigned 11/12/01	Case No. 1389	Unit Reporting 100 Precinct Detective Squad	Follow-Up No.
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Complainant's Name - Last, First, M.I.	Victim's Name - If Different N/A
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Last Name, First, M.I.	Address, include City, State, Zip	Apt. No.
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Home Telephone	Business Telephone	Position / Relationship	Sex	Race	Date of Birth	Age
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Total No. of Perpetrators	Wanted	Arrested	Weapon	Describe Weapon (If firearm, give color, make, caliber, type, model, etc.)		
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Wanted	Arrested	Last Name, First, M.I.	Address, include City, State, Zip	Apt. No.	Res. Pct.
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Sex	Race	Date of Birth	Age	Height	Weight	Eye Color	Hair Color	Hair Length	Facial Hair	NYSID No.
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Nickname, First Name, Alias	Scars, Marks, M.O., Etc. (Continue in "Details")

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Complainant Viewed Photos	Results:
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Witness Viewed Photos	Results:
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Crime Scene Custod	By (Enter Results in Details)	Crime Scene Photos	By (Enter Results in Details)
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DETAILS: INVESTIGATION: INVESTIGATE PLANE CRASH  
 SUBJECT : Interview of [REDACTED] M/W 7y.o.

- On Nov. 17, 2001 the U/S responded to 229 Bch 118 St. the residence of The [REDACTED] Family. [REDACTED] the mother, phoned the U/S and informed him that her son [REDACTED] 7 y.o. had witnessed the A/A Flight # 587 crash. The U/S inquired about her giving permission for the police to speak with him and she had no problem.
- The U/S met [REDACTED] who stated that he was in his back yard and observed the plane go over the house behind his with out the tail and the left wing on fire and flames touching the cabin. There was also yellow thin exiting the back of the plane.
- This witness has a toy A/A Aerobus plane and was able to show/ demonstrate to the U/S what he observed.
- The U/S phoned the F.B.I. Command Post and notified Agent Kevin O'Grady of the aforementioned facts, they will meet the U/S 11/18/01 and than proceed to the witnesses house.
- CASE ACTIVE.

CASE	DATE REVIEWED / CLOSED	IF ACTIVE, DATE OF NEXT REVIEW
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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 11/13/2001

On 11/13/2001 [REDACTED] home, [REDACTED] cell [REDACTED] beeper [REDACTED], work [REDACTED] was interviewed. After being apprised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the purpose for the interview, [REDACTED] provided the following information:

On 11/12/2001 [REDACTED] was driving westbound on the Belt Parkway. Around approximately exit 14 [REDACTED] noticed a plane taking off from JFK International Airport. [REDACTED] stated he observed the plane was flying level, not ascending. [REDACTED] continued driving westbound and just before exit 11 he was still watching the plane, while driving, and saw what he believed to be the left engine come off the plane and hit the back of the plane. When [REDACTED] looked back again he saw a plume of smoke rising from the crash site and pulled off the Belt Parkway and immediately called 911 from his car. He was patched into the Fire Department and reported a plane down.

Investigation on 11/13/2001 at Queens, NY (telephonically)

File # 149A-NY-280669-302 -9 Date dictated 11/13/2001

by Elizabeth R. Morris

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near property, all family members are accounted for.

160 Beach 117 Street Apt. 2L- spoke with [REDACTED] at phone # [REDACTED]. She was home and saw the plane on fire. She stated the left wing was on fire, and it was spiraling down, nose first. No debris was found, all family members are accounted for.

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National Transportation Safety Board

Telephone Memorandum

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Date: January 30, 2002

Person Interviewed [REDACTED] s

Subject: DCA02MA001, Witness Interview

[REDACTED] s witnessed the subject accident and responded to a Safety Board request to provide a written statement of her observations. During our conversation, she stated:

She was home on the date of the accident and noticed the accident airplane coming "straight down," close to 90-degrees. She did not observe anything separate or falling from the airplane; however, she saw a fire present on the front right side of the fuselage.

[REDACTED] s estimated she observed the airplane for about 3 seconds, before it impacted ground.

Luke Schiada  
Air Safety Investigator

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 11/15/2001

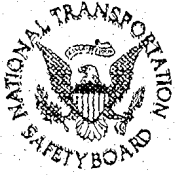
[REDACTED] SSAN [REDACTED] residing at 268 Bay 135 Street, Queens, New York was interviewed in front of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Queens, New York in the presence of [REDACTED] who resides at the same. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the purpose of the interview, [REDACTED] provided the following information regarding the crash of AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT # 587:

Sometime during the morning of 11/12/01, [REDACTED] was in her residence at 268 Bay 135 Street, Queens, New York and heard a loud groaning mechanical sound coming from outside her home for about 30 seconds. As the sound got louder, [REDACTED] ran to a window and looked east. [REDACTED] witnessed a jet airliner flying straight down toward the ground. [REDACTED] noticed the airliner was on fire and noticed the AMERICAN AIRLINES logo on the same. [REDACTED] immediately took cover in her home. [REDACTED] noted that the groaning mechanical sound was not a typical engine sound.

Investigation on 11/12/01 at Queens, New York

File # 149A-NY-280669-302-120 Date dictated 11/15/01

by SA John Janus



## National Transportation Safety Board

### Telephone Memorandum

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Date: February 26, 2002

Person Interviewed: [REDACTED]

Present: Debbie Roland, Witness Group

Subject: DCA02MA001, Witness Interview

A witness group member interviewed [REDACTED] via telephone. During the conversation, he stated:

He was preparing to walk his dog towards Shore Park Parkway when he heard a loud muffled pop, not an explosion.

He looked up and saw the airplane. There was no fire. There was no vapor trail. The left engine had a little amount of black smoke. The airplane was flying at a small amount of degree. As he was looking toward Brooklyn, he described the airplane as red on top, silver on the bottom and the tail was white.

He saw an engine fall off. The airplane was acting like it was landing. He heard a grinding noise and as soon as the engine fell off, the left wing was coming back up as if the pilots were fighting with the airplane. This was observed about 3 seconds after the tail fell off.

He saw the tail fall off and feather towards the bay. As soon as the tail piece fell off, the left wing went over top of the airplane and the airplane went nose down, at an approximate 45-90 degree angle. The airplane was nose first, upside down, and hit nose first.

The airplane went out of his sight over the St. John's Home located on 107th and 108th Street. The airplane crashed and his observed large black smoke.

He called 911, a friend who was a fireman, his parents and several friends.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 11/14/2001

On November 14, 2001, [REDACTED] 143 Beach 133 Street, Belle Harbor, N.Y. 11694, telephone number [REDACTED] was telephonically interviewed by Special Agent Richard J. Shaw. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the interview, [REDACTED] provided the following information:

[REDACTED] advised that on the morning of November 12, 2001, at approximately 9:15 am he was leaving his residence listed above when he noticed an airplane traveling an estimated 500 feet above engulfed in flames. [REDACTED] stated that the plane appeared to be on fire from the fuselage to it's right wing with grey smoke being omitting from the plane. [REDACTED] watched the plane as it descended from the sky and crashed into the neighborhood.

[REDACTED] stated that an estimated time of approximately five seconds passed from the time he saw the plane until it hit the ground.

[REDACTED] immediately ran into his house and checked on the well being of his family and then responded to 132nd Street, Belle Harbor where he saw pieces of the aircraft scattered through out the street and yards in flames.

