

**Witness Group Factual Report**

# **APPENDIX F**

**Documents Pertaining to  
Witnesses  
201-250**

**DCA02MA001**



# National Transportation Safety Board

## Telephone Memorandum

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**Date:** July 2, 2002

**Person Interviewed:** [REDACTED]

**Present:** Luke Schiada, Witness Group

**Subject:** DCA02MA001, Witness Interview

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

She heard the loud grumbling of the SST, and after about three seconds she realized it wasn't the SST, and looked out the window. She observed the airplane descending at a "slight angle, and "except for the nose and middle of the airplane", it resembled "more like a missile." With no discernable wings or tail.

She observed the airplane for about 10 to 12 seconds and heard a loud explosion, which was followed by a mushroom cloud.

[REDACTED] did not observe any smoke, or fire coming from the airplane. Additionally, she did not observe any parts separating or falling from the sky.



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424 B135 ST. ██████████ ██████████

NO ANSWER

"In kitchen in rear of tl house, noticed ceiling f shaking and heard a loud whining. Saw plane falli like a rocket (No wings) then loud explosion, hug flames and black smoke".

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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

SUBJECT: CANVASS

RE: [Redacted]

[Redacted] Rockaway Pt., NY

[Redacted] Employer: S.B.A. (NYPD)

1. On 11/12/01 at 1033 hours the u/s along with Sgt. Patrick Keane, OCID, did interview the above person relative to this case.

2. [Redacted] stated that she was walking on Newbrrt Ave. towards the direction of Beach 116th Street from Beach 129th Street. She saw the plane in the air and saw pieces of the plane falling off and moments later saw the plane swirl down and then just saw a large explosion. [Redacted] had nothing else to offer at this time.

3. Investigation active pending further information. [Redacted] was out walking her dog when she observed this incident.

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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

REPORTING OFFICER: RANK: Detective: SIGNATURE: NAME PRINTED: Donnelly, Gerard: TAX REG. NO.: 880854: COMMAND: MCSQD

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

CLOSED: C: OR B:

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





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

Crime	Pct.	OCCB No.	Complaint No.	Date of This Report
Investigate Plane Crash	100		3325	11/14/01
Date of Orig. Report	Date Assigned	Case No.	Unit Reporting	Follow-Up No.
11/12/01	11/12/01	1389	100 squad	
Complainant's Name - Last, First, M.I.			Victim's Name - If Different	
P.S.N.Y.				

Witness No. 1	Last Name, First, M.I.	Address, Include City, State, Zip		Apt. No.
		Rockaway n.y.		0VT
	Home Telephone	Business Telephone	Position / Relationship	Sex Race Age
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Total No. of Perpetrators	Wanted	Arrested	Weapon	Describe Weapon (If firearm, give color, make, calora, type, model, etc.)
			<input type="checkbox"/> Used <input type="checkbox"/> 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.

<input type="checkbox"/> Eyeglasses	<input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses	Clothing Description

Nickname, First Name, Alias	Scars, Marks, M.O., Etc.

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Canvass Conducted	If Yes - Make Entry in Body Re: Time, Date, Names, Addresses, Results	Crime Scene Visited	If Yes - Make Entry in Details Re: Time, Date, Evidence Obtained
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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)
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PERP 1 DETAILS:

Investigation : Plane Crash  
Subject : Interview of [REDACTED]

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PERP 1  
PERP 2

1. On 11/14/01 at approx 1700 hrs the undersigned was contacted by the above mentioned person who states that he did see tyhe plane crash. An interview was conducted over the phone with the following results :  
He states that on 11/12/01 at approx 0900 hrs he was walking his dog at the park located at beach 150 Street and Rockaway Beach Blvd, when he heard a plane that did not sound normal. When he looked up to the sky he noticed the plane was very low, he states that the engine on what he thought was the right wing fell off the plane and was falling from the sky. He states that he did not see any smoke or flames. He then states he saw the plane actually fly upwards for a moment before making a U-turn in the air and coming nose down. He states that he saw the plane go past the rooftops then heard an explosion. He states that he then observed orange flames shoot up past the rooftops accompanied by black smoke.

