

Witness Group Factual Report

APPENDIX D

**Documents Pertaining to
Witnesses
101-150**

DCA02MA001



National Transportation Safety Board

Telephone Memorandum

Date: January 17, 2002

Person Interviewed: [REDACTED]

Subject: DCA02MA001, Witness Interview

[REDACTED] witnessed the subject accident and contacted the Safety Board after he received a request to provide a written statement of his observations. During our conversation, he stated:

He was working on a roofing job in the local area with [REDACTED]. They were exiting a restaurant located on 80th street and Rockaway Beach Boulevard when [REDACTED] looked up and observed an airplane that "didn't look right." The airplane was "tipping" left and right. He also noticed a fire on the topside of the airplane's left wing. The tipping became worse and worse, and the airplane seemed to "stop in mid air." The airplane then made 2 or 3 "really violent twists" and he observed unidentifiable parts separating from the airplane. The airplane then began a left spin and went "straight down, 90-degrees." At no time did he observe an explosion or smoke coming from the airplane.

[REDACTED] estimated he observed the airplane for about 10 to 15 seconds.

Luke Schiada
Air Safety Investigator

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 11/14/01

On Wednesday, November 14, 2001, lead #NY72 was assigned to the undersigned. The lead stated that a [REDACTED] who resides at [REDACTED] Brooklyn, New York, [REDACTED], and a [REDACTED] who resides at [REDACTED] Rockaway, New York, [REDACTED] observed the crash of American Airlines Flight #587 from Beach 88 Street and Rockaway. They saw fire on the left side of the aircraft, heard the engine being revved, saw the plane arc and then the engine died and the plane nose-dived.

On 11/14/01 at 1710 hours, the undersigned spoke with [REDACTED] who stated that he is a contractor and was leaving a restaurant at 88 Street and Rockaway Beach Boulevard along with his partner, [REDACTED]. His attention was drawn to a plane which didn't appear to be going that fast for a plane that had just taken off. According to [REDACTED] it seemed to be level (rather than ascending or descending) and then it tipped from side to side and he observed that the area where the top of the wing meets the airplane was on fire.

[REDACTED] said he and [REDACTED] ran to the restaurant parking lot. It appeared to [REDACTED] that the pilot was having trouble controlling the plane. He said that the plane appeared to climb a little and then gave two violent twists which threw the plane sideways as the wing tipped down. [REDACTED] could see debris falling from the plane at this time, including the tail section. He then heard the plane stall, it stopped in mid-air and went straight down. [REDACTED] stated that he heard the impact noise and saw the smoke. He estimated that from the time he first observed the plane until the time it crashed was no more than five or six seconds.

With no further questions, the interview was concluded.

Several attempts were made to contact [REDACTED]. He apparently does not wish to be interviewed as he has not responded.

Investigation on 11/14/01 at Brooklyn, New York (telephonically)
 File # 149A-NY280669-302 Date dictated 11/14/01
 by Det. Kathleen Donnelly

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

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

Last Name, First, M.I.: [REDACTED]
 Address, Include City, State, Zip: [REDACTED] BROOKLYN, N.Y., 11239 PH

Home Telephone: [REDACTED]
 Business Telephone: [REDACTED]
 Position/Relationship: NONE
 Sex: M
 Race: WHITE
 Date of Birth: [REDACTED]
 Age: 45

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

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

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

Sex: [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)

Witness Interviewed: [REDACTED]
 In Person: [REDACTED]
 By Phone: [REDACTED]
 Date: 11-14-01
 Time: 1500
 Results: Same as Comp. Report - Different (Explain in Details)

Canvass Conducted: [REDACTED]
 If Yes - Make Entry in Body Re: Time, Date, Names, Addresses, Results
 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:
 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 OF [REDACTED]
 CONTENTS: SAW PLANE IN DISTRESS & IN DECENE

1. On the above date and time [REDACTED] who resides at [REDACTED] Rockaway, N.Y. ([REDACTED]), were both present at the 100 detective Squad. AS that time they stated that on the day of the accident they were walking on Beach 88 Street and Rockaway Beach Blvd. They looked up and saw a plane that was going very slow and appeared to be in distress. As the plane got closer to them it started to sway back and forth. When it turned its left side to them they could see that the middle of the body was on fire. The plane started to come down and you could hear the engines rev up. The plane lifted up a little then it suddenly stalled in mid air. It then started to nosedive straight down towards the ground. As it fell we could see the tail detach as well as other parts of the plane that we could not recognize. We then saw a cloud of black smoke after the plane hit the ground.

2. CASE.....ACTIVE
 F.B.I. AGENT JIM ROTH NOTIFIED 1520 HRS.

CASE: ACTIVE CLOSED
 DATE REVIEWED / CLOSED: [REDACTED]
 IF ACTIVE, DATE OF NEXT REVIEW: [REDACTED]
 REPORTING OFFICER: [REDACTED]
 NAME PRINTED: THOMAS DOLAN
 TAX REG. NO.: 883079
 COMMAND: LOOSQD
 REVIEWING / CLOSING SUPERVISOR: [REDACTED]
 ENTER DESIGNATION: [REDACTED]
 SIGNATURE: [REDACTED]
 C.O.'S INITIALS: [REDACTED]

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

TEL. EXT. (201) 216-6800

Date 11/02/01 Follow-up #

UF 61 Number	Agency 03	Facility JFKIA	County of Offense Queens	C.C.R. Number 22230/01
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1	Complaint Investigate Aircraft Crash	Law/Sect	P.A. Crime Code	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 Monday	Time Occurred (From-To) 0915 Hrs	

Place of Occurrence (Address) <input type="checkbox"/> Inside <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Outside Bell Harbour Queens, American Airlines Flight #587			Date Reported 11/12/01	Time Reported 0915 Hrs
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Complainant's Name People State of New York		Sex <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	Race	Age	Area Cd - Bus. Tele.
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Complainant's Address People State of New York					Area Cd. - Home Tele.
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1	Suspect's Name (Last, First, Initial)	<input type="checkbox"/> Arrested <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interviewed	Sex <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	Race W	Date of Birth	Age 31	Phone
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Suspect's Address Aberdeen U.K.			Hgt.	Wgt.	Hair	Eyes	Soc. Sec. Number
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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
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Suspect's Address			Hgt.	Wgt.	Hair	Eyes	SSN
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			P.A. Arrest #	B. Number
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Pct. of Occurrence NYPD 100th	Pct. Voucher No.	Alarm No.	Docket Number	Court Date	Court
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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
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Details of Complaint: Include Additional Suspects, Complainants, Witnesses. Summarize Detail of Complaint

On November 12th, 2001 the reporting detectives were assigned to assist in the investigation of the crash of American Airlines flight#587. The event was the cause of destruction and damage to residence and business establishments at that location, as well as the deaths of individuals on the ground and on board the aircraft.

At 1325hrs an interview was conducted with [REDACTED] on board FLT178 British Airlines Gate# 05. [REDACTED] is employed by British Airlines as a co-pilot for the past 11 years. [REDACTED] stated that as he was on taxiway Juliet he noticed debris fall from the sky and that the Aircraft went nose down and he saw a large fire with black smoke.

The Captain [REDACTED] stated he did not see anything from his position until the co-pilot advised him of what he saw. [REDACTED] stated that there were 3 Aircrafts ahead of him, United, Jetblue, and North West.

The interview was conducted in the presence of the following persons.

1. Mike O'Mahoney F.B.I.
2. Robert Lewicky F.B.I.

Arresting/Investigating Officer DET GEORGE SANTIAGO		Shield Number 120	Tax Registry Number 39272
Tour Commander	Date	Facility Commanding Officer	Date

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 11/16/2001

██████████ Captain, BRITISH AIRWAYS (BA), Date of Birth (DOB) ██████████ home address ██████████ Bighton, Hampshire, England, and ██████████ Senior First Officer, BA, DOB ██████████ home address ██████████ Aberdeen, England, were advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the purpose of the interview. Also present was Detective GEORGE SANTIAGO of the Port Authority Police Department. ██████████ provided the majority of the following information:

██████████ and ██████████ were the pilot and copilot, respectively, for BA Flight #178 which was scheduled to depart New York's JOHN F. KENNEDY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT on November 12, 2001 at 9:00 a.m. for London.

After pulling away from Gate 5 at approximately 8:20 a.m., Flight #178 was on Taxiway J awaiting clearance for takeoff from Runway 31L. There were approximately three other aircraft ahead of Flight #178 in the queue.

As the BA plane was waiting on the taxiway, the cockpit crew heard a radio transmission from an unknown ground vehicle to the control tower referring to a plane in distress. The tower asked the caller to repeat the message. These radio transmissions were at a frequency of 19.1 megahertz. Immediately thereafter, the BA crew heard a radio transmission from what they believed was the cockpit crew of a JET BLUE airplane in the vicinity. JET BLUE was advising of an aircraft crashing to the south.

Copilot ██████████ having the better view sitting on the right-hand side of the cockpit, looked out the window and saw a huge fireball in the direction which they were advised to look. Neither ██████████ or the pilot saw the plane hit the ground. ██████████ and to a lesser degree ██████████ only saw the aftermath of the crash.

██████████ saw extensive debris floating towards the ground in a direction similar to what he perceived would have been the downed plane's original flight path, west of the airfield. ██████████ and ██████████ speculated that the observation of debris coming down, away from the crash site would seem to indicate the plane came apart in-flight.

Investigation on 11/12/2001 at Queens, New York

File # 149A-NY-280669-302

Date dictated 11/12/2001

by SA ROBERT M. LEWICKI/clm

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COMPLAINT - FOLLOW UP INFORMATIONAL FD-313-081A (Rev. 4-29-31)		Crime: Inv. Plane Crash	Pct. 101	OCCB No.	Complaint No. 3325	Date of This Report 11/12/01	14
Date of Orig. Report 11/12/01	Date Assigned 11/12/01	Case No. 1389	Unit Reporting QDAOS	Follow-Up No.		PERP-2	
Complainant's Name - Last, First, M.I. PSNY		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	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
Eyeglasses <input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses <input type="checkbox"/>		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.
Sex	Race	Date of Birth	Age	Height	Weight	Eye Color	Hair Color
Eyeglasses <input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses <input type="checkbox"/>		Clothing Description		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)		
Crime Scene 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 Ousted	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: <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: On this date the following persons were interviewed while working on the MARINE Parkway Bridge (Upper Roadway) [REDACTED]							

On this date the undersigned interviewed [REDACTED] stated that the plane was pulling up while the right wing was on fire. Pcs were falling of the plane into the water. Plane then hit the homes.

CASE	DATE REVIEWED / CLOSED	IF ACTIVE, DATE OF NEXT REVIEW	
<input type="checkbox"/> ACTIVE <input type="checkbox"/> CLOSED	11/12/01		
REPORTING OFFICER	RANK Det.	SIGNATURE	NAME PRINTED M. Gonzalez
REVIEWING / CLOSING SUPERVISOR: JL/100	CASE	ENTER DESIGNATION	SIGNATURE
	CLOSED: C	OR	C.O.'S INITIALS

Choice 1 Choice 2

Crime	Pct.	OCCB No.	Complaint No.	Date of This Report
INVEST PLANE CRASH	100		3325	11/12/01
Date of Orig. Report	Date Assigned	Case No.	Unit Reporting	Follow-Up No.
11/12/01	11/12/01	1389	100 P.D.U.	

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 _____

Perpetrator No. 1
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. _____

Perpetrator 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 _____ ft. _____ in. _____ Weight _____ lbs. _____ 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")

Perpetrator 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 _____ ft. _____ in. _____ Weight _____ lbs. _____ 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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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)

PERP 1
Cavass 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 _____

PERP 2
Complainant Viewed Photos Yes Refused Future Results: _____
Witness Viewed Photos Yes Refused Future Results: _____

PERP 1
Crime Scene Dust Yes No By (Enter Results in Details) _____ Crime Scene Photos Yes No By (Enter Results in Details) _____

PERP 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

DETAILS:
INVESTIGATION PLANE CRASH FLIGHT 587 AMERICAN AIRLINES
CONTENTS INTERVIEW OF WITNESS

WITNESS [REDACTED] D/O/B [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] EAST MEADOWS NY 11554
[REDACTED]

STATED THAT HE WAS WORKING ON BRIDGE (MARINE PARKWAY BRIDGE) WHEN HE SAW THE PLANE WITH THE ENGINE ON FIRE. WITNESS STATED THAT THE PLANE THEN BEGAN SPINNING AND TURNED UPSIDE DOWN AND THEN LOST ITS WING. WITNESS STATED HE SAW A FIRE BUT NO EXPLOSION. SAW PLANE GO INTO GROUND AND SAW DEBRIS HIT THE WATER. WHEN THE PLANE HIT THE GROUND HE SAW A LARGE EXPLOSION.

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CHOICE 1
CHOICE 2

CASE ACTIVE CLOSED DATE REVIEWED / CLOSED: 11/15/01 IF ACTIVE, DATE OF NEXT REVIEW _____
REPORTING OFFICER: [Signature] RANK: [Signature] SIGNATURE: [Signature] NAME PRINTED: DREW TAX REG. NO.: 912755 COMMAND: CBIT
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 PERP 1 PERP 2

INFORMATIONAL PO 313-081A (Rev. 4-89)-31		INVESTIGATE PLANE CRASH		Pct. 100	OCCB No.	Complaint No. 3325	Date of Init Report 11/20/01	PERP 1	
Date of Orig. Report 11/12/01	Date Assigned 11/12/01	Case No. 1389	Unit Reporting 100 Precinct Detective Squad	Follow-Up No.				PERP 2	
Complainant's Name - Last, First, M.I.			Victim's Name - If Different			N/A		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		Describe Weapon (If firearm, give color, make, calibre, type, model, etc.)						PERP 2	
Total No. of Perpetrators		Wanted	Arrested	Weapon		Address, include City, State, Zip		Apt. No.	
Used		Possessed		Apt. No.				Res. Pct.	
Wanted		Arrested		Last Name, First, M.I.		Address, include City, State, Zip		Apt. No.	
Sex		Race	Date of Birth	Age	Height	Weight	Eye Color	Hair Color	
Hair Length		Facial Hair		NYSID No.		CHOICE 1		CHOICE 2	
Eyeglasses		Sunglasses		Clothing Description				CHOICE 2	
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.	
Sex		Race	Date of Birth	Age	Height	Weight	Eye Color	Hair Color	
Hair Length		Facial Hair		NYSID No.		CHOICE 1		CHOICE 2	
Eyeglasses		Sunglasses		Clothing Description				CHOICE 2	
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Conv. 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:		CHOICE 2					
Witness Viewed Photos		Results:		CHOICE 2					
Crime Scene Quoted		By (Enter Results in Details)			Crime Scene Photos		By (Enter Results in Details)		
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8 DETAILS: INVESTIGATION: INVESTIGATE PLANE CRASH									
SUBJECT: INTERVIEW OF WITNESSES									
1. On Nov. 19, 2001 the U/S responded to the office of Dr. David Rogoff, dentist. These are nurses and receptionists that work in his office. His office is located at 114-04 Beach Channel Drive overlooking the									

C. [REDACTED] F/W 40 y.o. [REDACTED] states she observed the plane leaning left and flames touching the wing and the fuselage.