Investigation on 11/14/2001 at Queens, New York (telephonically)

File # 149A-NY-280669-SUB-302 - 94 Date dictated 11/14/2001

by SA Richard J. Shaw:rls

Investigate Airplane Crash 100

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Date of Orig. Report 11/12/01	Date Assigned	Case No. 1389	Unit Reporting Brooklyn North Gang Squad	Follow-Up No.
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Complainant's Name - Last, First, M.I. \_\_\_\_\_ Victim's Name - If Different \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name, First, M.I. [REDACTED]		Address, Include City, State, Zip 143 Beach 133 st, Belle Harbor NY			Apt. No.
Home Telephone	Business Telephone	Position / Relationship	Sex	Race	Date of Birth

Total No. of Perpetrators	Wanted	Arrested	Weapon	Describe Weapon (If firearm, give color, make, calibre, type, model, etc.)
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Wanted	Arrested	Last Name, First, M.I.	Address, Include City, State, Zip	Apt. No.	Res. Pct.
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Sex	Race	Date of Birth	Age	Height	Weight	Eye Color	Hair Color	Hair Length	Facial Hair	NYSID No.	
Eyeglasses		Sunglasses		Clothing Description, Scars, Marks, M.O., Etc. (Continue in "Details"):							

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Witness interviewed	In Person	By Phone	Date	Time	Results: Same as Comp. Report - Different (Explain in Details)
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Witness Viewed Photos	Results:
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If Closing Case "No Results," Check Appropriate Box and State Justification in Details:  
 C-1 Improper Referral  C-2 Inaccurate Facts  C-3 No Evidence / Can't ID  C-4 Uncooperative Complainant  C-5 "Leads" Exhausted

DETAILS:  
 At t/p/o/ the undersigned and P.O. Crandall shield # 10382, of the Brooklyn North Gang Squad responded to the crash of American Airlines Flt # 587 in the confines of the 100 Pct. Upon canvassing the residence at 143 Beach 133 st. the above witness was interviewed with the following results.

The witness states that he was standing outside his house when he heard a loud noise and looked up to the north where he saw an airplane coming straight down to the ground. He states that he saw flames coming out of the right side of the fuselage and the right wing.

Case ... Active.

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REVIEWING / CLOSING SUPERVISOR:	CASE ENTER DESIGNATION	SIGNATURE: [Signature]
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[REDACTED]  
Bethpage, NY 11714  
January 15, 2002

Mr. Luke Schiada  
Air Safety Investigator  
National Transportation Safety Board  
2001 Route 46  
Suite 504  
Parsippany, NJ 07054

Dear Mr. Schiada,

This is in response to your letter to me dated January 9, 2002 regarding American Airline's Flight 587 crash.

1. My location was 121<sup>st</sup> Street at Ocean Promenade (the Boardwalk at Rockaway Beach).
2. The direction of the airplane was heading west.
3. I heard a sound from above, which caused me to look up. It sounded like two cars crashing in the distance.
4. The airplane was almost directly overhead, just slightly north of my location.
5. The first thing I noticed was a white puff of smoke and the right engine had separated from the airplane. The smoke dissipated quickly – one or two seconds. The engine separating from the airplane did not seem to be violent. It was smooth, like a stage separation during a space mission.
6. At this point I am running towards the scene on 121<sup>st</sup> street. Small pieces of shattered fuselage are falling all around me and the tail is falling straight down. The airplane is veering hard left, with its nose down, at a 30 – 45 degree angle.
7. At no time did I ever see any flames coming from the airplane.
8. I observed the airplane for approximately 10 seconds until it dove behind a large building.
9. The angle of the airplane was more than 45 degrees when I lost sight of it.
10. I did not see the impact – only heard the impact as I continued running towards the site.
11. The only fire I ever saw was after the airplane crashed to the ground.

I hope this information is helpful. You can contact me at [REDACTED] after 3:00 p.m. any day or leave a message at any time if necessary.

Sincerely,  
[REDACTED]

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 11/14/01

[REDACTED] Bethpage, New York, telephone number: [REDACTED], was interviewed regarding the crash of American Airlines flight #587 on November 12, 2001.

At approximately 9:00am on 11/12/01, [REDACTED] was working in the vicinity of the boardwalk and Beach 121st Street in Far Rockaway, New York. He heard a loud banging noise and looked up. He noticed an American Airlines plane flying low and at an unusual angle. Shortly afterwards he saw the right engine break away from the plane, a piece of the tail come off and a few smaller pieces falling off. [REDACTED] did not see any sign of fire or explosion. Immediately afterwards the plane listed severely to the left. Approximately five seconds later the plane disappeared behind an apartment building.

Investigation on 11/13/01 at \_\_\_\_\_ (telephonically)  
File # 149A-NY-280669 sub 302 - 165 Date dictated 11/13/01  
by SA Janet L. Engel

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 11/17/01

[REDACTED] date of birth [REDACTED], of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Rockaway, New York, telephone number [REDACTED] was interviewed at her residence. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the interview, she provided the following information:

[REDACTED] stated that at 9:17 am on Monday November 12, 2001, she was driving westbound on Newport Avenue at 126th Street, when she heard the loud sound of an engine. She then looked up and saw an airplane in a nose dive with AA on the body of the plane. The airplane then crashed into the ground.

Investigation on 11/16/01 at Rockaway, New York

File # 149A-NY-280669

Date dictated \_\_\_\_\_

by SA Robert B. Booth

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Date of transcription 11/14/01

[REDACTED] DOB: [REDACTED] 224 Beach 138th Street, Belle Harbor, New York was advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and the purpose of the interview.

[REDACTED] advised that she heard a pop similar to the sonic boom of the SST and saw something like a box fall from American Airlines flight 587 before losing sight of it behind the trees.

Investigation on 11/12/01 at Rockaway, New York

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Date of Orig. Report 11/12/01	Date Assigned	Case No. 1389	Unit Reporting 102	Follow-Up No. 01	PERP 2
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Complainant's Name - Last, First, M.I. [REDACTED]	Victim's Name - If Different	15
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Witness No. 1 Last Name, First, M.I. [REDACTED]	Address, include City, State, Zip 224 B138th Street	Apt. No. P/11	PERP 1
Home Telephone [REDACTED]	Business Telephone	Position/Relationship	Sex Race Date of Birth Age PERP 2

Total No. of Perpetrators	Wanted	Arrested	Weapon <input type="checkbox"/> Used <input type="checkbox"/> Possessed	Describe Weapon (if firearm, give color, make, caliber, type, model, etc.)	16
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Wanted	Arrested	Last Name, First, M.I.	Address, include City, State, Zip	Apt. No.	Res. Pct.	16
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Nicknames, First Name, Alias												
Scars, Marks, M.O., Etc. (Continue in "Details")												

Wanted	Arrested	Last Name, First, M.I.	Address, include City, State, Zip	Apt. No.	Res. Pct.	17
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DETAILS: INVESTIGATION: INVESTIGATE PLANE CRASH  
SUBJECT: WITNESS WHO OBSERVED PLANE

1. On 11/13/01 Undersigned Detective spoke with [REDACTED] at her residence who stated the following in sum and substance. she heard a popping noise twice then observed an object flying out of the plane and saw it go straight down.

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# National Transportation Safety Board

## Telephone Memorandum

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Date: November 15, 2001

Person Interviewed [REDACTED] r

Present: Debbie Roland, Witness Group

Subject: DCA02MA001, Witness Interview

A witness group member interviewed [REDACTED] via telephone. During the conversation, he stated:

He was driving on Beach Channel Drive around 120<sup>th</sup> street toward the Marine Parkway Bridge, with the water on his right side. He observed one jet engine drop from the sky, and then approximately 2 seconds later, the second engine dropped from the sky. Within a few seconds, he observed a huge fireball erupt. After the explosion, he got out of his car and there was light aluminum "shrags" of debris falling. [REDACTED] did not observe the fuselage of the airplane.



# National Transportation Safety Board

## Telephone Memorandum

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Date: March 6, 2002

Person Interviewed [REDACTED]

Present: Luke Schiada, Witness Group

Subject: DCA02MA001, Witness Interview

[REDACTED] witnessed the subject accident and was interviewed by a Witness Group member via telephone. During the conversation, he stated:

He was standing in his driveway, facing toward Beach 130<sup>th</sup> street, when he observed the accident airplane flying "really low, with one of the motors smoking." The airplane nosed over, "almost perpendicular to the ground" and then disappeared behind houses.