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PERP 1  
PERP 2

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PERP 1  
PERP 2

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CHOICE 1  
CHOICE 2

Investigation continuing.....

CASE	DATE REVIEWED / CLOSED	IF ACTIVE, DATE OF NEXT REVIEW
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REPORTING OFFICER	RANK	SIGNATURE
		[Signature]
REVIEWING / CLOSING SUPERVISOR	CASE	ENTER DESIGNATION
[Signature]	CLOSED: C	OR B
		SIGNATURE
		[Signature]
		NAME PRINTED
		DESMOND
		TAX REG. NO.
		903787
		COMMAND
		100sqd
		C.O.'S INITIALS

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

Crime: **INVESTIGATE PLANE CRASH** Pct. **100** OCCB No. \_\_\_\_\_ Complaint No. **1188 3325** Date of This Report **11/12/01**

Date of Orig. Report **11/12/10** Date Assigned **11/12/01** Case No. **1389** Unit-Reporting **Queens Gang Squad** 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, \_\_\_\_\_ Scars, Marks, M.O., Etc. \_\_\_\_\_ (Continue in "Details")

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

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

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

**DETAILS:**  
 1. On Monday, November 12, 2001 the undersigned along with Detective Bachiller did conduct a canvass of Beach 134 Street in regards to the crash of an American Airlines flight. The following addresses were met with positive results;

229 Beach 134 Street \_\_\_\_\_

while walking his dog in a field located at 149 Street & Rockaway Beach Blvd. the witness looked to the east and observed a large passenger jet experiencing difficulty ascending. The witness reports seeing the planes right engine drop off the wing. At this point the plane began to climb vertically and quickly turn around and plunge straight into the ground. No fire smoke or explosions were seen or heard prior to the plane plunging in to the ground

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CASE		DATE REVIEWED / CLOSED		IF ACTIVE, DATE OF NEXT REVIEW	
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REPORTING OFFICER:	RANK	SIGNATURE	NAME PRINTED	TAX REG. NO.	COMMAND
	DET.		Bollenman	911607	QCS
REVIEWING / CLOSING SUPERVISOR:	CASE	ENTER DESIGNATION	SIGNATURE	C.O.'S INITIALS	
	CLOSED:	C _____ OR B _____			
		Choice 1	Choice 2	Prp 1	Prp 2



## National Transportation Safety Board

### Telephone Memorandum

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**Date:** April 11, 2002

**Person Interviewed:** [REDACTED]

**Present:** Luke Schiada, Witness Group

**Subject:** DCA02MA001, Witness Interview

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

He was outside talking with friends who were working on a house located near 130<sup>th</sup> Street and Rockaway Beach Boulevard. He heard a loud noise that he further described as "not an explosion, like a roar." He looked up and observed the airplane climbing in a left turn. He was looking at the bottom of the airplane and could clearly see both wings and both sides of the horizontal stabilizer. He also observed black smoke coming from the left side of the fuselage near the wing. The airplane then pitched nose down and was heading toward him.

[REDACTED] turned around and began to run, he did not observe the airplane further. He estimated he observed the airplane for about 30-40 seconds.

[REDACTED] was a retired fire fighter. He further stated that he was 100 percent certain that airplane was on fire during the time he observed it. Additionally, he did not observe any parts falling or separating from the airplane.