CHOICE 2	CASE		DATE REVIEWED/CLOSED 11/20/01		IF ACTIVE, DATE OF NEXT REVIEW	
ACTIVE		CLOSED		NAME PRINTED CURRAS		TAX REG. NO. 897280
REPORTING OFFICER		RANK	DET	SIGNATURE		COMMAND 100
REVIEWING CLOSING SUPERVISOR		CASE	ENTER DESIGNATION OR B	SIGNATURE		O.O.'S INITIALS
CHOICE 1		CHOICE 2		PERP 1		PERP 2

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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: 100 P.D.U.

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

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

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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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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: 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: INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED]

At approximately 0935 hours the undersigned interviewed [REDACTED] on the Marine Park Bridge. [REDACTED] resides at [REDACTED], Staten Island, NY

[REDACTED] and is employed by Kiska Construction working on the Marine Park Bridge. He stated that he arrived at work at approximately 0700 hours and was on the bridge at approx. 0910 hours when he observed an airplane flying "low" over Jamaica Bay heading west. He then saw the plane make a hard left turn and roll over and crash into the ground. After the plane crashed, he saw a large piece of a wing tumbling through the air and land in the water of Jamaica Bay near a red buoy. He stated that prior to the plane making the left turn, he did not think that anything was wrong other than that the plane seemed very low.

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DATE REVIEWED/CLOSED: 11/15/01
IF ACTIVE, DATE OF NEXT REVIEW:

REPORTING OFFICER: RANK: Lt. SIGNATURE: NAME PRINTED: Corey, Kenneth
TAX REG. NO.: 896835 COMMAND: QDAOS

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

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181-Beach 117 St- [REDACTED] (Working at address)

While working on scaffold [REDACTED] observed the airplane flying erratically through the sky with its left wing engulfed in flames. Moments later [REDACTED] states that the plane flipped and nosedived into the ground.

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January 10, 2002

National Transportation Safety Board
2001 Route, 46, Suite 504
Parsippany, New Jersey 07054

Dear Mr. Schiada,

In response to your request for my assistance, regarding the plane crash in Belle Harbor on November 12, 2001 here is my statement:

I had the day off from work on Monday, November 12, 2001, since it was Veterans Day and my office was closed. I was walking to dunkin donuts that morning; I was on the corner of 116th Street and Rockaway Beach Boulevard, when I heard a plane. But it was exceptionally loud; I thought that it was the concord, since I knew that they had recently resumed service on the concord. So I turned and looked in the sky and noticed a regular plane except it was unusually low in the sky and it was pitched in the wrong direction. The nose of the plane was pointed toward the ground; I stopped and watched in horror as the left engine then fell off the plane. Then the plane rocked back and forth (from side to side). There weren't any flames or smoke coming from the plane. I watched the plane for approximately 3 or 4 minutes, it was hard to tell how much time passed since everything happened so fast, then I lost sight of the plane and it crashed into the ground. When it crashed, plumes of black smoke and flames erupted into the sky. I then ran home to call a few people who I knew lived closer to that area to make sure that they were all right.

I hope this information will help with the investigation. If you need to contact me I can be reached Monday thru Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at [REDACTED]. After business hours you can reach me at my home [REDACTED] after 6:30 p.m.

[REDACTED]
Rockaway Park, New York 11694



Pct. 100	Complaint No. 3325	Date of This Report 11-12-01
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I saw the engine fall off of the plane. The plane was on fire where the engine was. It was rocking from left to right. It went down and I hear the explosion and saw smoke.

2. Status: Case open.

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SUPERVISOR		CLOSED: C OR B	C.O.'s INITIALS	

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[REDACTED]
140 Beach 122 nd Street
Belle Harbor, New York 11694 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

March 11, 2002

Dear Mr. Schaida,

I apologize for not responding in a timely manner.

On the morning of November 12, 2001, I was standing in front of my house when I saw an airplane seemingly out of control, rapidly descending from the sky. I was facing West, the airplane was coming from North to South (headed towards the ocean). Though I did not see any parts separating or falling from the airplane, when I observed the airplane, it appeared as though the wing was missing. I saw a streak of flame in its place (it was on the aircraft's left side towards the back, this was the side facing me). Though a flame was present, I did not observe any smoke at this time.

The airplane was rapidly descending in a rocking, side to side motion. This may be best illustrated by taking your hand, placing it straight out in front of you and rocking from left to right. I did not see a nose first downward spiral.

I observed the airplane for a few seconds, though it seemed like a lengthy period time it was most probably under one minute. It fell out of sight behind the houses that were obstructing my view. I heard the airplane crash down, loudly. Black, thick smoke immediately followed.

I hope this description is helpful. You can reach me at the above telephone number at any time, if you leave a message on the automated machine I will be happy to return your call. Good luck with the investigation.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

INFORMATIONAL PO 313-091A (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 Orig. Report 11/12/01	Date Assigned 11/12/01	Case No. 1389	Unit Reporting BS INTELL		Follow-Up No.			15 PERP 2				
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Home Telephone		Business Telephone		Position / Relationship		Sex	Race	Date of Birth	Age	16 PERP 2		
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Sgt. Mullen also interviewed [redacted] of 140 B122 who stated that she was standing ~~near~~ outside her home and saw ~~the~~ the plane flying very low in the sky in a s/w direction. She further stated the left wing was missing and flames were coming from where the wing should be. She also stated the plane was rocking back and forth. The plane then disappeared behind some houses she then saw smoke.

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ACTIVE <input type="checkbox"/> CLOSED		DATE REVIEWED / CLOSED <i>11/14/01</i>		IF ACTIVE, DATE OF NEXT REVIEW	
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

11/13/2001

Date of transcription

On 11/12/2001, [redacted] date of birth [redacted], Social Security Account Number [redacted], 241 Beach 118 Street, Rockaway, New York, telephone number [redacted] was interviewed at his residence.- After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information:

[redacted] advised that shortly after 9 AM on the morning of November 12, 2001, he was lying in bed with his girlfriend when he heard a loud aircraft fly over his residence. [redacted] thought that it might have been the Concorde, but decided to get out of bed and look out of his kitchen window. [redacted] stated that he saw a large metal object, approximately the size of a sport utility vehicle fall out of the sky approximately 1/2 mile west of his residence. [redacted] advised that after the object hit the ground he observed small debris falling from the sky. [redacted] could not determine if this debris was the result of the object hitting something on the ground, or additional debris falling from the sky. [redacted] could provide no further information regarding the events of November 12, 2001.

Investigation on 11/12/2001 at Rockaway, New York

File # 149A-NY-280669-Sub 302-105

Date dictated

SA Matthew S. Carabina ^{MS}

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National Transportation Safety Board

Telephone Memorandum

Date: February 28, 2002

Person Interviewed: [REDACTED]

Present: Norman Miller, Witness Group

Subject: DCA02MA001, Witness Interview

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

He was training motorcycle police at Floyd Bennet field. There was a helicopter in the area and he had been watching it when his partner shouted for him to look toward JFK Airport. He saw an airliner that was out of control and had a fire in a sort of halo around the wings with most of the flame intensity on the right side. The fire was orange and red in color and seemed to have about a 3-foot radius around the airplane. The plane rolled to nearly inverted and he saw pieces falling off the aircraft. The pieces seemed to be falling like paper. He felt that the engines were still on the aircraft when he saw it.

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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

N.C.I.R.

Follow-up #

UP 61 Number		Agency 03	Facility JFK	County of Offense Queens	CCR Number 22230-01
1	Complaint Investigate Aircraft Crash	Law/Sec't	Crime Code	Date Occurred 11/12/01	P.A. Location Code 000 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NY <input type="checkbox"/> NJ
2	Complaint	Law/Sec't	Crime Code	Day Occurred Monday	Time Occurred (From-To) 0921
Place of Occurrence (Address) <input type="checkbox"/> Inside <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Outside Belle Harbor, Queens N.Y.				Date Reported 11/12/01	Time Reported 0921
Complainant's Name (Last, First, Initial)			Sex <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	Race	Age
Complainant's Address					Area Cd - Bus. Tele.
Complainant's Address					Area Cd - Home Tele.
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<p>Details of Complaint: On follow-up report give additional details of complaint such as progress of investigation, description of property recovered, etc.</p> <p>Synopsis: At the above time, date and place, American Airlines flight#587, from JFK Airport to Santo Domingo, crashed during an attempt to return aircraft back to JFK after take off.</p> <p>Details: On 11/15/01 approximately 0700 hours The undersigned detective received a phone call from P.O. [REDACTED] N.Y.P.D who was a witness to the crash A/A flight#587 and furnished the following information:</p> <p>P.O. [REDACTED] N.Y.P.D. M/W DOB-[REDACTED] Highway 2 unit Floyd Bennet Field Edward Hall 2 floor Brooklyn N.Y. [REDACTED]</p> <p>P.O. [REDACTED] stated that he is assigned to NYPD motorcycle academy at Floyd Bennet Field.</p> <p>[REDACTED] stated that he saw the aircraft's tail fin break away from the aircraft and fall from the sky.</p> <p>[REDACTED] stated that from his vantage point the tail fin was not on fire it just seemed to break away from the tail.</p> <p>[REDACTED] stated the aircraft had a ball of fire between the left wing and the body of the aircraft. The aircraft then went belly up and then straight down nose first.</p> <p>[REDACTED] stated there was no explosion heard and nothing in the aircrafts airspace.</p> <p>[REDACTED] stated that there were no signs of birds in the area but he did notice that there were (2) boats in the area in the water. Those boats did remain after the crash and did not leave the area after the crash.</p> <p>No additional information to report.</p>					
Arresting/Investigating Officer #110 Det. Charles Giglia			Shield Number 110	Tax Registry Number 038397	
Tour Commander			Date	Facility Commanding Officer	
			Date		

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

Crime: **Inv. Plane Crash** Pct. **100** OCCB No. **1389** Complaint No. **1389** Date of This Report **11/20/01**

Date of Orig. Report: **11/12/01** Date Assigned: **11/12/01** Case No.: **01/1389** Unit Reporting: **MANHATTAN GANG SQUAD** Follow-Up No.:

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

Last Name, First, M.I.: **[REDACTED]** Address, include City, State, Zip: **161 B. 132 st. Ons. Ny** Apt. No.: **PH**

Home Telephone: **[REDACTED]** Business Telephone: **n/a** Position/Relationship: **Resident** Sex: **F** Race: **Wh** Date of Birth: **[REDACTED]** Age: **11**

Total No. of Perpetrators: **0** Wanted: **0** Arrested: **0** Weapon: **[REDACTED]** 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.

Eyeglasses Sunglasses Clothing Description: Scars, Marks, M.O., Etc. **n/a** (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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Comp. Interviewed: In Person By Phone Date: Time: Results: Same as Comp. Report - Different (Explain in Details) **n/a**

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 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: 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** Subject: **Interview with witness**

1. On 11/12/01 The undersigned along with Det. A. Diaz responded to 161 B.132 st. to interview a witness in the downing of flight 587 out of Kennedy airport under the super vision of Sgt. Pompa S.I. BIT. The results are as follows;

2. At approximately 1340 hours it came to the attention of the undersigned that there was a witness to the crash living at the above listed location. [REDACTED] answered the door and it was ascertained that her daughter had seen the aircraft through a sky light in her bedroom. The girl stated she had heard the plane and thought it was the concorde because of the extreme noise. She then states she saw it fly over her skylight with flames coming from the side by the wing. She also indicates there appeared to be extreme yaw accuring. The plane then left her view. Then she heard what she believes to be the sound of impact.

3. For your information and review.

CASE ACTIVE

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REPORTING OFFICER:	RANK	SIGNATURE	NAME PRINTED	TAX-REG. NO.	COMMAND
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INFORMATIONAL PD 313-081A (Rev. 4-89)-31		Crime: Investigate Airplane Crash	Pct. 100	OCCB No.	Complaint No. 3325	Date of This Report 11-12-01	14 PERP 1
Date of Original Report 11/7/01	Date Assigned 11/12/01	Case No. 1389	Unit Reporting Brooklyn North Gang Squad	Follow-Up No.			15 PERP 2
Complainant's Name - Last, First, M.I.		Victim's Name - If Different			Address, include City, State, Zip		16 PERP 1

Last Name, First, M.I.		Address, include City, State, Zip		Apt. No.	17 PERP 2
Home Telephone	Business Telephone	Position / Relationship	Sex F	Race W	Age 11

Total No. of Perpetrators	Wanted	Arrested	Weapon	Describe Weapon (If firearm, give color, make, calibre, type, model, etc.)		18 CHOICE 1
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Wanted	Arrested	Last Name, First, M.I.	Address, include City, State, Zip		Apt. No.	Res. Pct.	24 CHOICE 1
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Crime Scene Dusted	By (Enter Results in Details)		Crime Scene Photos	By (Enter Results in Details)		39 PERP 1
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DETAILS:
 At T/P/O the undersigned and P.O. Crandell shield # 10382, of the Brooklyn North Gang Squad responded the the crash of American Airlined flight # 587 in the confines of the 100 Pct. Upon canvassing the residence at 161 Beach ~~133~~ 132 street the above witness was interviewed with the following results.

The witness states that she was in her bedroom on the top floor of the residence when she heard a loudnoise from overhead. the witness states she then looked up through the skylight in the bedroom and saw a ~~large~~ large airplane which was very close, and the airplane was wobbling and there was smoke coming from the wing and engine of the airplane.

Case .. Active.

CASE	DATE REVIEWED / CLOSED		IF ACTIVE, DATE OF NEXT REVIEW			
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National Transportation Safety Board

Telephone Memorandum

Date: February 28, 2002

Person Interviewed: [REDACTED]

Present: Norman Miller, Witness Group

Subject: DCA02MA001, Witness Interview

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

Her family was having breakfast at a park near the bridge between Rockaway and Howden Beach, near a bird sanctuary. She felt that the aircraft was intact when she noticed it had a fire coming from the right side of the fuselage just forward of the right wing. She saw flares shoot out from in front of the wing. Then the tail came off in many parts. Many shiny parts were falling and she saw the plane nose down and crash in the town.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 11/15/01

██████████ born ██████████ temporarily residing at ██████████ Richmond Hill, Queens, New York, telephone number ██████████ was interviewed at the FBI Mobile Command Post. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and of the nature of the interview, ██████████ provided the following information:

██████████ recently moved back to New York from Michigan with her family. ██████████ and her family are temporarily staying with friends while they look for a place to live. ██████████ is originally from Ozone Park.