[REDACTED] stated the smoke was white in color, emanating from the airplane's left engine and he did not observe any flames. Except for the left engine, the remainder of the airplane looked normal. He did not observe any explosions or anything separate from the airplane; however, he was not certain if any portions of the airplane had already separated prior to when he observed it.

[REDACTED] estimated he observed the airplane for about 10 to 15 seconds. Additionally, he stated he did not recall hearing any sounds prior to the impact.

[REDACTED]  
BELLE HARBOR NY 11694  
TEL: [REDACTED]  
E-MAIL - [REDACTED]

December 3, 2001

Luke Schiada  
National Transportation Safety Board  
Northeast Regional Office  
2001 Route 46, Suite 504  
Parsippany, N.J. 07054

Dear Mr. Schiada:

I am writing in response to your letter dated November 21 in regard to the alleged accident that occurred on November 12, 2001, involving American Airlines Flight 587 that crashed in Belle Harbor, New York.

On that morning, both my wife and I were at home when at approximately 9:15 AM we heard a loud noise. It was not an explosion, but more of a loud crack or popping sound. Immediately after hearing the noise, we heard the sound of jet engines become increasingly loud to the point that as it passed over our house, the entire house started to shake. We at first thought that it might be the Concorde taking off, but the noise was much different than we had ever heard before. It was at that point that I got out of my chair and looked out the window facing west in our living room.

I saw the plane banking to the left after it had passed over our house and then saw what I believe to be the left engine and the engine mount fall away from the plane. There appeared to be flames coming from that part of the plane.

At that point, the plane started to go down at a severe angle (almost perpendicular to the ground) and I saw it impact approximately 6 blocks from my home. There was a huge explosion and cloud of black smoke followed by a deep orange ball of flame.

From my first view of the plane until impact, I estimate at least 15 - 20 seconds elapsed.

Please feel free to contact me at any time if I can be of further assistance. My daytime number is [REDACTED] and my evening number is [REDACTED]

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]



## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 11/14/2001

[REDACTED] 413 Beach 125th Street, Upstairs Apartment, Belle Harbor, New York 11694, telephone number [REDACTED], was interviewed in front of his residence. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the interview, [REDACTED] provided the following information:

[REDACTED] was in his living room on the morning of November 12, 2001 watching television. At approximately 9:15am, he heard a very loud noise and his house began to shake. The noise sounded like an airplane was very loud and initially [REDACTED] assumed that it was the Concorde/SST flying over his house. [REDACTED] stated that airplanes normally fly directly over Belle Harbor to and from JFK Airport and that the Concorde had just resumed flying into and out of JFK Airport last week after a long absence. [REDACTED] sensed that something was wrong and looked out his back window. [REDACTED] saw a commercial airplane that was flying much too low over a residential neighborhood. The plane was flying south towards the ocean.

[REDACTED] stated that the plane was flying at approximately a 30 degree angle towards the ground with the nose of the plane pointing down. [REDACTED] saw a piece of the aircraft fall off the plane while it was still airborne. He is not sure whether it was an engine or a piece of the wing falling off the aircraft. He stated that he saw flames coming from the aircraft while it was still in the air. [REDACTED] then felt a shake and heard an explosion as the aircraft crashed into the ground. [REDACTED] then saw a plume of black smoke and a ball of flames erupt several blocks from his residence. [REDACTED] later learned that the downed airplane was American Airlines Flight Number 587.

[REDACTED] found small pieces of the aircraft in his backyard. He notified an NYPD Sergeant and brought the pieces to the front lawn of the house across the street from his residence. The NYPD roped off the area around this house and assigned an officer to guard the plane parts in this area.

Investigation on 11/12/2001 at Belle Harbor, New York

File # 149A-NY-280669 SUB 302

Date dictated 11/14/2001

by SA Conor M. O'Sullivan:cmo

Date of Orig. Report 11/12/01		Date Assigned 11/12/01		Case No. 1389		Unit Reporting Queens Intal/ QSBIT		Follow-Up No.		PERP 2		
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Home Telephone		Business Telephone		Position / Relationship		Sex Race		Date of Birth		PERP 2		
Total No. of Perpetrators		Wanted		Arrested		Weapon		Describe Weapon (If firearm, give color, make, calibre, type, model, etc.)				
Wanted		Arrested		Last Name, First, M.I.				Address, Include City, State, Zip		Adl. No.	Res. Pct.	
Sex		Race		Date of Birth		Age		Height		Weight		
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DETAILS: Investigation: Crash of American Airlines Flight #587. Subject: Interview of Witnesses on B125 st, Newport Ave to Beach Channel Drive.												
HOUSE # #413 -- Phone [REDACTED]												
NAME: [REDACTED] was interviewed and stated the following. He heard a loud noise, and his house shook, he then looked out his window and saw the plane, the engine separated from the plane and was on fire. He saw the plane crash nose first at an angle. [REDACTED] DOB is [REDACTED]												

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## National Transportation Safety Board

# Telephone Memorandum

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**Date:** November 14, 2001

**Person Interviewed:** [REDACTED]

**Present:** John Darbo, Witness Group

**Subject:** DCA02MA001, Witness Interview

A witness group member interviewed [REDACTED] via telephone. During the conversation, she stated:

She was standing in her kitchen when she heard an airplane but the, "sound was different, loud and close". Her 9-year-old son saw it first, screamed and she went outside to investigate.

She saw the airplane "teetering from side to side, with smoke coming out of it." She stated she observed black smoke was coming from the "right of center", at the rear of the airplane. It was already on fire and appeared to be breaking up. The vertical tail was missing. The airplane was traveling diagonal to her position and she could see red and blue writing as the airplane continued downward. Then she saw the right engine departing the airplane.

When the airplane was out of her line of vision, she heard a crash and felt vibration in the house. She stated she felt heat and saw smoke. The airplane was in her sight about 5 seconds.

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[redacted] 457 Beach 124th St., Rockaway Beach, Queens, New York (Telephone # [redacted]), Date of Birth, [redacted], SSAN: [redacted] was advised of the identity of the interviewing investigators and the nature of the inquiry. She advised as follows:

On the morning of November 12, 2001 she was playing ball in the backyard with her son [redacted] when she heard a loud grumbling noise overhead which sounded more like a fighter jet than the normal passenger jets that fly from JFK airport. As she looked in the sky she saw an Americans Airlines jet teetering form side to side. From her view she could see the left side of the plane. The plane was coming down at about a 45 degree angle with flames coming from the opposite side (right side). She saw what appeared to be an engine on fire fall from the right side of the plane along with other smaller objects. [redacted] stated that the plane crashed approximately six blocks from her house.

[redacted] z stated that earlier in the day FBI agents were at her house to retrieve a one foot section of the plane which fell in her yard.

Investigation on 11/12/01 at Rockaway Beach, Queens

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by SA Richard J. Schleck / Det. Frank Giovannicello

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 11/14/01

[REDACTED] 457 Beach 124th street, Belle Harbor, New York, [REDACTED] was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the purpose of the interview.

[REDACTED] advised that she was in her back yard when she heard the loud roar of the jet engines. [REDACTED] saw debris falling from the sky and the plane headed straight for the ground. [REDACTED] saw a huge fire ball upon impact. [REDACTED] found a piece of the plane in her backyard. [REDACTED] turned over the piece to a New York City policeman.