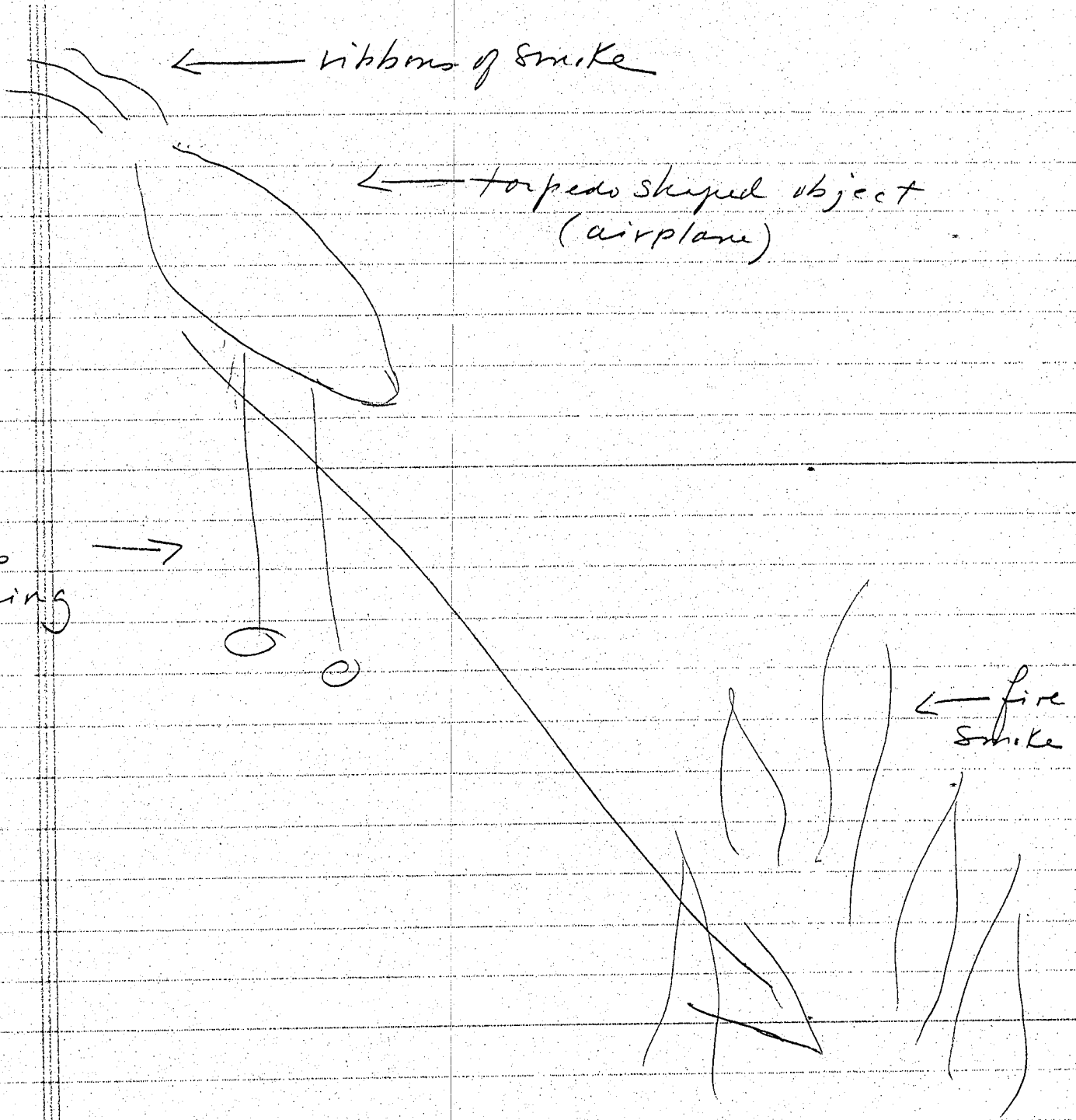
1/7/02

On the morning of November 12, 2001, I was sitting in my sunroom, which has three large windows facing east and three large windows facing south. My house is on B. 145 St. between Newport and Cranston Ave. It is approximately 14 blocks away from the Crash Site.

At approximately 9:10, I was distracted by what appeared to be a large object, shaking in the sky with ribbons of smoke flowing from it. As I looked up, I realized I had an unobstructed view of this large torpedo-like shape which was heading fast and furiously toward the earth.