On 11/12/01, ██████████ drove with her husband, ██████████ and their three small children, over the Cross Bay Bridge to a small park located just over the bridge on the Rockaway Peninsula. The park is near the bird sanctuary. ██████████ was in the passenger seat of the minivan and her husband was in the driver's seat. The children sat in the back of the minivan. ██████████ parked the vehicle so that the family could sit and have lunch while they looked out at the water. ██████████ noted that their back's were to JOHN F. KENNEDY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (JFK).

██████████ sat watching the airplanes pass overhead as they flew out of JFK. ██████████ was watching one plane fly away from her direction when suddenly flames shot out from the right side of the airplane near where the wing is attached to the cabin. ██████████ noted that the plane was approximately two miles away. After the flames shot out from the right side of the plane it began to slowly turn to the left facing the bay away from land. ██████████ then saw something fall off of the back of the airplane. At this point the plane headed straight down. ██████████ then saw a burst of black smoke and orange flames rise up from the horizon. ██████████ could not see what had fallen off of the back of the plane before it crashed.

██████████ jumped out of the vehicle and dialed 911. ██████████ noted that she was crying and yelling at the operator that a plane had just crashed. ██████████ husband then took the phone from

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his wife and spoke with the police dispatcher. [REDACTED] noted that she is extremely upset about witnessing the plane fall from the sky, and that it has been very difficult talking about the plane crash.

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██████████ born ██████████ supervisor, FIVE STAR PARKING, LaGuardia Airport Parking Services, cellular telephone number ██████████, temporarily residing at ██████████ Richmond Hill, New York, telephone number ██████████ was interviewed at the FBI Mobile Command Post. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and of the nature of the interview, ██████████ provided the following information:

██████████ recently moved to New York with his family. ██████████ wife, ██████████ is originally from Ozone Park, Queens. ██████████ and his family are staying with a friend of ██████████ until they find a place to live.

On 11/12/01, ██████████ drove his wife and children to a small park just over the Cross Island Bridge on the Rockaway Peninsula. ██████████ noted that his wife was in the front passenger seat and his children were in the back of his minivan. ██████████ parked the minivan facing the water away from JOHN F. KENNEDY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (JFK).

██████████ was watching some birds when he suddenly heard his wife gasp. ██████████ looked out towards the sky where his wife was looking and noticed an airplane flying away from his vehicle. ██████████ added that the plane was approximately a mile and a half or two miles away from where he and his family were sitting. ██████████ saw a ball of flame shoot out from the right side of the airplane. ██████████ added that he believed the flames shot out from somewhere behind the cockpit just in front of the starboard wing. ██████████ did not hear anything. The plane then slowly turned to the left facing the bay. ██████████ then observed something fall off of the back of the plane. ██████████ could not tell what fell off of the back of the plane. The airplane then slowly spiraled downward and out of his view. ██████████ then observed a large cloud of black smoke and flames on the horizon in the vicinity of Belle Harbor.

██████████ noted that his wife had called 911 but that she was hysterical. ██████████ briefly spoke with the police dispatcher. GILL advised the interviewing agent that he had called the NTSB

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and reported that he and his wife had witnessed the plane falling.

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November 23, 2001
Belle Harbor, New York
11694 - [REDACTED]

Dear Sir.

In reply to your questions asked
in letter form signed

Luke Schiada
Air Safety Investigator
Nat'l Transportation Board
2001 RT 46 Suite 504
Parsippany, New Jersey 07054

- 1 - The plane in question was flying over Belle Harbor after taking off from Kennedy at 9:15 AM GIVE A MINUTE OR TWO in a South westerly direction.
- 2 - Parts separating? = Two white objects I at first thought to be BOMBS of course were engines and covers. They were found on 130th + 129th ST one on a gas filling station.
- 3 - I OBSERVED LOOKING SKYWARD THE PLANE WAS NOT IN ANY PART OF THE SKY----- THEN IMMEDIATELY a loud BOOM, THE PLANE CRASHED, BLACK SMOKE, SIRENS -
4. THE SIGHTING OF THE PLANE WAS ABOUT 25 SECONDS FROM SKY TO GROUND. ALL HAPPENED WITH EXTREME SPEED PERHAPS LESS THAN THAT!

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OVER - PLEASE

5- LIVING SO CLOSE TO THE AIRPORT
PEOPLE HERE ARE CONSTANTLY LOOKING
AT THE SKY TRAFFIC.

MY FIRST REACTION WAS TO A LOUD GROWING
NOISE LIKE A SST FLYING, NOT A NORMAL
ENGINE SOUND UNBALANCE AND LOUD.

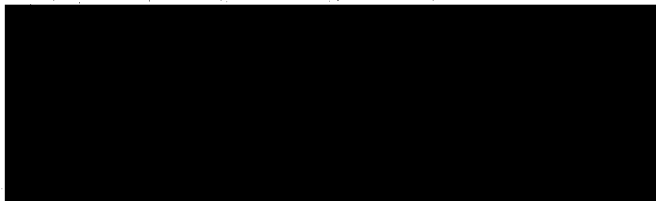
MY FINAL VIEW OF THE AIRPLANE WAS
AN ANGLE SUCH AS A FIGHTER PLANE
PEELING OFF FORMATION THEN A FEW
SECONDS LATER SMOKE!


MY WIFE AND I HAVE BEEN RESIDENTS AND
MAINTAINED A BUSINESS FOR 50 YEARS HERE
IN ROCKAWAY.

THIS REPORT WAS GIVEN TO THE F. B. I.
WHO INTERVIEWED ME AT HOME DURING
THE DISASTER.

WE WILL GLADLY ANSWER ANY OTHER
QUESTIONS AT ANY TIME.

YOURS SINCERELY,



0422 Beach 125 St
Bell Harbor N. Y.
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Crime	Pct.	OCCB No.	Complain. No.	Date of This Report
Investigate DOA	100	N/A	3325	11/12/01

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

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

Last Name, First, M.I.	Address, include City, State, Zip	Apt. No.
	422 Beach 125 street	P/H

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

Total No. of Perpetrators	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.

Eyeglasses	Sunglasses	Clothing Description	Scars, Marks, M.O., 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	Scars, Marks, M.O., Etc.

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Comp. Interviewed	In Person	By Phone	Date	Time	Results: Same as Comp. Report - Different (Explain in Details)
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

Witness Interviewed	In Person	By Phone	Date	Time	Results: Same as Comp. Report - Different (Explain in Details)
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

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:
Investigation: Investigate DOA (Plane crash)
Contents : Interview of [REDACTED]

On 11/12/01 at 1110 hours, I interviewed [REDACTED] (422 Beach 122nd. street, Belle Harbor New York) in front of his residence at which time he provided the following information.

[REDACTED] stated that he exited his residence at approximately 0915 hours as he normally did to retrieve the newspaper from the front lawn. He stated that after exiting he heard a plane, over which time he looked up. [REDACTED] stated that he observed (2) two large white items falling from the plane, and approximately (15) fifteen seconds later he heard an explosion and observed smoke.

[REDACTED] stated that he returned to his residence at which time he attempted to call the police, but was not successful. He stated that he telephoned a radio station (ubknown station), and informed them of what he had observed.

[REDACTED] stated that he was currently retired, and is home everyday, and indicated that he could be reached at his residence [REDACTED]

Case Active: 11/12/01

CASE	DATE REVIEWED / CLOSED	IF ACTIVE, DATE OF NEXT REVIEW
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REPORTING OFFICER	RANK	SIGNATURE
	Det	[Signature]
REVIEWING / CLOSING SUPERVISOR	CASE ENTER DESIGNATION	SIGNATURE
[Signature]	CASE CLOSED: C OR B	[Signature]
		C.O.'S INITIALS
		BXBIT

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

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

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PEAP-1

Date of Orig. Report **11/12/01** Date Assigned **11/12/01** Case No. **1309** Unit Reporting **Queens B.I.T.** 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. _____

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

PEAP-2

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

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. _____

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 _____ NYSID No. _____

CHOICE 1

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

CHOICE 2

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

CHOICE 1

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

CHOICE 2

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 _____
 Yes No Yes No

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Complainant Viewed Photos _____ Results: _____
 Yes Refused Future

CHOICE 1

Witness Viewed Photos _____ Results: _____
 Yes Refused Future

CHOICE 2

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

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 C-1 Improper Referral C-2 Inaccurate Facts C-3 No Evidence / Can't ID C-4 Uncooperative Complainant C-5 "Leads" Exhausted

PEAP-2

DETAILS: INVESTIGATION: **CRASH OF FLIGHT #587**

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SUBJECT: **INTERVIEW OF WITNESSES ON THE EVEN SIDE OF THE BLOCK OF B.125 S.T. FROM NEWTON AVE. TO BEACH CHANNEL DRIVE**

PEAP-1

1. The undersigned did interview the below witnesses on B. 125 S.T. in regards to the crash of flight #587.

PEAP-2

422 B. 125 S.T. _____, said he saw the plane, then saw two peices fall and the plane turned sharply. Then he heard a loud bang and saw a puff of smoke, black in color.

PEAP-1

PEAP-2

ACTIVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CLOSED <input type="checkbox"/>	DATE REVIEWED 11/12/01	DATE OF NEXT REVIEW
REPORTING OFFICER: RAHX Det	SIGNATURE Potapchuk	NAME PRINTED Potapchuk
REVIEWING / CLOSING SUPERVISOR: [Signature]	ENTER DESIGNATION C	TAX REG. NO. 889206 COMMAND CIS
CLOSED: C	OR B	SIGNATURE [Signature] C.O.'s INITIALS
Choice 1	Choice 2	Perp 1
		Perp 2

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On November 12, 2001, [REDACTED] date of birth [REDACTED] of 422 Beach 125 Street, Belle Harbor, New York, telephone number [REDACTED], was interviewed by Special Agent Jeffrey L. Tarkin. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the interview, [REDACTED] provided the following information:

[REDACTED] was at home when American Airlines Flight #587 crashed. He was retrieving his newspaper from the front yard when he noticed an aircraft in the sky. He heard a loud noise and saw two (2) large white objects falling from the sky. He thought the objects were "bombs." [REDACTED] next saw black smoke. A small piece of the aircraft was noticed on his front lawn.

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by SA Jeffrey L. Tarkin *JLT*

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[REDACTED] home address 422 B125th Street, Rockaway Beach, New York (NY), telephone number [REDACTED], was interviewed at his residence. [REDACTED] was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and provided the following information:

[REDACTED] was previously interviewed by Detective Kelvin Ham, New York Police Department (NYPD), telephone number [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] advised that airplane pieces from American Flight #587 fell into his yard and they had not been collected by police authorities.

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

File # 149A-NY-280669-SUB 302 - 71 Date dictated _____

by SA Ronald R. Henderson, Jr. / rnh

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CONTROL # NY 44

Crime: **A.A. Flight #587** Pct: **100** OCCB No.: [] Complaint No.: **3325** Date of This Report: **11-12-01**

Date of Orig. Report: **1-12-01** Date Assigned: **1-12-01** Case No.: **1389** Unit Reporting: **Bronx Intelligence/C.I.S** Follow-Up No.: []

Complainant's Name - Last, First, M.I.: [] Victim's Name - If Different: [] Address, include City, State, Zip: [] Apt. No.: []

Witness (on 1): [] Home Telephone: [] Business Telephone: [] Position / Relationship: [] Sex: [] Race: [] Date of Birth: [] Age: []

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

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

Perp. No. 2: Sex: [] Race: [] Date of Birth: [] Age: [] Height: [] Weight: [] Eye Color: [] Hair Color: [] Hair Length: [] Facial Hair: [] NYSID 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: [] 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 Custody: [] By (Enter Results in Details) [] Crime Scene Photos: [] By (Enter Results in Details) []

DETAILS: Investigate: **Crash of American Airlines flight #587** Subject: **Statement of [REDACTED]**

1. On 12 NOVEMBER 2001 at approximately 1330 hrs, the undersigned conducted a canvass of [REDACTED] with regards to the crash of flight #587 with the following results.

We were standing in the parking lot, me and [REDACTED] We were going to go to visit some friends and were putting things into his car. I heard a sound like a "POP". I look up and see the plane trying to climb, then the "POP" sound and the plane started to go down. As the plane started to go down, I saw the left wing start to separate from the rest of the plane. The next thing I hear an explosion and then I see black smoke start to rise from the ground. Me and [REDACTED] got into his car and drive to where the plane crashed. We tried to help get the people from the houses.

End of statement

CASE: ACTIVE CLOSED DATE REVIEWED / CLOSED: [] IF ACTIVE, DATE OF NEXT REVIEW: []

REPORTING OFFICER: [] RANK: **Det** SIGNATURE: [] NAME PRINTED: **Leonard Cawley** TAX REG. NO.: **873496** COMMAND: **C.I.S**

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

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

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██████████ Pete's Home Improvement, was interviewed by telephone ██████████ pursuant to an interview of ██████████ who advised that ██████████ was with him when they both eye witnessed the crash of American Airlines Flight 587 on November 12, 2001.

According to ██████████ he was with ██████████ at the job site on Beach 130th Street and Rockaway Beach Boulevard in the morning hours of November 12, 2001 where they were doing an aluminum siding job. ██████████ stated that he first heard a sound which was similar to the Supersonic Transport (SST), which caught his attention. Thereafter, there was a two or three second pause in the sound when everything went quiet. Then, according to ██████████ he heard a noise similar to jet engines revving. ██████████ looked up and saw an airplane parallel to the ground with its wings dipping left and right. Then according to ██████████ he heard a crackling sound and saw pieces from the left wing, believed to be parts of the engine, falling to the ground. The aircraft then appeared to nose upward with its fuselage vertical to the ground in what appeared to ██████████ as an attempt to gain altitude. Then the airplane appeared to stall and went backwards. At this point, he and ██████████ ran for safety.

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by SA RICHARD P. MIKA

AA587 Witness

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Sunday, February 10, 2002 8:27

To: AA587wit@ntsb.gov

Subject: I saw the aircraft crash of 587

I work at Floyd Bennet Field. The morning of the crash, my partner and I were making rounds, as we turned towards the bay we could see a plane accending, at that moment we saw an explosion behind the wing [right side] near bottom. It looked like a section of the cargo or luggage bay fell out immediately in the bay. As that happen I jumped out our vehicle and ran towards the police heli. hanger yelling that a plane just blew up. As I turned around I saw the plane crashing nose first into Farocaway. yours truly [REDACTED]

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National Transportation Safety Board

Telephone Memorandum

Date: February 28, 2002

Person Interviewed: [REDACTED]

Present: Norman Miller, Witness Group

Subject: DCA02MA001, Witness Interview

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

He was in his truck near the Floyd Bonnet Field police hangar facing the bay. He saw the aircraft taking off and noticed an explosion on the right hand side of the cargo belly just behind the wing. Sections of the cargo area fell out and pieces came off the airplane. He felt that the engines were still on the wings. The aircraft was very loud, just like the Concorde. He never noticed if the tail or wings came off the airplane as suggested by the newspapers.