Investigation on 11/12/01 at Queens, New York

File # 149A-NY-280669-sub-302 -185 Date dictated 11/14/01

by SA Sean C. McMullen

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aw plane crashing toward ground

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[REDACTED] residing at 867 Merillon Ave, Westbury New York 11590, owner FERRARA Corp, work telephone number [REDACTED] [REDACTED] 1504, cell number [REDACTED], was interviewed at a FERRARA CORP worksite located at 414 Beach 139th St, Belle Harbor, NY and being advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and the purpose of the interview which was to obtain information regarding observations of the plane crash on November 12, 2001, provided the following information:

[REDACTED] advised that at approximately between 9:00 A.M. and 9:30 A.M. he was standing on 414 Beach 139th St in front of the [REDACTED] worksite. [REDACTED] had just finished speaking a subcontractor named [REDACTED] telephone numbers [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] then heard an explosion which sounded like the Concord jet breaking the sound barrier. [REDACTED] observed a commercial aircraft flying low, approximately under 1000 feet, and flying in close overhead vicinity, approximately two to three blocks away. [REDACTED] yelled for his workers to get out of the work site. [REDACTED] observed that the aircraft turned towards the ocean then spun one to two complete 360 degree circles. [REDACTED] observed smoke coming from the aircraft and then the aircraft went into a nose dive and crashed. [REDACTED] estimates that the entire observation lasted five seconds. [REDACTED] did not recall observing anything falling from the aircraft or hitting the aircraft.

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SA Paul S. Tambrino/PST:pst

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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██████████ DOB: ██████████, home address 415 Beach 136th Street, Belle Harbor, New York, home telephone number ██████████, was interviewed regarding his recollection of events surrounding the crash of American Airlines Flight #587, which crashed on November 12, 2001. ██████████ was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the purpose of the interview.

[Interviewing Agent had previously spoken to ██████████ spouse of ██████████ who indicated ██████████ had observed the airline in flight prior to impact. Telephonic contact was made for interview purposes.]

██████████ noted that it was about 9:15 AM and he had just returned to his residence on 136th Street after running an errand on 129th Street, all in the town of Belle Harbor. His kids were home from school due to the Veteran's Day holiday and were in his house with his wife ██████████ when ██████████ exited his house, intending to depart for work. ██████████ heard a loud 'boom' noise, and his house shook from the noise. As he looked out over the houses across the street from him (now facing east) the airplane was moving from his left (Jamaica Bay area) to right (towards the Atlantic Ocean). He saw flames coming from the airplane, but no smoke. ██████████ stated he saw no other planes in the area at the time of the crash. ██████████ stated he saw nothing come up to or strike the aircraft from the ground.

██████████ stated the aircraft made no further noise after the 'boom' and he screamed to his wife to come and see the airplane. The airplane passed out of sight behind the building across the street and he saw the smoke and felt the plane crash. He heard people screaming and chaos on the street as he rushed to the crash sight at 132nd Street. ██████████ stated several houses and telephone poles were on fire and he tried to help others get out of the area. ██████████ then returned to his residence, and went to his job in Brooklyn, NY.

Interview notes are included in 1A envelope.

11/13/2001 Belle Harbor, New York (telephonically)  
 Investigation # 149A-NY-280669 Sub 302 at \_\_\_\_\_  
 File # SA JAMES MINOR (DSS/NYO/JTF) *Jm* Date dictated \_\_\_\_\_  
 by \_\_\_\_\_



Date of Orig. Report: 11/12/01 Date Assigned: 11/12/01 Case No. 1389 Unit Reporting: CIS Follow-Up No.:

Complainant's Name - Last, First, M.I. Victim's Name - If Different:

Last Name, First, M.I. Address, include City, State, Zip: 867 MERILLON AVE. WESTBURY NY. 11590 Apt. No.:

Home Telephone: Business Telephone: Position / Relationship: Sex: M Race: WHITE Date of Birth: Age: 45

Total No. of Perpetrators: Wanted: Arrested: Weapon: Describe Weapon (If firearm, give color, make, caliber, type, model, etc.):

Perp. No. 1: Wanted: Arrested: Last Name, First, M.I. Address, include City, State, Zip: Apt. No. Res. Pct. Sex: Race: Date of Birth: Age: Height: Weight: Eye Color: Hair Color: Hair Length: Facial Hair: NYSID No. Eyeglasses: Sunglasses: Clothing Description: Nickname, First Name, Alias: Scars, Marks, M.O., Etc. (Continue in "Details"):

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Witness Interviewed: In Person: By Phone: Date: Time: Results: Same as Comp. Report: Different (Explain in Details):

Canvass Conducted: If Yes - Make Entry in Body Re: Time, Date, Names, Addresses, Results: Crime Scene Visited: If Yes - Make Entry in Details Re: Time, Date, Evidence Obtained:

Complainant Viewed Photos: Yes: Refused: Future: Results: Witness Viewed Photos: Yes: Refused: Future: Results:

Crime Scene Dusted: By (Enter Results in Details): Crime Scene Photos: Yes: No: By (Enter Results in Details):

If Closing Case "No Results," Check Appropriate Box and State Justification in Details: C-1 Improper Referral: C-2 Inaccurate Facts: C-3 No Evidence / Can't ID: C-4 Uncooperative Complainant: C-5 "Leads" Exhausted:

DETAILS: INVESTIGATION: PLANE CRASH SUBJECT: INTERVIEW WITNESS  
1. ON 11/22/01 AT APPROXIMATELY 1100HRS THE UNDERSIGNED DID INTERVIEW WITNESS [REDACTED] N/W/45 OF 867 MERILLON AVENUE WESTBURY, NY. 11590 [REDACTED] WHICH STATES THE FOLLOWING: HEARD EXPLOSION AS IF IT WAS SMOKING, PLANE DID SPIRAL AND WENT INTO A NOSE DIVE INTO GROUND. PLANE WAS APPROXIMATELY 300 FEET IN THE SKY. STATES IT LOOKED LIKE PILOT WAS TRYING TO DITCH THE PLANE.

2. CASE STATUS: ACTIVE

CASE: ACTIVE: CLOSED: DATE REVIEWED / CLOSED: 11/15/01 IF ACTIVE, DATE OF NEXT REVIEW: REPORTING OFFICER: SGT. SIGNATURE: NAME PRINTED: FRED DARE TAX REG. NO.: 907642 COMMAND: CIS REVIEWING / CLOSING SUPERVISOR: SIGNATURE: ENTER DESIGNATION: SIGNATURE: C.O.'s INITIALS:

CHOICE 1: CHOICE 2: PERP 1: PERP 2:

To

Mike Schiavo

While standing in front of my house on Beach 145<sup>th</sup> between Boston and Newport Ave with a friend and discussing repairs to my chimney I heard a muffled explosion or rumble. Thinking it was the SST we started to look for the plane.

About 7 seconds after that explosion or rumble we seen the plane heading straight down. I saw no visible fire or smoke. I was only able to observe the plane for a few seconds before it disappeared behind the houses.

Hope this small piece of information can help you with your investigation



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DETAILS:

426 B145 St. - interview of [redacted] (via tel [redacted] at 2100 hours). Was outside. Heard a muffled explosion. Saw a plane coming straight down in a vertical position. Did not notice any fire or smoke. Did not hear any impact.

Canvass concluded 1445 hours.

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Nov. 23, 01

I was sitting in my apartment on the top floor of a 12 story bldg., looking out my terrace door when I saw the plane going straight down.

Right after it appeared in my view, I saw the middle section of the plane burst into flames. I observed the plane for approximately 4 seconds. I lost sight of the plane when it went behind another 12 story bldg. across the street. (105th St + Parkway Beach Blvd)

Bronx, N.Y.

Parkway Park NY 11694-2762

HOME  
OFFICE



# National Transportation Safety Board

## Telephone Memorandum

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Date: November 14, 2001

Person Interviewed: [REDACTED]

Present: Luke Schiada, Witness Group

Subject: DCA02MA001, Witness Interview

A witness group member interviewed [REDACTED]. During the conversation, she stated:

She was in her apartment, having breakfast looking out the terrace window, which faced to the west. She noticed a plane in the distance, which was pointed "straight down." She did not see any fire or smoke coming from the airplane; however, as it descended she saw an explosion and fire coming from the middle of the airplane. The airplane then disappeared from her field of view behind a building and a second explosion followed.