As it was falling downward, two smaller objects fell rapidly and simultaneously. The airplane continued to travel very fast at a very steep angle until it crashed out of my sight. I then saw a huge fireball rise from behind my neighbor's garage with heavy, thick, black smoke following the explosion. I didn't hear anything.

Sincerely,  
[Redacted]





Pct. 100	Complaint # 3325	Date of This Report 11/12/01
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DETAILS:

C. 444 BEACH 145 STREET (PRIVATE HOUSE)  
 SPOKE WITH A [REDACTED] F/W/50YRS [REDACTED] WHO  
 STATES THAT SHE WAS SITTING NEAR HER BACK WINDOW WHEN SHE HEARD A  
 LOUD NOISE AND SHE LOOKED OUT HER REAR WINDOW AND SAW TWO OBJECTS  
 FALL OFF THE PLANE, SHE FURTHER STATES THAT AFTER THE OBJECTS  
 FELL FROM THE PLANE IT SUDDENLY NOSE DIVED TOWARDS THE GROUND AND  
 THEN SHE SAW ALL THE SMOKE COME UP.

CASE	DATE REVIEWED/CLOSED 11/12/01	IF ACTIVE, DATE OF NEXT REVIEW
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACTIVE <input type="checkbox"/> CLOSED	SIGNATURE [Signature]	NAME PRINTED ASPENLEITER, JAMES
REPORTING OFFICER	RANK DET	TAX REG. NO. 880642
REVIEWING/CLOSING SUPERVISOR	CASE ENTER DESIGNATION	COMMAND 11/12/01
CLOSED: C	OR B	SIGNATURE [Signature] E.O.'s INITIALS

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Pct: 100	Complaint No. 3325	Date of This Report 11-12-01
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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
 -----Saw the engine on fire. The nose was down and then I heard the explosion.

158 B128 St.

CASE		DATE REVIEWED/CLOSED	IF ACTIVE: DATE OF NEXT REVIEW	
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REPORTING OFFICER	RANK	SIGNATURE	NAME PRINTED	TAX REG. NO. COMMAND
	Det.	<i>[Signature]</i>	MOSTAFA	878267 BNMTF
REVIEWING/CLOSING SUPERVISOR	CASE	ENTER DESIGNATION	SIGNATURE	C.O.'S INITIALS
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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: *Crossing Beach 134 St between Bell Channel Dr. and Cronston Ave - plane was very low, but parallel to ground*

1. The direction the airplane was traveling (up/down-right/left?)  
*From left to right - Towards the Ocean*
2. Did you observe any parts separating or falling from the airplane? If so, are you able to describe the parts?  
*Yes - I observed the right wing flip over and fall and almost immediately afterwards - the right engine did the same*
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?  
*the sky was perfectly clear, but I saw no smoke or fire*
4. How long did you observe the airplane?  
*about 30 seconds*
5. If you lost sight of the airplane, what was your final view of the airplane?  
*I had turned and run in the opposite direction (towards the bay) to look - it was gone*

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. *when I turned*  
*anytime after Jan 31*

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*  
Luke Schiada  
Air Safety Investigator