COMPLAINT - FOLLOW UP INFORMATIONAL
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Crime: **Inv. Plane Crash** Pct.: **101** OCCB No.: **3325** Complaint No.: **11/12/01**

Date of Orig. Report: **11/12/01** Date Assigned: **11/12/01** Case No.: **1389** Unit Reporting: **QDAO5** Follow-Up No.: **P**

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

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, 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.: _____

Eye Glasses: Sunglasses: Clothing Description: _____ Scars, Marks, M.O., Etc.: _____

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.: _____

Eye Glasses: Sunglasses: Clothing Description: _____ Scars, Marks, M.O., Etc.: _____

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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 Custody: 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:

On this date the undersigned interviewed _____ of _____ Jersey City N.J. 07304. _____ was working as _____

as contractor at Floyd Bennet Field on 11/12/01 at 09:15 hrs. _____ was interviewed regarding the crash of ~~xxx~~ flight # 587. _____ stated the following: _____

heard a noise and looked up at the plane. He further stated that he then seen a flash coming from the rear center of the plane. _____ states that he observed a flash then a fire start on the center of plane. He further observed parts of the plane falling into the water. _____ observed the plane nose dived into the bomes in the Rockaways.

_____ states that he works for the ~~EM~~ Ryan Corp. and can be reached at telephone number _____.

In view of the above mentioned facts this case will remain active pending further developments.

CASE: ACTIVE CLOSED DATE REVIEWED / CLOSED: **11/15/01** IF ACTIVE, DATE OF NEXT REVIEW: _____

REPORTING OFFICER: **Det.** SIGNATURE: _____ NAME PRINTED: **M. Gonzalez** TAX REG. NO.: **879039** COMMAND: **QDAO5**

REVIEWING / CLOSING SUPERVISOR: **mg** CASE ENTER DESIGNATION: _____ SIGNATURE: _____ C.O.'S INITIALS: _____

Choice 1: _____ Choice 2: _____

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 11/19/2001

██████████ 444 Beach 130th Street, Belle Harbor, New York 11694, telephone ██████████ was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the interview. ██████████ provided the following information.

██████████ stated that shortly after 9:00am on November 12, 2001, she heard an airplane and believed it was the Concorde. Immediately following that noise ██████████ heard a female in the street screaming. ██████████ rushes over to a second floor window that faces in a southwest direction and observes a tremendous airplane jet with the right side and tail on fire. ██████████ stated she observed the plane hit the ground and then there was huge flames and black smoke.

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by SA Christopher B. McKeough

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Telephone Memorandum

Date: July 1, 2002

Person Interviewed: [REDACTED]

Present: Luke Schiada, Witness Group

Subject: DCA02MA001, Witness Interview

[REDACTED] witnessed the subject accident airplane from the second floor balcony of her residence. During our conversation, she stated:

She heard a "rumble, like when the SST passes, only 400 times louder." The sound like it was extremely low and close. She went out to her balcony and observed a "silver object" descending "straight down." She was not certain what the object was. The object struck the ground, made a loud "crack" sound and exploded into large black smoke and fireball. At that time, she thought the object was a bomb.

[REDACTED] was not certain how long she observed the airplane; she added it was "less than a minute, a few seconds, maybe." She did not observe any smoke or fire while the airplane was in the air and also did not see any parts falling from or around the airplane as it descended.

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DETAILS: INTERVIEW OF RESIDENTS								

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Sgt. Millen also interviewed [redacted] of 150 B 122 St. [redacted] stated she was standing on her 2nd floor balcony and saw the plane nose dive from the sky into the V/O 122 B 130 St.

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REPORTING OFFICER:	RANK: Det	SIGNATURE: Dennis Jones	NAME PRINTED: Dennis Jones	TAX REG. NO.: 884101	COMMAND: BS/CIS
REVIEWING / CLOSING SUPERVISOR: [Signature]	CASE CLOSED: C	ENTER DESIGNATION: OR B	SIGNATURE: [Signature]	C.O.'S INITIALS	
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[REDACTED] Date of Birth [REDACTED] telephone number [REDACTED] was interviewed. After being advised of the name of the interviewing Agent and the nature and purpose of the interview, [REDACTED] provided the following information:

[REDACTED] was standing along Beach Channel Road in Queens, New York when he saw an airplane over Jamaica Bay. [REDACTED] heard the roar of the airplane which was what caused [REDACTED] to look up. [REDACTED] saw that one of the engine's was on fire, and then he saw a big part of the airplane fall off, although he was not sure what it was. The airplane then began to veer from side to side and then it just started to dive. [REDACTED] then heard the airplane hit the ground and explode. [REDACTED] did not provide any further information.

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

by SA Kurt F. Dengler

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COMPLAINT - FOLLOW UP
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Crime: Airline Crash Flight 587 American Airlines Pct: 100 OCCB No. - Complaint No. 3225 Date of This Report 11/12/2001
 Date of Orig. Report 11/12/2001 Date Assigned 11/12/2001 Case No. 1389 Unit reporting BX Intel Follow-Up No.

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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 Weapons Used Possessed 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 NYSD No.

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

Nickname, First Name, Alias Address, include City, State, Zip Apt. No. Res. Pct.

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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)

Canvasses Conducted: Yes No If Yes - Make Entry in Body Re: Time, Date, Names, Address, Results Crime Scene Visited: Yes No If Yes - Make Entry in Body 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 Incomplete Facts C-3 No Evidence / Can't ID C-4 Uncooperative Complainant C-5 "Leads" Exhausted

DETAILS:

Investigation: Airline Crash Flight 587 American Airlines within Confines of 100 Pct

Subject: Canvass

1. On 11/12/01 at approximately 1300 hours, the undersigned along with Det. Cawley conducted a canvass of 123-10 Promenade involving the Airline crash of American Airlines Flight#587 within the confines of the 100 Pct with the following results:

123-10 Promenade, the super later identified as [redacted] d.o.b. [redacted], Telephone [redacted] did state, 'He was in the back of the building parking lot and He observed a plane in the sky, left wing with eng fall off. He further stated, 'the plane crash in the area of 129th street.'

REPORTING OFFICER: ACTIVE CLOSED RANK: DET. SIGNATURE: [Signature] NAME PRINTED: FERNANDO VELEZ TAX REG. NO.: 908946 COMMAND: BX/AT
 REVIEWING / CLOSING SUPERVISOR: [Signature] CASE CLOSED: C ENTER DESTINATION: C OR: B SIGNATURE: [Signature] C.O.'S INITIALS:
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AA587 Witness

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 17, 2002 12:17
To: AA587WIT@ntsb.gov
Cc: EDITOR@rockawave.com
Subject: (no subject)

DEAR LUKE IN RESPONSE TO YOUR LETTER, I WAS FISHING WITH MY BROTHER IN LAW AND FRIEND BOTH WHO HAVE RECIEVED YOUR LETTER .WE WERE JUST WEST OF THE CROSS BAY VETERANS MEMORIAL BRIDGE WHEN MY BROTHER IN LAW SAID LOOK AT THAT. I NOTICED THE AA PLANE ON FIRE ON THE LEFT SIDE WING RIGHT WHERE THE ENGINE IS LOCATED.IT LOOKED LIKE THE PLANE HAD STOPPED MOVING ACROSS THE SKY. THE TAIL SECTION WAS FALLING OFF TO THE RIGHT LEAVING A TRAIL OF SMOKE. NEXT THE PLANE HEADED STRAIGHT DOWN TO THE GROUND CRASHING INTO THE HOMES. WE RUSHED TOWARDS THE AREA WHERE WE SAW THE PLANE HIT THE GROUND AND THERE WAS PARTS OF THE PLANE IN THE WATER . WE STARTED TO PICK UP PLANE PARTS AND GIVE THEM TO THE HARBOR PATROL. PART PF THE TAIL STUCK INTO THE GROUND IN ABOUT 4 FEET OF WATER . IT COULDN'T BE LIFTED OUT OF THE WATER.WE GAVE OUR STORY TO THE COAST GUARD AND WENT HOME. WE WERE CONVINCED IT WAS NO ACCIDENT. SINCERELY [REDACTED]

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

Date of Orig. Report: 11/12/01 Date Assigned: 11/12/01 Case No. 1329 Unit Reporting: Major Case Squad Follow-Up No.

Complainant's Name - Last, First, M.I.: AMERICAN AIR LINES Victim's Name - If Different: Last Name, First, M.I. Address, include City, State, Zip

Witness No. 1 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.)

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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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: CRASH OF A.A. FLT. 587 SUBJECT: [REDACTED] D.O.B. [REDACTED] Broad Channell, N.Y. 11693

CONTENT: INTERVIEW WITH WITNESS 1. On 11/12/01 at approximately 1255 hrs. the undersigned interviewed [REDACTED] who is a Dist. Super. of the N.Y.C. Sanitation Dept. in Brooklyn Nothh.

He stated that he was fishing with two others, also interviewed, in the vicinity of the Cross Bay Bridge. At approximately 0915 hrs. he saw a plane pass over and the left wing had fire across it. The wing fell off the plane and the plane began to spin and then crash and explode. He and his companions then began to gather debris from the water. They gave it to a Coast Guard boat that was in the area.

2. A short time later they were directed by a Police Boat that the area had been frozen and they left the area.

3. Case open pending further developments.

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

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National Transportation Safety Board

Telephone Memorandum

Date: February 28, 2002

Person Interviewed: [REDACTED]

Present: Norman Miller, Witness Group

Subject: DCA02MA001, Witness Interview

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

She was walking on the beach abeam 121st street, when her walking partner said to look up and she saw an airplane bouncing through the air. Pieces were falling off the airplane and floating down. It seemed like the pieces were two different parts. She thought there had been midair between two airplanes. The nose of the airplane came down rapidly and it hit the ground. When it was going down she said the airplane appeared to still have two wings and a tail. She felt that the entire sequence took place in just a few seconds.

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.: 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.:

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: NYSID No.:

Eyeglasses: 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):

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DETAILS: INVESTIGATION: INVESTIGATE PLANE CRASH SUBJECT: PHONE INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED] DOB [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

ON 11/16/01 AT 1120HRS, THE UNDERSIGNED RECEIVED A PHONE CALL FROM [REDACTED] WHO STATES SHE RECEIVED A 100 SQUAD FLYER REGARDING THE ABOVE INCIDENT AND IS CALLING TO REPORT WHAT SHE SAW/HEARD.

[REDACTED] STATES ON 11/12/01 AT APPX. 0910HRS, SHE WAS WALKING ALONG THE BEACH BY THE WATER BETWEEN BEACH 133-134TH STREET WITH HER TWO FRIENDS [REDACTED] WHO RESIDE IN HER HOUSE ON THE THIRD FLOOR [REDACTED] STATES SHE OBSERVED PLANE FLYING STRAIGHT IN THE AIR COMING OVER JAMAICA BAY [REDACTED] STATES SHE OBSERVED THE PLANE SHAKING AND SILVER PIECES FALLING OFF AS THE PLANE MADE A NOSE DIVE AND HEADED DOWNWARD AND AS THE PLANE REACHED THE ROOFTOP OF THE HOUSES BELOW, IT EXPLODED IN A BALL OF FIRE.

[REDACTED] STATES THE TWO FRIENDS SHE WAS WITH HAD ALREADY GIVEN STATEMENTS TO MEMBERS OF THE F.B.I. INVESTIGATING THE PLANE CRASH.

CASE: ACTIVE [X] CLOSED [] DATE REVIEWED / CLOSED: 11/18/01 IF ACTIVE, DATE OF NEXT REVIEW: SIGNATURE: [Signature] NAME PRINTED: MCCAFFREY TAX REG. NO.: 878115 COMMAND: 100SQ. REPORTING OFFICER: DET. REVIEWING / CLOSING SUPERVISOR: [Signature] CASE CLOSED: C OR B: C ENTER DESIGNATION: SIGNATURE: [Signature] C.O.'s INITIALS:

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National Transportation Safety Board

Interview Memorandum

Date: November 14, 2001

Person Interviewed: [REDACTED]

Present: Witness Group

Subject: DCA02MA001, Witness Interview

[REDACTED] witnessed the subject accident and was interviewed by the witness group at her residence. During the conversation she stated:

She was in her kitchen at approximately 0915, when she heard a loud noise that she believed was the Concorde. When she looked out her window she saw the airplane in a left turn, slowing "rocking back and forth." She did not observe any smoke coming from the airplane; however, she did notice an "orange ball or glow" surrounding the middle of fuselage. The airplane continued to turn to the left and the nose began to pitch down. The airplane continued to pitch down to a point beyond 90 degrees, and then disappeared behind some buildings. She did not recall hearing any noise and at no time did she see anything separate while she observed the airplane.

Crime: Investigate Plane crash. Pct. 100. OCCB No. 3325. Complaint No. 11/12/01. Date of This Report: 11/12/01.

Date of Orig. Report: 11/12/01. Date Assigned: 11/08/01. Case No. 1389. Unit Reporting: Queens Homicide 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.: [Redacted]. Address, include City, State, Zip: 124-16 Rockaway Blvd. Apt. No. 1D.

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

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

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

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

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Witness Interviewed: [Redacted]. In Person: [Redacted]. By Phone: [Redacted]. Date: [Redacted]. Time: [Redacted]. 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].

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

DETAILS: Investigation: Investigate Crash of American Airlines Flight 587. Subject: Interview of [Redacted] 124-16 Rockaway Beach Blvd. 1D.

1: On 11/12/01 at approximately 1130 AM at the corner of B.126 Street and Newport Ave I spoke with [Redacted] who said that she was in her livingroom located at 124-16 Rockaway Beach Blvd. Apt. 1D. She said that she heard a loud sound which she believed to be the concord jet. The comp. said that she went to her window to look at it when she saw a silver plane. She said that she saw an orange ball which she believed to be flames in the middle of the plane, she said that the plane was going sideways (right wing was up and the left wing down). She said that the plane then thendid a nose dive and crashed in the the ground.

2: Case Active

CASE: ACTIVE [X] CLOSED [] DATE REVIEWED / CLOSED: 11/14/01 IF ACTIVE, DATE OF NEXT REVIEW: [Redacted]. REPORTING OFFICER: [Redacted] RANK: DET SIGNATURE: [Redacted] NAME PRINTED: Schmittgall TAX REC. NO.: 590963 COMMAND: QHS REVIEWING / CLOSING SUPERVISOR: [Redacted] CASE ENTER DESIGNATION: [Redacted] SIGNATURE: [Redacted] C.O.'s INITIALS: [Redacted]

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Crime **Inv. Plane Crash** Pct. **100** OCCB No. **3325** Complaint No. **11/12/01** Date of This Report

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

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

Last Name, First, M.I. **[REDACTED]** Address, include City, State, Zip **124-16 Rockaway Beach Blvd. Qns PH** Apt. No.