[REDACTED] was not certain how long she observed the airplane.



DETAILS: INVESTIGATION: INVESTIGATE PLANE CRAASH  
 SUBJECT: CANVASS CONTINUED

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Witness stated that she was home with her family when she heard a plane fly low and it was vibrating badly. As she looked out the back door back N/E she saw pieces of metal coming out of the sky. She ran to the side window which faces South and saw the plane come straight down and crash into the ground. She stated that it may have passed and even tried to circle around before it actually lost control and crashed.

2. This case is active.

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November 30 2001

NTSB  
2001 rte. 46, suite 504  
Parsippany, N J 07054

[REDACTED]  
Staten Is. N Y 10314  
[REDACTED]

RE: AA Flight 587 crash

Luke Schiada,

In response to our conversation earlier this week, I am enclosing the information I previously submitted to Norm Miller on the NTSB Witness Committee and Paul Harris of the FBI, along with my written statement to you.

Approximately 9:15 a.m. I was travelling east bound on the Belt Parkway in Brooklyn on my way to work. I had just passed the Knapp Street exit and I saw Flight 587 departing from JFK in the upper left side of my windshield. I looked away for a split second and looked back again because I thought I saw an object come in contact with the underside of the plane behind the right wing. I have been very skittish of planes since the September 11th terrorist attacks and I thought my eyes were playing tricks on me and I thought to myself "Stop scaring yourself!" So as I looked back the second time just to re-assure myself I was probably "just seeing things". Looking back, what I probably saw was the landing gear being retracted into the plane.

Anyway, it was when I looked back the second time was when I saw the explosion. There was a huge orange (orange-red) fireball that was located where the front of the right wing where it meets the body of the plane. I can't say for sure if the explosion originated from the side of the plane or from the underside of the plane since it happened so quickly. At that moment, it felt as if time just stopped or went into very slow motion. In shock, I watched the fireball turn into a ball of gray-black smoke from the edges of the fireball in towards the center of the fireball. I'm still driving my car as this unfolds and I see what I thought was the outer half of the right wing falling straight down towards Earth. First, I thought the plane was going into a roll to the right, but the left wing never came up and I realized that part had seperated from the plane. I just assumed it was the right wing I saw fall away, but I could  
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not be sure it was the wing because all I could see was the billowing smoke. To my amazement the plane continued to fly south (towards the ocean) still flying straight and level and then it seemed to turn into the southeast where I guessed it would go down either in Jamaica Bay or in Rockaway, Queens.

The entire episode took about 25-30 seconds. I only looked away ( as I saw what I thought was the wing) for a split second to see the three cars in front driving erratically in front of me, as they were probably seeing this unfold as well. Instead of watching the piece of the plane falling to the ground, I just watched as I screamed and cried knowing that plane was going to crash. I never actually saw the plane going down as it was still level as I lost sight of it over the horizon.

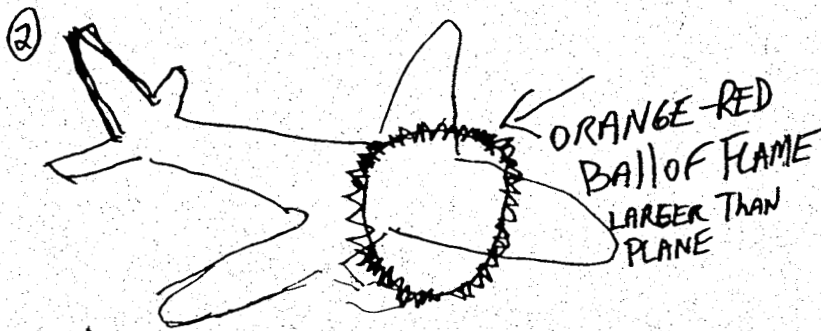
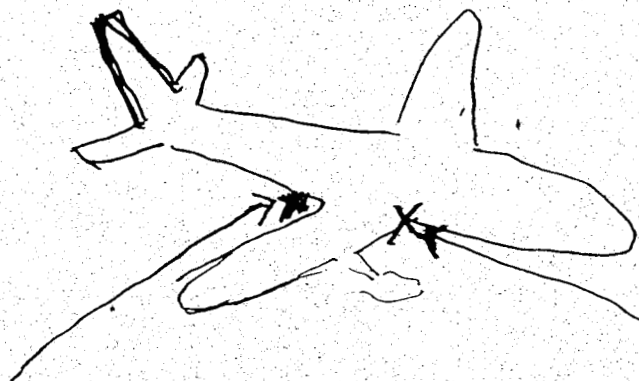
What I can say is that plane was completely intact prior to the explosion.

I was able to find out after speaking to [REDACTED] that both wings were found at the crash sight, and what I saw falling to the ground was probably the tail (now turned upside down) which I thought was the outer-half of the right wing.

Call me if I can be of any further assistance.