Home Telephone **[REDACTED]** Business Telephone **n/a** Position / Relationship **Resident** Sex **F** Race **Wh** Date of Birth **[REDACTED]** Age **40**

Total No. of Perpetrators **0** Wanted **0** Arrested **0** Weapon **[REDACTED]** Describe Weapon (If firearm, give color, make, calibre, type, model, etc.)

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.

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

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.

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

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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) **n/a**

Witness interviewed **[REDACTED]** In Person **[REDACTED]** By Phone **[REDACTED]** Date **[REDACTED]** Time **[REDACTED]** 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]** Refused Future Results: **[REDACTED]**

Witness Viewed Photos **[REDACTED]** Refused Future Results: **[REDACTED]**

Crime Scene Dust **[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:
 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
Subject: Interview with witness

1. On 11/12/01 The undersigned along with Det. A. Diaz responded to 161 B.132 st. to interview a witness in the downing of flight 587 out of Kennedy airport. The results are as follows;

2. At approximately 1700 hours it came to the attention of the undersigned that there was a witness to the crash living at the above listed location. She was interviewed at [REDACTED] the home of a friend [REDACTED] states that she was home when heard what she believed to be the Concorde flying over but she noted the engine sounds were not normal. She then looked out of her window and saw the plane banking, however the woman who Purports to be a flight attendant for American Airlines said it appeared to be attempting to bank. [REDACTED] states that the plane then appeared to slow to an almost stop and with the wing tips horizontal to the ground and sky. She states the plane then appeared to corkscrew into the ground. [REDACTED] also said that she saw flames emanating from the rear of the plane.

3. FOR YOUR INFORMAIION AND REVIEW.

CASE ACTIVE

CASE ACTIVE CLOSED DATE REVIEWED / CLOSED IF ACTIVE, DATE OF NEXT REVIEW
REPORTING OFFICER: **DET. [REDACTED]** RANK **DET.** SIGNATURE **[REDACTED]** NAME PRINTED **BREEN,** TAX REG. NO. **892204** COMMAND **MGS**
REVIEWING / CLOSING SUPERVISOR: **DET. [REDACTED]** CASE CLOSED: **C** EMPER DESIGNATION **[REDACTED]** SIGNATURE **BREEN, K [REDACTED]** TAX REG. NO. **892204** INITIALS **[REDACTED]**

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WITNESS No. 1
Perp. No. 1
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CHOICE 1
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[REDACTED]
Belle Harbor, New York
January 9, 2002

Luke Schioda
National Transportation Safety Board
2001 Route 46 Suite 504
Parsippany, New Jersey 07054

On November 12, 2001 at approximately 9:20 a.m. I was walking past the co-op at 128-11 Newpolt Ave. Belle Harbor when I looked up and saw an American airlines jet with the tail off floating to the upper right sky. There was then a loud pop and a flame came from the left engine it then came off the plane. The plane then started to shake left and right it then started to nose dive I started to run because I thought it was coming right at me. When the plane hit the ground the sound was deafening. I turned and saw a ball of fire and smoke coming towards me I could feel the heat I started running again until I got home.

until 11pm Homephone - [REDACTED]

work# [REDACTED] - Post office [REDACTED]
3pm-11pm JFK Airport



Pct. 100	Complaint No. 3325	Date of This Report 11/13/01
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DETAILS:

61. ON 11/13/01 LT MAGUIRE OF THE 114 PDS INTERVIEWED [REDACTED] OF [REDACTED] STATES SHE WAS ENROUTE TO A STORE ON 129ST AND NEWPORT AVE WHEN SHE SAW A PLANE WITH THE TAIL MISSING. SHE THEN HEARD A POP AND SAW WHAT SHE BELIEVES WAS THE LEFT ENGINE FALL FROM THE PLANE. THE PLANE'S WING WAS ON FIRE AND PLANE CONTINUED UPRIGHT. THEN SHE HEARD A CRASH THEN SHE TURNED AND SAW SMOKE AND FIRE, SHE THEN LEFT THE AREA.
 62. CASE ACTIVE.

CASE: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACTIVE <input type="checkbox"/> CLOSED		DATE REVIEWED/CLOSED: 11/13/01	IF ACTIVE, DATE OF NEXT REVIEW:	
REPORTING OFFICER:	RANK: DET	SIGNATURE: [Signature]	NAME PRINTED: VERHANOVA	TAX REG. NO.: 891096
REVIEWING/CLOSING SUPERVISOR:	CASE ENTER DESIGNATION: C	OR B:	SIGNATURE: [Signature]	COMMAND: 107
				C.O.'S INITIALS:

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Date of transcription 11/14/01

██████████ DOB: ██████████ 218 Beach 138th Street, Belle Harbor, New York was advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and the purpose of the interview.

██████████ advised that she saw American Airlines flight 587 lose altitude, something flew out or off of the plane and then the plane crashed straight down, nose first.

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

File # 149A-NY-280669

Date dictated 11/14/01

by John F. Magri
Steven M. Troyd

Crime: **investigate plane crash 100** Pct. OCCB No. 3325 Date of This Report: **11/13/01**

Date of Orig. Report: **11/12/01** Date Assigned: Case No. **1389** Unit Reporting: **102** Follow-Up No. **01**

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

Address, include City, State, Zip: **218 B138th Street** Apt. No. P/H

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.

Eyeglasses: 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)

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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: [redacted] observed a rectangular shaped object fall from the plane then observed plane in a slow motion movement then going straight down.

2. For your information

CASE: ACTIVE [] CLOSED [] DATE REVIEWED / CLOSED: 11/14/01 IF ACTIVE, DATE OF NEXT REVIEW: REPORTING OFFICER: RANK: DET SIGNATURE: NAME PRINTED: BATISTA TAX REG. NO.: 911208 COMMAND: 102SQD REVIEWING / CLOSING SUPERVISOR: ENTER DESIGNATION: SIGNATURE: C.O.'S INITIALS:

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

1/14/02

Dear Mr. Schiada,

On November 12, 2001 I was a witness to the plane crash in Rockaway. I was between 120 + 121 St. Beaches on the sand. It was between 9:00 & 9:30 AM. As I was on the sand facing the ocean I heard the plane, which sounded like the concord, it struck my attention because it was very loud. When I turned around to look my first thought was that "this plane is going crash". I thought that because of how low the plane was flying. The plane was flying diagonal, towards the ocean but heading in the direction of breezy point. When I first saw the plane, it was fully intact. About 3-5 seconds later the left wing engulfed in flames

and almost immediately after there~~z~~ was an explosion and the left wing ~~at~~ went up in flames. At this point the plane looked as if it was trying to turn around, (as if to make a u-turn), but spiraled down towards the ground. At this point all I could see is smoke and fire from the ground and I ran home.

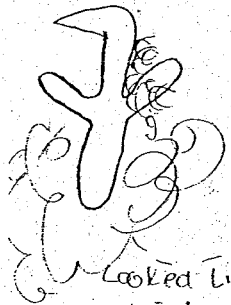
I never saw an engine or any other part of the plane fall off. I observed this incident for approximately approximately 30 seconds from when the wing first started to smoke to when it went down. I would say from when I first saw the plane to when it went down was well under a minute maybe 35 seconds at the most.

If you need to contact me
further I can be reached
at [REDACTED] or on my
cell phone at [REDACTED]
I'm available after 5 pm, M-F
at [REDACTED] and on my cell phone
at all other times.

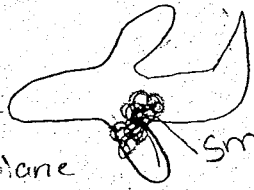
Good luck with this situation

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]



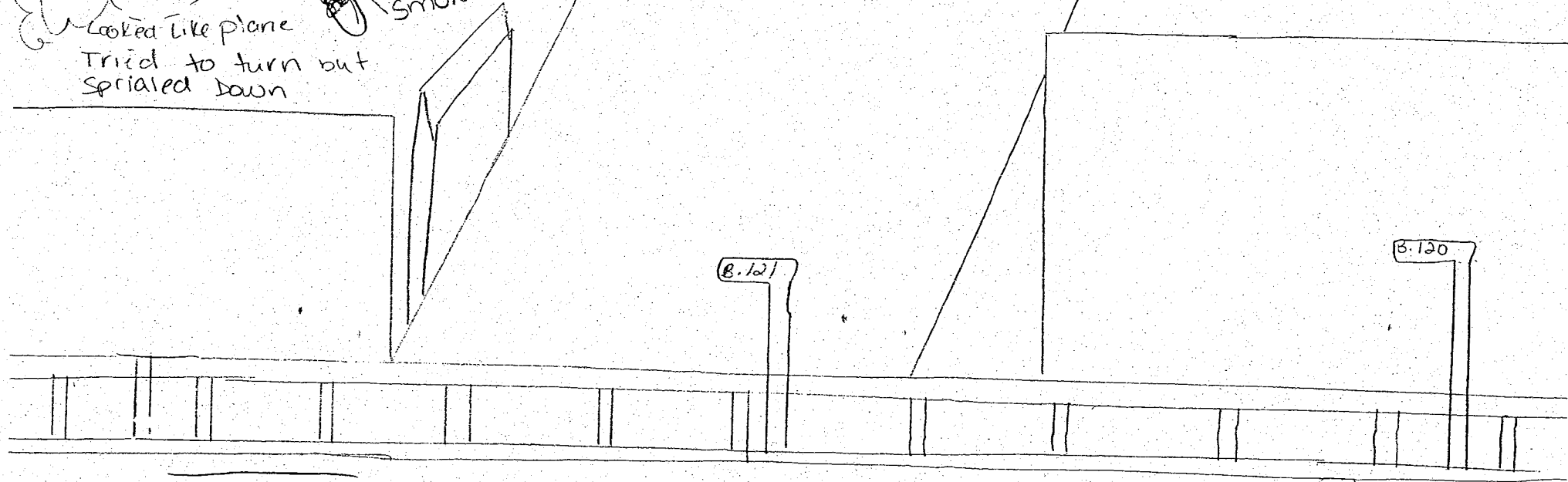
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Tried to turn but
spiraled down



Smoke - Then Flames

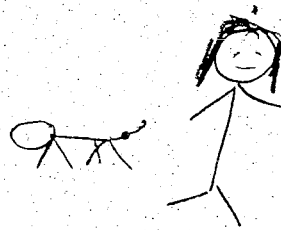


no smoke



B. 121

B. 120



I was between
121 + 120 Beach
Between boardwalk
And water



Crime **INVESTAGATE 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 **100-SQUAD**

Follow-Up No. **1**

[REDACTED]

Victim's Name - If Different

Last Name, First, M.I.

Address, include City, State, Zip

[REDACTED] ROCKAWAY BCH NY

Apt. No. **1**

Home Telephone

Business Telephone

Position / Relationship

Sex **F**

Race **W**

Date of Birth **[REDACTED]**

Age **22**

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

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Hair Length

Facial Hair

NYSID 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

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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:

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C-4 Uncooperative Complainant

C-5 "Leads" Exhausted

DETAILS:

INVESTAGTION: PLANE CRASH

SUBJECT : INTERVIEW EYEWITNESS

1. On november 13, 2001 at 1940 hrs the undersigned along with PO DESMOND did speak to above person who stated that on 11/12/01 at 0910 hrs she was walking her dog on the beach at bch 121 st when she heard a plane flying over the area she was in. She said the only reason she looked up was because itssounded so close to the ground that when she looked up and asaw the planes left wing on fire and the plane was tilting back and forth. Then she stated that she heard the plane crash.

AA587 Witness

From: Schiada Luke
Sent: Wednesday, January 09, 2002 7:27
To: AA587 Witness
Subject: FW: My account of crash

-----Original Message-----

From: Fiffick Brian **On Behalf Of** AA587 Family Affairs
Sent: Tuesday, January 08, 2002 3:50 PM
To: Schiada Luke
Subject: FW: My account of crash

Luke,
We received this e-mail in our Family Affairs mailbox for AA 587, just passing it along to you.
Thanks,
Brian

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 08, 2002 9:51 AM
To: aa587@ntsb.gov
Subject: My account of crash

Hello. I've been playing telephone tag with Luke (one of your investigators), and now I am leaving on a business trip for 10 days. There are a couple of things I want to say, based on what I've seen in the news in the last few days.

I was on American Airlines flight #686 on 11/12 (the plane immediately behind 587). My plane was in the air when 587 crashed, I was in seat 8A, and I watched the whole thing happen.

On Channel 4 news two nights ago, they reported that the plane "spiraled down". This is not correct. When the plane was going down, it was perfectly straight, and not spiraling at all. From my viewpoint, I was looking at either the top of the plane or the bottom of the plane - I could see very clearly the two wings on the sides of the plane, and watching the plane from this angle, I could tell it was just going completely straight down, and not spiraling in any manner.

I also saw on the news last night they some witnesses claim there was an explosion before impact. Again, this is not at all what I saw. I watched the plane go straight down and into the ground, then I watched the fireball rise AFTER the crash. From my viewpoint, there was absolutely no fire or explosion before impact. The plane looked completely normal, except for the fact that it was pointed at the ground. I was surprised to hear that the tail rudder had separated before impact, but since I was looking either directly at the top or bottom of the plane, I can understand how I couldn't see that.

My home telephone number is [REDACTED] and my work telephone number is 203-656-1800. I am leaving tonight from JFK on AA to London, and return home Friday evening, 1/18. I hope this is of help to your investigation.

[REDACTED]

01/14/2002

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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
N.C.I.R.
Follow-up #

UF 61 Number		Agency 03	Facility JFK	County of Offense Queens	CCR Number 22230-01
1	Complaint Investigate Aircraft Crash	Law/Sect	Crime Code	Date Occurred 11/12/01	P.A. Location Code 000 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NY <input type="checkbox"/> NJ
2	Complaint	Law/Sect	Crime Code	Day Occurred Monday	Time Occurred (From-To) 0921
Place of Occurrence (Address) <input type="checkbox"/> Inside <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Outside			Belle Harbor, Queens N.Y.		Date Reported 11/12/01
Complainant's Name (Last, First, Initial)			Sex <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	Race	Age
Complainant's Address					Area Cd - Bus. Tele.
Complainant's Address					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	D.O.B.
Suspect's Address			Hgt	Wgt	Hair
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Suspect's Address			B. Number		
2	Suspect's Name (Last, First, Initial)	<input type="checkbox"/> Arrested <input type="checkbox"/> Interviewed	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	Race	D.O.B.
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Pct of Occurrence 100	Pct Voucher No.	Wanted Person Alarm No.	Docket Number	Court Date	Court
Magistrate	Disposition	Case Closed <input type="checkbox"/> By Arrest <input type="checkbox"/> By Other	Case Open <input type="checkbox"/> Inactive <input type="checkbox"/> Active	Records Section Only <input type="checkbox"/> Master Log <input type="checkbox"/> MINI File	
<p>Details of Complaint: On follow-up report give additional details of complaint such as progress of investigation, description of property recovered, etc.</p> <p>Synopsis: At the above time, date and place, American Airlines flight#587, from JFK Airport to Santo Domingo, crashed during an attempt to return aircraft back to JFK after take off.</p> <p>Details: On 11/15/01 approximately 0715 hours the undersigned detective received a call from [REDACTED] N.Y.P.D. who was witness to the crash of A/A/ flight#587 and furnished the following information:</p> <p>[REDACTED] N.Y.P.D. Male/white Highway 2 unit Floyd Bennet Field Edward Hall, 2nd Floor Brooklyn N.Y. Phon [REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED] was with his partner [REDACTED] when he witnesses the tail fin fall from the American Airlines aircraft.</p> <p>[REDACTED] noticed that their was white smoke coming from the fuselage on the passenger side of the aircraft.</p> <p>[REDACTED] stated that their was nothing in the airspace of said aircraft.</p> <p>[REDACTED] stated that their was a noticeable fire ball between the wing and the body of the aircraft.</p> <p>[REDACTED] stated that he saw the plane turn upside down and do a nose dive but did not hear any noise of explosion.</p> <p>[REDACTED] had nothing further to report.</p>					
Arresting/Investigating Officer Det. Charles Giglia 110	Date 11/15/01	Shield Number 110	Tax Registry Number 038397	Facility Commanding Officer	
Tour Commander	Date	Facility Commanding Officer	Date		

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[REDACTED]
Neponsit, New York 11694
January 14, 2002

Dear Mr. Schiada,

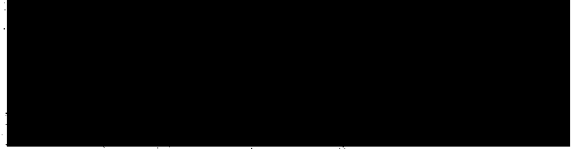
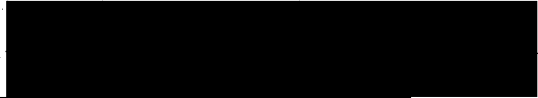
In response to your request regarding the AA Flight 537 accident, my statement will be brief.

On November 12, 2001 I was walking from 142nd Street along Newport Avenue. When I reach 117th Street I heard a crackling sound and as I looked up much silver colored debris was falling down which I was unable to identify. As I turned I saw the plane nose-dive to the ground. I cannot be sure whether or not the fire appeared while the plane was descending or if it burst into flame after it hit the ground.

Telephone



Temporary in Florida





Crime: Investigate 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 103 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. 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.

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, 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.

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

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DETAILS:

Investigation: Investigate Plane Crash The Subject: Canvass Even addresses B142st (From Newport ave to Beach) Status: Case Active

1. On 11/12/01 at approximately 1350hrs the undersigned did canvass 142st even addresses from Newport ave to the beach results are as follows:

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

CHOICE 1: [Redacted] (Witness) [Redacted]: saw the plane with debris coming down. Then saw the plane come straight down and black smoke. No injuries. No property damage.

CHOICE 2: [Redacted]

Continued on page #2

CASE: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACTIVE <input type="checkbox"/> CLOSED	DATE REVIEWED / CLOSED 11/12/01	IF ACTIVE, DATE OF NEXT REVIEW
REPORTING OFFICER: RANK DET. SIGNATURE <i>Piretti</i> NAME PRINTED Piretti, Miriam TAX REG. NO. 984607 COMMAND 103SQD		
REVIEWING / CLOSING SUPERVISOR: CASE ENTER DESIGNATION SIGNATURE <i>[Signature]</i> C.O.'s INITIALS		

Choice 1	Choice 2	Perp 1	Perp 2	Perp 1	Perp 2
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National Transportation Safety Board

Telephone Memorandum

Date: November 14, 2001

Person Interviewed: [REDACTED]

Present: John Darbo, Witness Group

Subject: DCA02MA001, Witness Interview

A witness group member interviewed [REDACTED] who was employed by as a Fire Chief for the New York Fire Department, via telephone. During the conversation, he stated:

He was between 121st and 122nd streets on Newport Avenue, when he heard an explosion. He looked up and observed the accident airplane with heavy smoke coming from behind the left wing. He then saw small pieces falling from and streaming behind the airplane.

[REDACTED] stated the airplane appeared to be climbing while heading south. The airplane was breaking up and flipped over to the right and corkscrewed downward. Approximately 1,000 feet above the ground the fuselage became vertical.

[REDACTED] estimated he observed the aircraft for a period of less than 15 seconds. However, he added, "Whatever happened, appeared to happen at the back of the airplane, not the wing."

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 11/18/2001

On 11/12/2001 at approximately Deputy Chief [REDACTED] Fire Department of New York (FDNY), 1st Division, residing at 413 Beach 121st Street, Rockaway Park, New York, was interviewed. After being advised of the identities of the agents and the purpose of the interview, [REDACTED] provided the following information:

[REDACTED] was walking his dog in the vicinity of his home on the morning of 11/12/2001. He heard something unusual that caused him to look up. [REDACTED] saw the plane ascending with smoke coming from the rear of the left wing. The plane started to spiral in a clockwise manner. Parts of the plane were breaking off and part of the left wing may have broken off closer to the fuselage. Heavy smoke was coming from the plane. For the last few hundred feet, the plane went straight down. [REDACTED] believed that some of the parts may be in Jamaica Bay, as the plane began breaking up over water.

[REDACTED] did not see a secondary explosion. Military aircraft were overhead approximately fifteen (15) minutes after the plane crashed.

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Date of transcription 11/14/01

[REDACTED], Police Officer, Badge 15873, New York City Police Department (NYPD), Aviation Bureau was interviewed at the NYPD Aviation Hangar, Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn, New York 11234, telephone [REDACTED]. [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 he was assigned to the rescue truck on the flight line as there were ongoing helicopter operations at the airfield. [REDACTED] said he was looking for the NYPD helicopter which was operating in the area. [REDACTED] was looking southward. [REDACTED] said the time was approximately 9:15 am. [REDACTED] saw an aircraft on fire rolling to its starboard side, nose over. [REDACTED] did not see the port wing. [REDACTED] noted it appeared the wing had fallen off. In place of the wing, he saw flames. [REDACTED] said he did not see the plane impact the ground. [REDACTED] noted he did not hear anything as he was inside the rescue truck.

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

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Writer's Direct Dial: [REDACTED]
E-Mail: [REDACTED]

January 14, 2002

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

Dear Mr. Schiada:

This statement is in response to your request of January 2, re: 11/12/01 crash of American Airlines flight 587.

On that morning I was traveling on the Verrazano bridge from Staten Island to Manhattan. As we reached mid-span, perhaps a little before 9:15, I noticed the plane, it was in front of me to the right. I assumed it was heading to JFK. I was too far to notice if any parts were falling off. What caught and held my attention was the fact what I saw trailing from the back of the plane was too wide and a little gray to be the normal contrail. I, therefore, believed it was smoke. I observed the plane for perhaps a minute or two. When I first noticed it was flying horizontally, but all of a sudden took a steep dive and I could see the huge flames and thick black smoke when it crashed into the ground.

I may be contacted weekdays from 10:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. at [REDACTED]. In the evenings and on weekends I can be reached at home, [REDACTED].

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Staten Island, NY 10307

-----Original Message-----

From: [redacted] [mailto:[redacted]]
Sent: Friday, November 16, 2001 10:49 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: American flight 587

I witnessed the flight of American Airlines #587 seconds before and as it crashed. I live in Staten Island and travel to Manhattan every weekday morning, via the Verrazano Bridge. On the morning of Monday, November 12 as my express bus approached mid-span of the bridge I was looking out the window. At approximately 9:15 I noticed an airplane that had a trail of white smoke trailing behind. I thought it looked strange, because it was a broader trail than the usual jet stream that I have seen from planes before. I continued to watch the trail of smoke & the plane flying horizontal for a few seconds, all of a sudden it took a steep dive and then I saw it, or rather the thick black smoke and intense flames, crash into what I thought was some place near Kennedy Airport.

This morning I heard on the radio that tapes from a camera on the Queensboro bridge were being looked at, so I thought perhaps my account might be of some assistance.

[redacted]
email address(at work): [redacted]
day time telephone [redacted]
home telephone # [redacted]

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National Transportation Safety Board

Telephone Memorandum

Date: November 14, 2001

Person Interviewed: [REDACTED]

Present: John Darbo, 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 in a lift-device 20ft above the ground, working at utility substation located at the corner of 108th Street & Beach Channel Drive when he heard a muffled "boom." He then looked up and observed the accident airplane, noting that the engines sounded louder than normal, more like the Concord. He observed a little puff of "smoke" near the tail, and then observed that the vertical fin dropped off. [He later stated in an in-person interview that the vertical fin appeared to separate from front to back] He noted that the fin and the rudder came off together, then the rudder separated from the fin. He observed, "a dozen smaller pieces that, looked like you threw a bunch of newspapers up in the wind." He followed the fall of the fin and other pieces into the bay.

[REDACTED] stated that after the vertical tail departed the airplane, the airplane remained stable for a second, it then rolled to the left, and the right engine separated from the wing. He then observed that the nose dropped, and the left engine separate. The airplane then disappeared behind houses and he observed a large fireball and smoke. [REDACTED] stated he didn't see any in-flight fire.

[REDACTED] stated the elapsed time from when he first observed the aircraft to the time he lost sight of the aircraft was about 10 to 15 seconds.

TO LUKE SCHIADA (A.S.I.),

WHEN I WAS WORKING ON THE MARINE PARKWAY BRIDGE,
MOST OF THE TIME I WATCH EVERY AIR PLANE PASS BY THE
BRIDGE. I WAS WATCHING AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT 587 GOING
~~SOUTH~~ UPWARDS SOUTH, SOUTH WEST. THEN ALL OF A SUDDEN, I
SAW A VERY SMALL FLAME ON THE RIGHT ENGINE. THE FLAME
WENT OUT AND I SAW THE RIGHT WING COME PART. ~~THE~~
FLIGHT 587 THEN TOOK A 45° DEGREE DIVE TOWARDS THE
ISLANDS (BELLE HARBOR, NEW YORK). FLIGHT 587 WAS ALSO
SPINNING AROUND OR WOBBLING AROUND. THE TIME I LOST
SIGHT OF FLIGHT 587, IS WHEN IT CRASHED INTO BELLE
HARBOR, N.Y. INTO HOMES. ALL OF THIS HAPPENED IN LESS
THAN TWO MINUTES OF ME OBSERVING ~~THE~~ FLIGHT 587. I'VE
SEEN FLIGHT 587 FROM FLYING IN THE AIR NORMALLY TILL
THE TRAGIC INCIDENT. THANKYOU, I HOPED THIS STATEMENT
HAS HELPED YOU IN ANY WAY.

EYEWITNESS

Cell # w/ voice mail

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~



Pct.:	Complaints:	Date of This Report:
100	3325	11/12/01

DETAILS: 1389
INVESTIGATION: PLANE CRASH

S- [REDACTED] M/W 26 [REDACTED] Wantagh N.Y. [REDACTED]
On the Marine Park Bridge South Tower, West side saw an explosion on the wing towards the fuselage / cabin area the wing then detached and fell, the plane dives into a spiral and crashes.

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[REDACTED]
Rockaway Park, N.Y. 11694
Jan. 16, 2002

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

Dear Mr. Schiada:

In reply to your letter dated January 2, 2002 concerning the plane crash of American Airlines Flight 587 in Belle Harbor, on November 12, 2001, you have requested that I provide a written statement of my observations, as well as answering several questions. You have asked that I include in my statement both (a) my location and (b) what I observed and/or heard.

On the morning of November 12, 2001, I left my home between 9:05 and 9:10 A.M. to attend the 9:00 A.M. Mass at St. Francis de Sales Church (Beach 129th St. & Rockaway Beach Blvd.) Although I knew I was late for the start of the 9:00 A.M. Mass, I decided to go anyway. I drove my car from Beach 122 St. to Beach 129th St. and parked my car in the St. Francis de Sales parking lot.

When I got out of my car, I walked only a few feet when I heard what sounded like a very loud plane (perhaps like the sound of the SST/Concord) & it sounded very close. When I looked up, I clearly saw an airplane which looked like it was falling from the sky. The nose of the plane was headed downward and the plane was swaying from side to side at a rapid rate of speed. Flames were coming out of the left side of the plane. I knew the plane was going to hit the ground momentarily as it was so close overhead.

There were 2 or 3 young boys in the parking lot who also observed this scene. They began to scream and run and shouted to me: "Lady, run for your life". Since I am disabled & require a cane to walk, I am obviously not able to run. The boys ran in the direction of the 128th St. entrance of the parking lot (because the plane was clearly heading towards 129th St.) which is where the other entrance is located (and which was nearby to where my car was parked). I tried to follow them but they began to run back as the gate was apparently closed and/or locked. Because of my handicap, I did not get very far. I then attempted to go out the 129th St. entrance and head for the Church which is across the street, all the while screaming for help and watching the plane get closer to the ground. I did eventually exit the parking lot & saw a friend coming down the Church steps. He had been at Mass, in the Church, and left with another gentleman when they apparently heard a loud noise. When he saw my condition & asked me what was wrong, I tried to tell him that I had seen a plane, with the side in flames, heading towards the ground. By this time, the plane was no longer in our view as it had crashed down on what appeared to be approximately Beach 130th St. - one block away from where I had last seen it. Clouds of black smoke were now drifting over the entire block & people were running in all directions to the site of the crash.

I will attempt to answer your five (5) questions below:

1. The direction of the plane – the plane was traveling DOWN.
2. I did not observe any parts separating or falling from the airplane.
3. I definitely observed fire coming from the plane. There were flames coming from the left side of the plane and the flames were present the entire time I observed the plane.
4. Although it felt like a longer period of time, I would estimate that I observed the plane for approximately a minute.
5. My final view of the airplane was seeing it heading toward the ground on the street where I was located – I was located on Beach 129th St. near Rockaway Beach Blvd. The plane appeared to be heading over Beach 129th St. – near Newport Ave. when I last saw it.