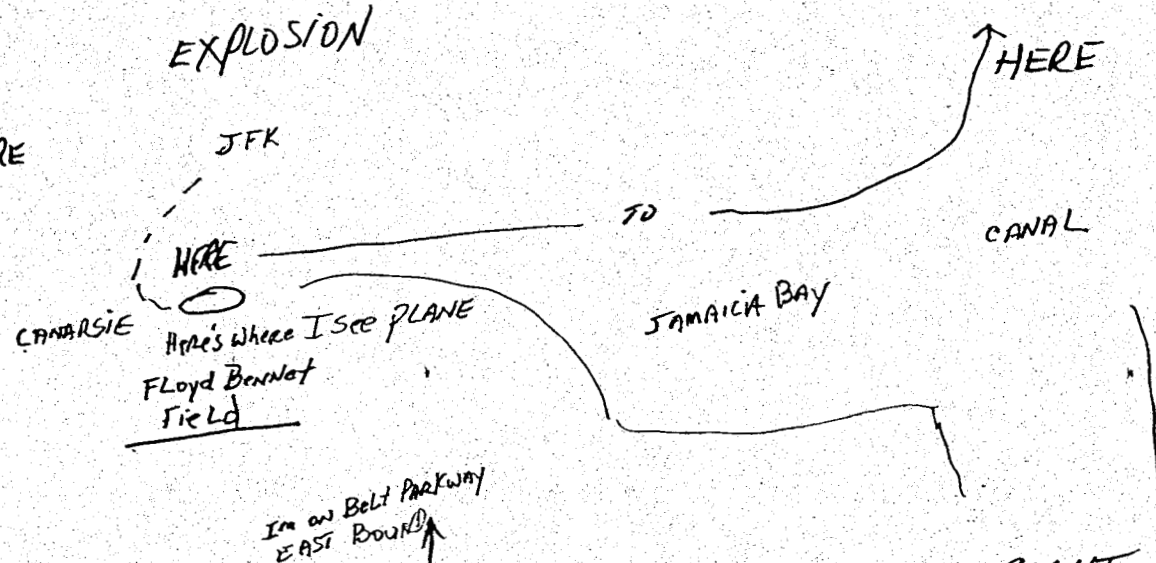
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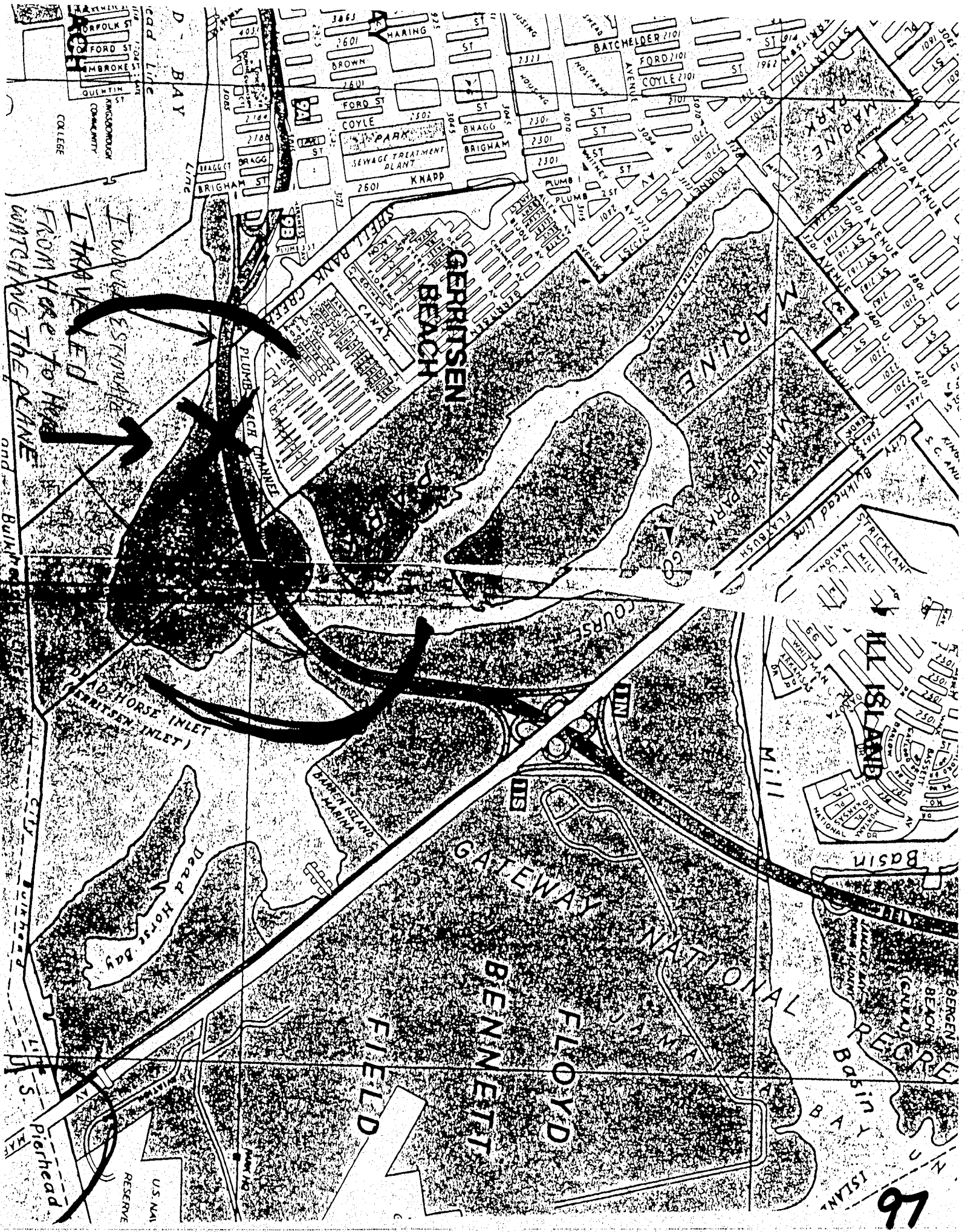


(3) I THOUGHT PLANE WAS GOING TO ROLL RIGHT - BUT LEFT WING NEVER CAME UP. SOMETHING (I THOUGHT WAS THE OUTER HALF OF THE RIGHT WING) FELL TO EARTH.

PLANE IS WHOLE - Thought I SAW OBJECT COME IN CONTACT WITH PLANE HERE... IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED BY EXPLOSION HERE



PLANE, STILL LEVEL CONTINUES TO FLY SOUTH... SMOKE & OBSCURES MY VIEW WHERE RIGHT WING WAS... NOW VEERING EAST it CONTINUES ON, STILL LEVEL BEYOND MARINE PARK BRIDGE, THE ROAD IS NOW DESCENDING AND THE WEEDS AND HORIZON COVER THE PLANE FROM MY VIEW



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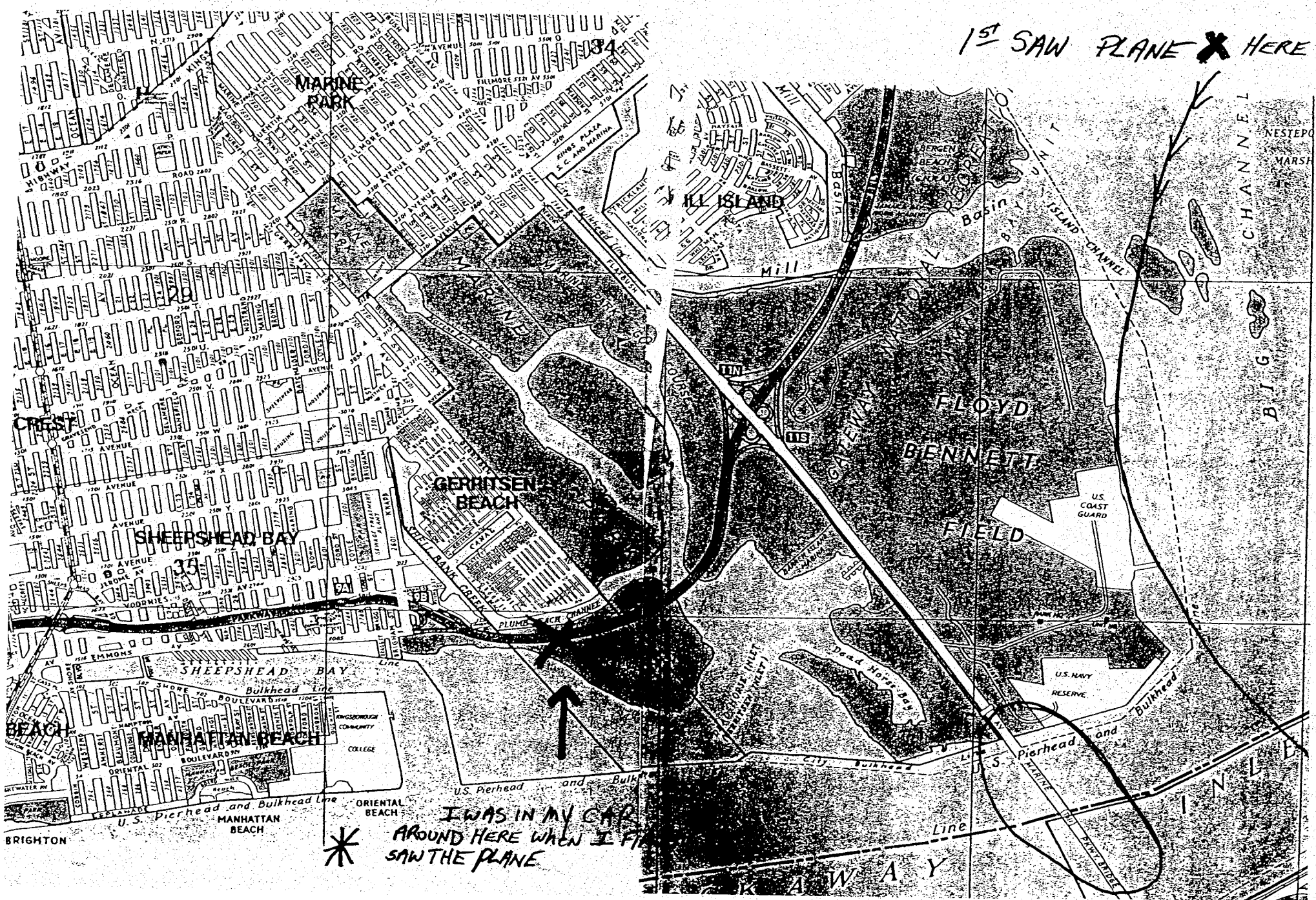
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1st SAW PLANE X HERE



I WAS IN MY CAR AROUND HERE WHEN I FIRST SAW THE PLANE

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 11/15/2001

On 11/15/2001, [redacted] date of birth [redacted] Staten Island, New York 10314, telephone number [redacted] was interviewed at her place of employment, FILLMORE REAL ESTATE, 2926 Avenue J, Brooklyn, New York 11210, telephone number [redacted]. After being advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and the purpose of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information:

[redacted] was on her way to work on the morning of 11/12/2001 at approximately 9:15 a.m. She was driving eastbound on the Belt Parkway, just past the Knapp Street exit, when she observed, through her front windshield, American Airlines Flight 587 in the sky. She was traveling in the middle lane at approximately 55 miles per hour. The plane was climbing into the sky when [redacted] initially observed it.

[redacted] believed that she first saw an object hit behind the wing area on the underside of the plane. The object looked like a helicopter without a rotor. (After reflecting on it for a day, [redacted] thinks it could have been the landing gear that she saw.) Immediately after, [redacted] saw an explosion just in front of the right wing on the plane. She next saw a big ball of flame cover the plane in the area of the explosion. At that point, she observed something fall from the plane. It may have been the right wing but she could not be sure. She saw the plane continue flying level before it disappeared out of her sight due to her continuing to drive. She did not stop her car at all while she observed the plane. In all, [redacted] estimated she observed the plane in the sky for about 25 seconds.

[redacted] drew a diagram of her observations. The diagram is enclosed in a 1A Envelope.

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Investigation on 11/15/2001 at Brooklyn, New York

File # 149A-NY-280669-302 Date dictated 11/15/2001

by SA Paul N. Harris *PNH*  
SA Jeffrey L. Tarkin *JL*

Control # NY 74  
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Date of Orig. Report: 11/12/01 Date Assigned: 11/12/01 Case No.: 1389 Unit Reporting: 101 SQD Follow-Up No.: PERP 2

Complainant's Name - Last, First, M.I.: Victim's Name - If Different: 15

Last Name, First, M.I.: Address, include City, State, Zip: Apt. No.: PERP 1

Home Telephone: Business Telephone: Position/Relationship: Sex: Race: Date of Birth: Age: PERP 2

Total No. of Perpetrators: Wanted: Arrested: Weapon: Describe Weapon (If firearm, give color, make, calibre, type, model, etc.): Address, include City, State, Zip: Apt. No.: Res. Pct.: PERP 1

Wanted: Arrested: Last Name, First, M.I.: Address, include City, State, Zip: Apt. No.: Res. Pct.: 16 CHOICE 1

Sex: Race: Date of Birth: Age: Height: Weight: Eye Color: Hair Color: Hair Length: Facial Hair: NYSID No.: CHOICE 2

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Sex: Race: Date of Birth: Age: Height: Weight: Eye Color: Hair Color: Hair Length: Facial Hair: NYSID No.: CHOICE 1

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Witness Interviewed: In Person: By Phone: Date: Time: Results: Same as Comp. Report - Different (Explain in Details): CHOICE 2

Crime Scene Visited: If Yes - Make Entry in Details Re: Time, Date, Evidence Obtained. CHOICE 1

Complainant Viewed Photos: If Yes - Make Entry in Body Re: Time, Date, Names, Addresses, Results. Results: CHOICE 2

Witness Viewed Photos: Results: CHOICE 1

Crime Scene Photos: By (Enter Results in Details): Results: CHOICE 2

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DETAILS: INVESTIGATION: PLANE CRASH. PERP 1

SUBJECT: INTERVIEW OF WITNESS [REDACTED] PERP 2

1. ON WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 14, 2001, THE UNDERSIGNED WAS APPROACHED BY [REDACTED] OF [REDACTED] S.I., N.Y. 10314, [REDACTED] AT THE C/O 131 ST AND NEWTON AVE. [REDACTED] STATED SHE WAS IN HER CAR TRAVELING EAST ON THE BELT PARKWAY IN THE V/O THE KNAPP ST EXIT WHEN SHE OBSERVED AN OBJECT STRIKE AN AMERICAN AIRKINES PLANE NEAR THE WING AND THE BODY OF THE PLANE. AN EXPLOSION THEN HAPPENED AND A PIECE OF THE PLANE FELL. THE PLANE CONTINUED TO FLY TOWARDS THE ROCKAWAYS WHERE THE WITNESS LOST SIGHT OF IT. PERP 1

2. SUBMITTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION: PERP 2

PERP 1

PERP 2

CHOICE 1

CHOICE 2

CASE ACTIVE DATE REVIEWED/CLOSED: 11/14/01 IF ACTIVE, DATE OF NEXT REVIEW: PERP 1

REPORTING OFFICER: DET. ENIK PAULSEN TAX REG. NO.: 911351 COMMAND: 101 SQD PERP 2

REVIEWING/CLOSING SUPERVISOR: [Signature] CASE: ENTER DESIGNATION: OR B: C.O.'S INITIALS: PERP 1

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Complainant's Name - Last, First, M.I. \_\_\_\_\_ Victim's Name - If Different \_\_\_\_\_

American Airlines  
Last Name, First, M.I. \_\_\_\_\_ Address, include City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. No. \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Business Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Position / Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Race \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

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Witness Interviewed \_\_\_\_\_ In Person \_\_\_\_\_ By Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_ Results: Same as Comp. Report - Different (Explain in Details)

Crime Scene Visited \_\_\_\_\_ If Yes - Make Entry in Body Re: Time, Date, Names, Addresses, Results \_\_\_\_\_ If Yes - Make Entry in Details Re: Time, Date, Evidence Obtained \_\_\_\_\_

Complainant Viewed Photos \_\_\_\_\_ Results: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness Viewed Photos \_\_\_\_\_ Results: \_\_\_\_\_

Crime Scene Photos \_\_\_\_\_ By (Enter Results in Details) \_\_\_\_\_

If Closing Case "No Results," Check Appropriate Box and State Justification in Details:  
 C-1 Improper Referral  C-2 Inaccurate Facts  C-3 No Evidence / Can't ID  C-4 Uncooperative Complainant  C-5 "Leads" Exhausted

DETAILS: INVESTIGATION: INVESTIGATE AIRLINER CRASH  
 SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION TO FBI AGENT O'GRADY IN REGARDS TO A WITNESS

1. On this date of Thursday November 15, 2001, the undersigned notified FBI Agent Kevin O'Grady in regards to a witness \_\_\_\_\_ who was interviewed on November 14, 2001 and who provided possibly pertinent to this investigation. \_\_\_\_\_ told an investigator of this Department that on the date in question, she was traveling east-bound on the Belt Parkway near Knapp St. when she noticed an object strike the American Airlines Jet involved in this accident. The undersigned relayed this information to Agent O'Grady who informed the undersigned that once the total package in this case is put together, all interviews will be reviewed and if information is found that is pertinent, those witnesses interviewed will be contacted.

CASE ACTIVE.....

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REPORTING OFFICER: \_\_\_\_\_ RANK: DET. NAME PRINTED: KINARD TAX REG. NO.: 893232 COMMAND: 100SQD

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DETAILS:

Investigation: Plane Crash  
 Subject: Convass of Beach 130 Street

430 Beach 130 Street



Saw Plane overhead with  
 left wing on fire and saw  
 plane crash.