I hope I have been of some help. If you need further information, I may be reached at my home phone # [REDACTED]

Sincerely
[REDACTED]

COMPLAINT - FOLLOW UP INFORMATIONAL PO 313-081A (Rev. 4-89)-31		Crime	Pct.	OCCB No.	Complaint No.	Date of This Report	PAGE	OF	PAGE
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11/12/01		1389							
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DETAILS:									

2. ON above date at 1440 hours the undersigned interviewed [REDACTED] who stated the following: At approx. 0914 hours on 11/12/01 she was in the schoolyard of St. Francis De Sales at 129st. and Rockaway Beach Blvd. She heard a noise and looked up and saw the left side of the plane in flames and the plane was spiraling down. The plane crashed a few seconds later.		CHOICE 1	CHOICE 2
3. For your information		CHOICE 1	CHOICE 2
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Date of transcription 11/25/01

██████████ POLICE OFFICER, Shield ██████████ NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION, Stony Brook Regional Headquarters, work telephone ██████████ work/home telephone ██████████ was advised of the official identity of the interviewing agent and the purpose of the interview. ██████████ then provided the following information:

██████████ advised that he is a licensed private pilot with an instrument rating. ██████████ stated that at approximately 9:00 A.M., he was at Floyd Bennett Field, looking in the direction Southeast. ██████████ advised that he did not remember hearing an explosion, but looked up, saw an airplane in an usual angle of decent, and instantly saw yellow flames and smoke. ██████████ stated that he was looking at the airplane from right, rear, and saw smoke coming from an engine or the wing route area, and then the airplane went down. ██████████ advised that the airplane went into a dive or a fluttering spin. ██████████ stated that while the plane was in a spiral, he saw a lot of smoke and flames. ██████████ advised that the airplane seemed to be out of control from the minute that he saw it.

Investigation on 11/12/01 at Queens, NY

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Date dictated N/A

by SA Vadim Daniel Thomas:vdt

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AA587 Witness

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2002 1:41 PM
To: AA587WIT@NTSB.GOV
Subject: American Airlines Flight 587
TO: Luke Schiada, Air Safety Investigator
National Transportation Safety Board

Dear Mr. Schiada:

In response to your letter of January 2, 2002, the following is my eyewitness account of the above
Subject: American Airlines Flight 587:

On the morning of November 12, 2001 I was walking west on the beach at the shoreline of Rockaway Beach at Beach 120th Street. I noticed the airplane coming from my right; it appeared normal at first glance. A moment later the airplane began to rock moderately a few times from side to side as it was descending for several seconds in the horizontal position. During that time I heard a whirring sound and a long, soft, low booming sound. Several seconds later the airplane ceased rocking and descending; it straightened out and burst into flames from the belly up behind the wings, engulfing the airplane from behind the wings almost to the rear of the airplane. The fire and flames were very large reaching upward and outward. The airplane flew in flames for several seconds in the horizontal position continuing in the same direction. The airplane then turned toward me on its left wing, turned nose downward into a slight spiral with its belly facing me, and disappeared out of my vision behind the last in a row of hi-rise apartment buildings a few blocks away. Huge flames and black smoke billowed up and within several seconds I heard a series of 5 or 6 short, low booms which were a few seconds apart.

The airplane was in my vision for approximately 30 seconds.

If I can be of any further assistance you can reach me at [REDACTED] weekday evenings between 7:00-8:00 pm. You may also call anytime during the day, weekdays or weekends, if you wish to leave a message, and I will return your call.

Thank you.
[REDACTED]

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105-00 Shorefront Pkwy
Rockaway Park, N.Y. 11694.

National Transportation Board
Passaic, N.J.

Dear Luke Schiada:

In reference to your request about my
witnessing a plane on Nov. 12, 2001 in Rockaway.

I did see the American Airlines flight
plane 587 on Nov. 12, 2001. The plane was
flying low very low looking out from my terrace
about 9 A.M. or a little later.

I am on the 10th floor of 105-00 Shorefront
I could see the whole plane, no sparks or
flames only for a short time. I did notice
the sun was shining bright on the left side
of the plane going towards the ocean from the
bay area. A bright red, orange color round
ball, on the plane, just under the wing area.
about in the middle of the plane. I said
oh, that's a reflection of the sun on some part
of the plane, no sparks or flame.

I still saw the whole plane and then
still seeing the plane heading towards the

ocean, the nose of the plane went down, it bent down. Out of site very quickly. All of a sudden black smoke came up over the building, which is just opposite my apt. on 105th St, a 12 story apt. house.

At no time did I see fire, flames or smoke before the nose of the plane bent down.

I did not see the plane very long maybe 5 or a little longer minutes. It was a sight I never want to see again.

Sincerely

TELE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



National Transportation Safety Board

Telephone Memorandum

Date: February 28, 2002

Person Interviewed: [REDACTED]

Present: Norman Miller, Witness Group

Subject: DCA02MA001, Witness Interview

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

He was on a fishing boat in Jamaica Bay when he heard a loud noise like the Concorde. He saw the Airbus turn toward Belle Harbor. There was an explosion followed by fire and smoke and he could see packages and luggage falling from the airplane. He saw an engine fall off the airplane and then saw the tail fall off. Many pieces of paper were falling also. Then the airplane dove into the ground.

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[REDACTED] date of birth [REDACTED] residing at [REDACTED] Bayridge, New York, telephone [REDACTED] provided the following information to Special Agent Pamela A. Culos of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

[REDACTED] was fishing the morning of November 12, 2001 with [REDACTED] on his boat in Jamaica Bay near the Marine Park Bridge and Floyd Bennett Field.

[REDACTED] heard a blast which sounded like an explosion and thought it may have been the SST Concord jet taking off from John F. Kennedy International Airport. When he looked up, he saw an airplane on fire. He saw smoke and dark orange flames. [REDACTED] saw the aircraft's engine fall in to Belle Harbor. [REDACTED] stated that within seconds the plane fell nose first "like a paperweight". He then saw a mushroom cloud and another explosion. He noticed paper and luggage falling to the ground. [REDACTED] stated that it was a beautiful, calm, windless day and noticed no suspicious boating activity while they were fishing.

After the witnessing the event, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] assisted a troubled boater by towing his raft back to Floyd Bennett Field.

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Investigation on 11/17/01 at Brooklyn, New York (telephonically)

File # 149A-NY-280669-302-182 Date dictated _____

by SA Pamela A. Culos

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Crime **Investigate Plane Crash 100** Pct. OCCB No. **3325** Complaint No. **3325** Date of This Report **11/15/01**

Date of Orig. Report **11/12/01** Date Assigned **11/12/01** Case No. **1389** Unit Reporting **108 Sqd.** 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.

Eye Glasses Sunglasses Clothing Description, 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: Yes Refused Future

Witness Viewed Photos Results: Yes Refused Future

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 Plane Crash
Subject: Canvass

1. At approximately 2045 hours on 11/15/01 the undersigned along with P.O. Bey conferred with [redacted] of 515 B. 128 Street. [redacted]

2. [redacted] said that on the morning of the plane crash he heard a loud noise outside his house. He said he went to the rear window of his house to look outside. [redacted] said that he saw a nose diving plane a second before it hit the ground. He said all he remembers after that is a lot of screaming and black smoke. smoke.

3. For your information.

CASE: ACTIVE CLOSED DATE REVIEWED / CLOSED **11/15/01** IF ACTIVE, DATE OF NEXT REVIEW
REPORTING OFFICER: **Detective** SIGNATURE: [Signature] NAME PRINTED: **Det. Brennan** TAX REG. NO. **877339** COMMAND **108 Sqd.**
REVIEWING / CLOSING SUPERVISOR: [Signature] CASE ENTER DESIGNATION SIGNATURE: [Signature] C.O.'s INITIALS

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Date of transcription 11/14/01

██████████ owner, ██████████ 2466 East 29th Street, Brooklyn, New York, telephone ██████████ was interviewed regarding the crash of American Airlines Flight 587, November 12, 2001.

██████████ stated that he had dropped his landscaping crew of workers in the vicinity of Beach 130th Street and Rockaway Beach Boulevard on the morning of November 12, 2001. ██████████ then drove down to Beach 116th Street and Rockaway Beach Boulevard to a deli where he was going to buy coffee. ██████████ parked his truck, purchasing a parking space receipt, which imprinted the time and date to be 9:15 A.M., November 12, 2001. ██████████ provided this receipt to SA Mika which is in the 1A section of this case.

██████████ went on to say, that just as he purchased the parking receipt, he heard a very loud weird noise which drew his attention to the sky. He observed an aircraft flying low overhead and then saw the left engine drop off the wing of the aircraft. Just after the engine fell off, the plane started to head down towards the ground like it was going to land. ██████████ said the plane was heading down in the vicinity of where his landscaping crew was working, so he jumped back into his truck and went to pickup his men and equipment. When he arrived back in the area of Beach 130th Street, he could see that the plane crashed about a half block from his work crew's location.

██████████ stated that he did not see or hear any explosion while the plane was in flight and can not be sure whether any flames were visible since there was sun glare partially obscuring his vision.

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

File # 149A-NY-280669-302

Date dictated 11/14/01

by SA RICHARD P. MIKA

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Date of Orig. Report: 11/12/10 Date Assigned: Case No. 1389 Unit Reporting: 100 660 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: Describe Weapon (if firearm, give color, make, calibre, type, model, etc.):

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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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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 PLANE CRASH FLT 587

SUBJECT: TELEPHONE MESSAGE/INFORMATION

STATUS: ACTIVE

1. ON NOVEMBER 14, 2001 AT APPROXIMATELY 1430HRS DETECTIVE SEGARRA RECEIVED A PHONE CALL FROM ██████████ STATING THAT HER SON HAD INFORMATION IN REGARDS TO THE PLANE CRASH THAT HE OBSERVED SHE FURTHER STATED THAT HER SON IS A LANDSCAPER AND HE CAN BE CONTACTED IN THE EVENING ██████████

2. CASE ACTIVE? THE UNDERSIGNED DID CONTACT ██████████ WHO STATED ON THE DATE OF THE PLANE CRASH HE WAS WORKING WITH HER MEN AT 217 BEACH 130TH STREET. HE FURTHER STATED THAT HE HAD LEFT HIS MEN TO GO TO 116th STREET TO GET COFFEE WHEN HE SAW A PLANE LOSE ITS WING AND STARTED TO GO DOWN BY WHERE HIS MEN WERE, ██████████ FURTHER STATED THAT HE WENT BACK TO WHERE HIS MEN WERE WORKING AND THEN HE TRIED TO RUN TO HELP PEOPLE WHERE THE PLANE CAME DOWN. ME. ██████████ STATES THAT THE FBI HAD CONTACTED HIM AND HIS MEN THIS MORNING, AGENT MIKE OF THE FBI IS WHO HE STATED INTERVIEWED HIM. ██████████ PHONE NUMBER ██████████

3. DD5 FAXED TO FBI COMMAND POST AGENT LEWIS

CASE: ACTIVE [X] CLOSED [] DATE REVIEWED / CLOSED: 11/16/01 IF ACTIVE, DATE OF NEXT REVIEW: REPORTING OFFICER: RANK: DETECTIVE SIGNATURE: NAME PRINTED: DORN, STEVEN TAX REG. NO.: 888363 COMMAND: 100 SQD REVIEWING / CLOSING SUPERVISOR: [Signature] CASE: ENTER DESIGNATION: SIGNATURE: C.O.'S INITIALS:

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DO NOT USE THIS FORM TO REPORT: CRIME CLASSIFICATION CHANGES, CASE CLEARANCES, INITIAL ARREST ON THE COMPLAINT, RECOVERED PROPERTY, ADDITIONAL STOLEN PROPERTY SERIAL NUMBERS OBTAINED FOR PROPERTY PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, CRIME INCIDENT DATA. USE COMPLAINT FOLLOWUP (FD 313-081) TO REPORT THE PRECEDING

COMPLAINT - FOLLOW UP INFORMATIONAL PD 313 081A (Rev. 4-99-01)		PAGE 1 of 1 PAGES	
Title: INVESTIGATE DOA: AA FLIGHT 587		PC: 100	OCCASION: 3325
Date of Orig. Report: 11/12/01	Date Accepted: 11/12/01	Case No.: 1389	Date of This Report: 11/12/01
Conditions Name: PSNY		Investigation: INTELL. CIS/PTS	
Last Name, First, MI: _____		Address, include City, State, Zip: _____	
Business Telephone: _____		Police/Arresting Agency: _____	
Total No. of Perpetrators: _____		Weapon: _____	
Sex: _____		Race: _____	
Date of Birth: _____		Age: _____	
Height: _____		Weight: _____	
Eye Color: _____		Hair Color: _____	
Build: _____		Social Mark: _____	
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<input type="checkbox"/> C-5 "Lead" Exhaustion		<input type="checkbox"/> C-6 Other	
DETAILS:			
INVESTIGATE: DOA, AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT 587			
SUBJECT: INTERVIEW OF RESIDENCE ON 132 STREET CRONSTON AVE TO BEACH CHANNEL DRIVE, BELLE HARBOR, NY			
1. On November 12, 2001, at approx. 1100-1230 hours the undersigned and Detective Anthony Graham did conduct interviews of residences on 132 Street Cronston to Beach Channel Drive in Belle Harbor Queens regarding plane crash of American Airlines Flight 587.			

8. Resident [redacted] 533 Beach 132 Street, phone [redacted] stated he was outside on his porch when he heard a plane and then a loud bang. He saw something fall off the plane and the wing of the plane was on fire. He ran into the house to call 911. When he returned outside he saw the smoke where the plane crashed.

9. [redacted]

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[REDACTED]
NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

2001 Route 46, Suite 504
Parsippany, New Jersey 07054
(973) 334-6561 Fax (973) 334-6759*

January 2, 2002

Dear Sir or Madam,

The National Transportation Safety Board is investigating an accident that occurred on November 12, 2001, involving American Airlines flight 587, that crashed in Belle Harbor, New York. You have been identified as an eyewitness or a potential eyewitness.

On behalf of the Safety Board, I would like to request your assistance by asking that you please take the time to provide a written statement of your observations, to be returned in the self addressed stamped envelope. A hand written statement on a separate sheet of paper is fine; it does not have to be typed. If you prefer, you may email your statement to me using the address AA587WIT@NTSB.GOV.

In your statement please indicate your location and what you observed and/or heard. If applicable please discuss the following:

1. The direction the airplane was traveling (up/down-right/left?)
2. Did you observe any parts separating or falling from the airplane? If so, are you able to describe the parts? *Yes, It looked like part of the wing*
3. Did you observe any smoke or fire coming from the airplane? If so, where was it coming from and was it present the entire time you observed the airplane? *No*
4. How long did you observe the airplane? *From when it first was approaching Rockaway*
5. If you lost sight of the airplane, what was your final view of the airplane? *The plane going into a nose dive*

Additionally, I would appreciate it if you would provide me with a telephone number and the best time to contact you should future need arise. [REDACTED] *AFTER 4 pm*

Thank you for your time and cooperation. Your help is greatly appreciated. Please feel free to contact me at 973-334-6561, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Luke Schiada
Air Safety Investigator

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DETAILS: 1389
 INVESTIGATION : PLANE CRASH

T- [REDACTED] M/W 30, 2 [REDACTED] Bklyn [REDACTED] states he observed the plane [REDACTED], then spinned and went straight down saw nose of the plane, cockpit area.