CASE:		DATE REVIEWED/CLOSED: 11/13/01		IF ACTIVE, DATE OF NEXT REVIEW:	
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Date of Orig. Report 11/12/01	Date Assigned 11/12/01	Case No.	Unit Reporting 75 PDS	Follow-Up No.	PERP 2	
Complainant's Name - Last, First, M.I. PSNY for American Airlines 587			Victim's Name - If Different		15	
Last Name, First, M.I.			Address, Include City, State, Zip		PERP 1	
Home Telephone		Business Telephone		Position / Relationship	Sex Race Date of Birth Age PERP 2	
Total No. of Perpetrators		Arrested		Weapon: <input type="checkbox"/> Used <input type="checkbox"/> Possessed		
Wanted		Arrested		Last Name, First, M.I.		
Sex Race		Date of Birth		Age Height Weight Eye Color Hair Color Hair Length Facial Hair NYSID No. CHOICE 1		
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Nickname, First Name, Alias		Scars, Marks, M.O., Etc. (Continue in "Details")				17
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6 DETAILS:						
INVESTIGATION: American Airlines Flight 587						
SUBJECT: Canvass						
CASE STATUS: Active						

PERP 2	3. [REDACTED] Rockway, Queens [REDACTED]	24 PERP 1
10 CHOICE 1	[REDACTED] states that he observed the plane in a spiral, the tail was on fire as was the right engine.	PERP 2
CHOICE 2	4. Case Active	
CASE: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACTIVE <input type="checkbox"/> CLOSED		DATE REVIEWED / CLOSED: 11/14/01
REPORTING OFFICER: RANK Det. SIGNATURE: [Signature]		NAME PRINTED: John Grosse
REVIEWING / CLOSING SUPERVISOR: [Signature]		TAX-REG. NO. 885744
CASE CLOSED: <input type="checkbox"/> OR B		COMMAND: -75
CHOICE 1 CHOICE 2		C.O.'S INITIALS



To: Luke Schiada

From: Police Officer [REDACTED]  
Shield # 2757 serial # 6677

Subject: American Airlines Flight  
587 crash Belle Harbor N.Y.

1. On November 12, 2001 at approx 0915 hrs I was on Patrol in Nassau county Police Dept. Marine Bureau. Operating Marine vessel number 5 west bound offshore approaching East Rockaway Head buoy. Also aboard Marine 5 was Police officer [REDACTED] and Police officer [REDACTED]
2. While operating Marine 5 I was viewing the Inlet entrance into East Rockaway out of the right window to prepare myself to turn the vessel (when I noticed a large Jet flying west to slightly south west which appeared to have a large fire at midsection of fuselage - center line of rear left wing. I did not report this to the crew for a few seconds thinking it has to be the glare from the sun due to the clear sunny day we had. Then the plane started to go into a left bank turn the fuselage fire was clearly visible. I was an Aircraft mechanic

for 5 years prior to joining the Nassau County Police Dept. and observing the plane's turn I knew at a certain point it wasn't going to recover, at this time I alerted the crew in disbelief. The plane continued to roll counter clockwise with the top fuselage facing us and nose pointing to ground. We were approx 4 miles away which we later clarified using the charts and had no obstructions in the way of our vision. The plane took approx 20 to 25 seconds before it struck the ground in Belle Harbor N.Y. prior to contacting the ground a large piece separated from the plane and there was a large explosion and a smaller one east of it. After the large fire ball we could see black smoke at two locations near each other but were unable to verify if the plane crashed on land or in the water on the Bay side.

3. at this time we notified USCG station Jones Beach via UHF-16 radio and our Marine Base in Bay Park. We responded to scene which took approx 20 minutes. Upon arrival N.Y.C. Harbor Patrol vessel had large section of Tail Aboard and

Another NYC vessel was securing  
A larger piece of trail section floating  
in the Bay. Our crew searched area,  
we were interviewed by FBI and  
NYC Police Dept Detective Division.  
We stayed on scene until ordered  
at 1515 hrs by our base to return  
to post. You may contact me at [REDACTED]

Police officer  
01/27/02

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 11/14/01

[REDACTED], Police Officer, Badge 2757, Nassau County Police Department, Marine Bureau was interviewed at the New York Police Department Aviation Hangar, Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn, New York 11234. [REDACTED] was advised as to the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the inquiry wherein he furnished the following information:

[REDACTED] advised his base is located at [REDACTED] Bay Park, East Rockaway, New York, telephone number [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] advised he was on board Nassau County Marine 5 a 41 foot patrol boat along with Police Officers Bryan Conterford and [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was piloting the boat in the East Rockaway inlet, headed west. As they approached the head buoy he observed a plane making a sharp turn. The time was approximately 9:15 am. The sky conditions were extremely clear. [REDACTED] saw light which he quickly realized was fire coming from the plane.

[REDACTED] said he watched the plane for about fifteen seconds and then said, "They did it again". [REDACTED] said he was referring to his immediate thought that a terrorist was responsible for an explosion on the plane. [REDACTED] described the fire as being present at the [REDACTED] location. [REDACTED] saw the plane descend. [REDACTED] estimated it was another twenty to thirty seconds after he made his statement that the plane impacted the ground and he saw the explosion. [REDACTED] advised he did not observe the plane break up prior to its impact.

After observing the explosion on land, [REDACTED] drove the boat to the Rockaway Inlet, east of the Marine Parkway Bridge. [REDACTED] advised he and the other officers on board observed aircraft debris floating in the water.

Investigation on 11/12/01 at Brooklyn, New York

File # 149A-NY-280669-302

Date dictated 11/14/01

by SA David S. Edward:dse

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INFORMATIONAL PD 313-081A (Rev. 4-89)-01		Crime <b>Investigate Airliner Crash</b>		Pct: <b>100</b>	3325	11/12/01	PERP 1
Date of Orig. Report <b>11/12/01</b>	Date Assigned <b>11/12/01</b>	Case No. <b>1389</b>	Unit Reporting <b>100 Squad</b>	Follow-Up No.			PERP 2
Complainant's Name - Last, First, M.I. <b>American Airlines</b>			Victim's Name - If Different			15	
Last Name, First, M.I.			Address, include City, State, Zip			Apt. No.	PERP 1
Home Telephone		Business Telephone		Position / Relationship	Sex	Race	Date of Birth
Age		Weapon		Describe Weapon (If firearm, give color, make, caliber, type, model, etc.)			PERP 2
Total No. of Perpetrators		Wanted	Arrested	Address, include City, State, Zip			Apt. No.
Wanted		Arrested	Last Name, First, M.I.		Res. Pct.		16
Sex	Race	Date of Birth	Age	Height	Weight	Eye Color	Facial Hair
Eyeglasses		Sunglasses		Clothing Description			NYSID No.
Nickname, First Name, Alias		Scars, Marks, M.O., Etc. (Continue in "Details")			Address, include City, State, Zip		
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<b>INVESTIGATION: INVESTIGATE AIRLINER CRASH</b> <b>SUBJECT : INTERVIEWS OF NASSAU COUNTY POLICE OFFICERS (HARBOR MARINE 5)</b>							
1. On this date of Monday November 12, 2001 at approximately 1415hrs, the undersigned responded to Beach 108st. and Rockaway Beach Blvd, the dock area to interview three Police Officers from the Nassau County Police Department's Harbor Unit (Marine 5) that witnessed the American Airlines Crash that occurred in Rockaway Park on this date. The first officer, PO [redacted] Shield #2757 told the undersigned that he was on the Police Boat, he saw the plane in the sky after it took off, he saw the plane make a hard right turn and he noticed that there appeared to be fire on the fuselage behind the left wing of the plane. He went onto state that the plane continued turning right, and started going down nose first as it was still turning left. PO. [redacted] stated that he saw this incident from the East Rockaway Inlet, where							

CHOICE 2

4. Due to all of the above facts, the undersigned requests that this case remain active at this time.

CASE ACTIVE		DATE REVIEWED / CLOSED		IF ACTIVE, DATE OF NEXT REVIEW	
REPORTING OFFICER	RANK DET.	SIGNATURE	NAME PRINTED KINARD	TAX REG. NO. B93232	COMMAND 100SQD
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