2. This concludes the debriefings/ interviews of the workers on the Marine Park Bridge.
3. CASE ACTIVE.

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AA587 Witness

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2002 7:39 AM
To: AA587WIT@NTSB.GOV
Subject: Witness reply

Please pardon my delay in replying: I could not download your WITNESSLETTER3.DOC attachment with my browser at home, so I forwarded it to my business e-mail address for downloading. My view of the Nov. 12 mishap was from the strand along Rockaway Inlet, about + mile east of the Breezy Point jetty. My attention was diverted from the usual walker's forward-looking view by some erratic movement above. An airliner seemed to wobble somewhat in flight. The direction of flight was toward me and leftward. I saw what seemed to be two small bright objects slightly above the craft. They disappeared from view as the plane plunged vertically to the ground. I saw no smoke or fire from the airplane prior to its impact. The time of my observation was several seconds. I can offer no further description of these bright objects; they were but small spots. For further correspondence, e-mail me at home:

[REDACTED]

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Name: [REDACTED] first officer Jet Blue flight 79 (JFK-MSY)
Time: 1710 EST
Location: via telephone
Present: Evan Byrne

[REDACTED] was taxiing out on taxiway ALPHA to 31L. He said all other aircraft were heading down taxiway ZULU to 31L. Flight 79 had been asked to take KILO-ALPHA to 31L and they were about the intersection of JULIET - ZULU facing completely south. He glanced out the front window and what caught his eye was an aircraft in what appeared to be a 90 degree bank. He thought it was in a left bank but said that given AAL's silver scheme he couldn't tell whether it was the top or the bottom of the airplane. He said there was a kind of gray to white smoke following the aircraft that was kind of obscured in the sky. He then saw some debris behind the aircraft. His initial thought was it was either the vertical stabilizer or the horizontal stabilizer. He described it as thick at one end and thin at the other. He said it was flickering as it fell like a piece of paper would fall out of the sky -- sometimes a thick profile and the other times a thin profile. He said he felt it was some kind of aerodynamic surface the way it was falling. He said it was falling a few seconds behind the aircraft. He said he generally recalls some other debris but nothing he could identify.

He said the aircraft rolled during its descent and it looked almost like a quarter-turn spin recovery. The aircraft impacted the ground shortly thereafter.

Before impact, he believes he saw a yellowish-whitish flame on the side of the fuselage - behind the wing root (halfway between the wing root and the tail). It wasn't a huge ball of fire but there was some there. This was visible about 3-5 seconds before ground impact.

He said the airplane was on the downwind leg for the departure -- pretty much abeam JFK going SE bound. He estimated its height as between 3,500 to 5,500 feet.

He said the flickering debris impacted west of the main aircraft impact -- soon afterwards.

He is an A320 first officer and has about 4,000 hours total flight experience.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 11/12/2001

On 11/12/2001, [REDACTED] home address 327 Lenape Trail, Allentown, Pennsylvania 18104, date of birth [REDACTED] Pennsylvania driver's license number [REDACTED] home telephone [REDACTED] cellular telephone number [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 79 departing JFK at 9:05 A.M. 11/12/2001 arriving at New Orleans (MSY). Jet Blue flight 79 pushed back from the gate on time, and was directed by the Air Traffic Control Tower to stage at KA on runway 31L.

[REDACTED] advised that he first observed an unknown American Airlines aircraft in a 90 degree left bank in the vicinity of the navigational aid for runway 31L. [REDACTED] estimated the altitude of the aircraft at approximately 2,000 feet. [REDACTED] later learned that this aircraft was American Airlines flight 587.

[REDACTED] described flight 587's trajectory as rolling left to inversion at which time the nose of the aircraft fell thru into an 85-90 degree from horizontal nose dive. [REDACTED] observed a piece of flying surface from the aircraft tumbling thru the air as flight 587 descended. This piece of flying surface fluttered thru the air changing appearance from thin to wide.

Additionally, about three seconds before flight 587 impacted the ground, [REDACTED] observed a whitish yellow ball of fire approximately the size of an engine behind the wing near the wing root. [REDACTED] believes that the ball of fire was on the left side of the aircraft, but can not be certain since the aircraft had rolled to a near vertical dive. [REDACTED] was unsure if he was observing the top or the bottom of the aircraft.

Investigation on 11/12/2001 at Queens, New York

File # 149A-NY-280669

Date dictated 11/16/2001

by SA John T. Dugan
Det. George J. Dorner

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Continuation of FD-302 of [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] noted that American Airlines flight 587 appeared to be intact prior to impacting the ground. Upon impact, flight 587 exploded almost instantly into black smoke and an orange yellow flame that enveloped the aircraft.

[REDACTED] did not see any birds in the vicinity of the runway, nor was he aware of any bird reports.

[REDACTED] opined that the left horizontal stabilizer may have caused the crash since the aircraft rolled left into it's near vertical dive. Additionally, he opined that the piece of flying surface which he observed tumbling thru the sky as the aircraft descended may have been a portion of the tail since it first looked thin and then looked wide as it fell.

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1/7/02

TO: Luke SCHIADA
NTSB
2001 Rt 46 / Suite 504
Parsippany, NJ 07054

FROM:

[REDACTED]
Bell Harbor, NY 11694
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Schiada,

I'm writing in response to your letter I received today concerning AA flight 587. What I witnessed occurred as followed:

I was walking back to my home along Newport Ave (north side of the street) between Beach 129 & Beach 128 when I heard a loud popping sound.

I looked up to see the A-300 about 300 to 400 feet above me & falling vertically. The popping sound I heard was the left engine separating from the wing.

I started running SE along Newport & saw the first engine hit the house

on Beach 128 St. A few seconds later I heard the A-300 crash. I didn't see any smoke coming from the plane as it came down.

One other thing: When I first saw the plane coming down I heard the right engine powering down.

Enclosed is a photocopy of the area involved. If you need to contact me further, just leave a message on my answering machine

[REDACTED] I'll get back as soon as I can.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Crime: **Investigate Crash** Pct. **100** OCCB No. **11/12/01** Complaint No. **3325** Date of This Report

Date of Orig. Report **11/12/01** Date Assigned **11/12/01** Case No. **1389** Unit Reporting **MNBIT** 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, 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.

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.

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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: Airline Crash. - subject: Canvass of Beach 127 ST

1. On 11/12/01 [redacted] address [redacted] phone [redacted] was interviewed and he provided the following information:

[redacted] stated that he was on beach 116 st, and he saw a air - plane above his head. He stated that this plane was very low, and that the engines to the plane were making a low noise, and if they were having problems. He also stated that he heard a pop, and then saw the plane crash and hit the ground.

2. CASE IS ACTIVE.

CASE: ACTIVE [] CLOSED DATE REVIEWED / CLOSED: 11/14/01 IF ACTIVE, DATE OF NEXT REVIEW

REPORTING OFFICER: RANK: DET SIGNATURE: SERRENTINO NAME PRINTED: SERRENTINO TAX REG. NO.: 882140 COMMAND: MNBIT

REVIEWING CLOSING SUPERVISOR: CASE ENTER DESIGNATION: SIGNATURE: C.O.'S INITIALS:

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National Transportation Safety Board

Telephone Memorandum

Date: November 15, 2001

Person Interviewed: [REDACTED]

Present: Debbie Roland, Witness Group

Subject: DCA02MA001, Witness Interview

A witness group member interviewed [REDACTED] an American Airlines Flight Attendant based in New York, via telephone. The entire Witness Group conducted a follow-up interview later the same day. During the conversation, she stated:

[REDACTED] first observed the American Airlines airplane while she was walking about 5 blocks (118th Street) from her home. The airplane was flying straight and horizontal, it was not in a climb. [REDACTED] reported that from the wings forward, the airplane looked intact.

She then heard "snapping sounds" and observed a glowing crack by what appeared to be the cargo door, on the left side of the airplane. The crack was described as a jigsaw crack. She was asked to draw the location of the crack on a piece of paper. She drew the crack toward the aft, to the airplane's left, of the "AMERICAN AIRLINES" logo. She did not observe any smoke. The airplane banked to the left, and she could see the top of the airplane. The airplane was descending almost nose first.

She ran towards her house, for protection and observed a large piece of airplane land on a car. She also observed a piece of the airplane on Newport Avenue and 125th Street about the size of a forearm, and retrieved it. She turned the airplane piece over to officials from the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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Date of Orig. Report 11/12/01	Date Assigned 11/12/01	Case No. 01/ 1389	Unit Reporting MANHATTAN GANG SQUAD	Follow-Up No.			PERP 2				
Complainant's Name - Last, First, M.I. PSNY			Victim's Name - If Different					PERP 1			
Last Name, First, M.I. [REDACTED]			Position / Relationship Resident		Sex F	Race Wh	Age 29	PERP 2			
Home Telephone [REDACTED]		Business Telephone n/a		Address, include City, State, Zip		Apt. No.	Res. Pct.				
Total No. of Perpetrators 0		Arrested 0		Weapon <input type="checkbox"/> Used <input type="checkbox"/> Possessed		Describe Weapon (If firearm, give color, make, calibre, type, model, etc.)					
Wanted <input type="checkbox"/>		Arrested <input type="checkbox"/>		Last Name, First, M.I.		Apt. No.	Res. Pct.				
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DETAILS: Investigation: Plane crash American Airlines flight 587 Subject: Interview with witness/ evidence recovery 1. On 11/12/01 The undersigned along with Det. A. Diaz responded to [REDACTED] to interview a witness to the downing of flight 587 out of Kennedy airport. The results are as follows; 2. At approximately 1640 hours [REDACTED] approached the undersigned and informed me that she was a witness to the crash of 587 and that she additionally recovered a fragment from the plane itself. [REDACTED] purports to be a flight attendant for American Airlines. The witness stated that she was at B118st & Rockaway Beach Boulevard when she looked left and saw the plane in what she believed to be some manner of distress as it was going slower than she was accustomed to seeing departing the airport. She then noticed flames and stated the planes wing tips appeared horizontal to the sky and ground respectively, and the plane did not appear to have any forward momentum. The plane then appeared to fall straight to the ground vertically. She then lost sight of the aircraft. As she was running during this, she states a piece of the plane fell to the ground, was hit by a car and a piece of that landed at her feet. She picked the piece up which was soaked with fuel and returned home with it. She then contacted the Police and flagged my partner and myself down. 4. FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND REVIEW.											
CASE ACTIVE											
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Date of Orig. Report 11/12/01	Date Assigned 11/12/01	Case No. 1087	Unit Reporting 75 PDS	Follow-Up No.			15 PERP 2	
Complainant's Name - Last, First, M.I. PSNY for American Airlines 587		Victim's Name - If Different				16 PERP 1		
Last Name, First, M.I.		Address, include City, State, Zip				17 PERP 2		
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		
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")				18 CHOICE 1
Wanted		Arrested		Last Name, First, M.I.		Address, include City, State, Zip		
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")				19 CHOICE 2
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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:		Crime Scene Photos				
Witness Viewed Photos		Results:		By (Enter Results in Details)				
Crime Scene Dusted		By (Enter Results in Details)		Crime Scene Photos		By (Enter Results in Details)		
6 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								
6 PERP 1 DETAILS:								
7 PERP 2 INVESTIGATION: American Airlines Flight 587								
8 PERP 1 SUBJECT: Canvass								
9 PERP 2 CASE STATUS: Active								
10 PERP 1 1. On 11/12/01 the undersigned interviewed								
11 PERP 2 two people on 132 Street between Newport and Rockaway Beach Blvd.								
12 PERP 1 2. [REDACTED]								
13 PERP 2 [REDACTED] is an employee of American Airlines and states								
14 PERP 1 that she observed the plane west of her location and the plane								
15 PERP 2 was banking south and the tail was on fire, then it hit the								
16 PERP 1 ground.								

CHOICE 2

4. Case Active

CASE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACTIVE <input type="checkbox"/> CLOSED		DATE REVIEWED / CLOSED <i>[Signature]</i> 11/14/01		IF ACTIVE, DATE OF NEXT REVIEW	
REPORTING OFFICER: <i>[Signature]</i>	RANK Det.	SIGNATURE <i>[Signature]</i>	NAME PRINTED John Grosse	TAX-REG. NO. 885744	COMMAND 75
REVIEWING / CLOSING SUPERVISOR: <i>[Signature]</i>	CASE	BY (Enter Designation)	SIGNATURE <i>[Signature]</i>	C.O.'S INITIALS	

Choice 1	Choice 2	PERP 1	PERP 2	PERP 1	PERP 2
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Date of Orig. Report: 11/12/01 Date Assigned: Case No. 1389 Unit Reporting: CRIM INTELL SECTION- 101 FIO Follow-Up No. Complainant's Name - Last, First, M.I.: Victim's Name - If Different:

Local Name, First, M.I.: Address, include City, State, Zip: 241 BEACH 118 STREET ROCKAWAY BEACH 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

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.

Perp. No. 1: 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.

Perp. No. 2: Eyeglasses: Sunglasses: Clothing Description: Nickname, First Name, Alias: Scars, Marks, M.O., Etc. (Continue in "Details"):

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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: AT APPROX 1510 HOURS THIS DATE THE UNDERSIGNED INTERVIEWED [REDACTED] OF 214 BEACH 118 STREET IN REGARDS TO THE CRASH OF AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT #587. [REDACTED] STATED THAT AT A LITTLE AFTER 9:00 am SHE HEARD PLANE FLYING AND THE ENIGNE SEEMED TO BE TOO LOUD SO SHE LOOKED OUT HER WINDOW AND SAW THE PLANE FLYING PARALLEL TO THE GROUND BUT IT APPEARED TO BE BREAKING APART SHE DESCRIBED WHAT LOOKED LIKE PAPER FLYING OFF THE PLANE. SHE THEN LOST SITE OF THE PLANE. BUT HEARD AND FELT IT IMPACT THE GROUND. [REDACTED] LIVES IN THE SECOND FLOOR, REAR APARTMENT AND CAN BE REACHED ON HER CELL PHONE AT [REDACTED]

CASE: ACTIVE CLOSED DATE REVIEWED / CLOSED: IF ACTIVE, DATE OF NEXT REVIEW: REPORTING OFFICER: RANK: SOF SIGNATURE: NAME PRINTED: CAT. HOUN TAX REG. NO.: 892841 COMMAND: OSBIT REVIEWING / CLOSING SUPERVISOR: CASE CLOSED: C OR B: C.O.'S INITIALS:

Choice 1 Choice 2 Perp 1 Perp 2



National Transportation Safety Board

Telephone Memorandum

Date: February 28, 2002

Person Interviewed: [REDACTED]

Present: Norman Miller, Witness Group

Subject: DCA02MA001, Witness Interview

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

She saw no fire or smoke and that the tail of the aircraft was still attached. When the aircraft turned to the left it came apart and crashed.