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**COMPLAINT - FOLLOW UP INFORMATIONAL**  
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Crime		Pct	OCCB No.	Complaint No.	Date of This Report	14 PERP
INVESTIGATE DOA		100		3325	11/12/01	
Date of Orig. Report	Date Assigned	Case No.	Unit Reporting		Follow-Up No.	PERP
Complainant's Name - Last, First, M.I.					Victim's Name - If Different	
P.S.N.Y.						
Witness No. 1	Last Name, First, M.I.				Address, include City, State, Zip	
	Home Telephone		Business Telephone		Position / Relationship	Sex Race Date of Birth Age
Perp. No. 1	Total No. of Perpetrators	Wanted	Arrested	Weapon		Describe Weapon (If firearm, give color, make, calibre, type, model, etc.)
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Used <input type="checkbox"/> Possessed		
Perp. No. 2	Wanted	Arrested	Last Name, First, M.I.		Address, include City, State, Zip	
	Sex Race Date of Birth Age Height Ft. In. Weight Eye Color Hair Color Hair Length Facial Hair	NYSID No.				
Perp. No. 3	<input type="checkbox"/> Eyeglasses <input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses		Clothing Description, Scars, Marks, M.O., Etc. (Continue in "Details")			
	Nickname, First Name, Alias		Address, include City, State, Zip			
Perp. No. 4	Wanted	Arrested	Last Name, First, M.I.		Address, include City, State, Zip	
	Sex Race Date of Birth Age Height Ft. In. Weight Eye Color Hair Color Hair Length Facial Hair	NYSID No.				
Perp. No. 5	<input type="checkbox"/> Eyeglasses <input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses		Clothing Description, Scars, Marks, M.O., Etc. (Continue in "Details")			
	Nickname, First Name, Alias		Address, include City, State, Zip			
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6 PERP 1 DETAILS: SUBJECT: CANVASS OF BEACH 134ST. 402-552 INVESTIGATE DOA (PLANE CRASH)						
PERP 2 On 11/12/01 at 1300 hours the undersigned along with Sgt. Duke BXGS did perform a canvass of 134c Street Street under the supervision of Captain Guida. The undersigned was met with the below listed results.						

10 CHOICE 1  
 CHOICE 2  
 [REDACTED] 37, she was on the street observed right wing fall off then plane spiral to ground, then she observed a large amount of dark smoke.

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CASE		DATE REVIEWED / CLOSED		IF ACTIVE, DATE OF NEXT REVIEW	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACTIVE <input type="checkbox"/> CLOSED					
REPORTING OFFICER:	RANK	SIGNATURE	NAME PRINTED	TAX REG. NO.	COMMAND
	DET.		BOTTONE	897058	BXGS
REVIEWING / CLOSING SUPERVISOR:	CASE	ENTER DESIGNATION	SIGNATURE	C.O.'s INITIALS	
	CLOSED:	OR B.			
		Choice	Choice	Perp 1	Perp 2



# National Transportation Safety Board

## Telephone Memorandum

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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 roofing job in the local area with [REDACTED]. They were exiting a restaurant located on 80<sup>th</sup> street and Rockaway Beach Boulevard when [REDACTED] looked up and observed the accident airplane with a fire present in the area of the left wing. He described the airplane's motion as "out of control and getting worse and worse." The airplane was repeatedly turning left and right and he then observed "something fall off the airplane." The airplane then went "straight down." He stated he did not observe any explosions while the airplane was in-flight, and he also did not recall observing any smoke.

[REDACTED] estimated he observed the airplane for about 10 to 20 seconds.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Luke Schiada".

Luke Schiada  
Air Safety Investigator

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 11/15/2001

On 11/15/2001 [redacted] was interviewed at her residence, [redacted] Pine Bush, NY, telephone [redacted]. After being apprised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the interview, MOORS provided the following information:

[redacted] also resides at 145 Beach 127th St., Belle Harbor, NY 11694, telephone [redacted] [redacted] was at her Belle Harbor residence on the morning of 11/12/2001. [redacted] had planned on attending the 9:00am mass at St. Frances de Sales Church but had been delayed as she was talking to her grandson. At approximately 9:15am [redacted] was outside, packing her car to return upstate when she happened to look into the sky and saw a plane heading towards the beach. The plane was on an incline, flying low, and appeared to be heading towards the ocean.

[redacted] stated the left engine was on fire with flames shooting out. On her right side she saw something flash down and then watched as the plane turned and went straight into the ground. [redacted] described the ensuing sky as going technicolor.

[redacted] wanted to try and warn people but the plane went down so fast she couldn't do anything but start yelling for the neighbors to come out after the plane crashed.

[redacted] did not see any debris by her residence.

*NY 44 - Person file*

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FBI - NEW YORK	

Investigation on 11/15/2001 at New York (telephonically)  
 File # 149A-NY-280669-302 - 104 Date dictated 11/15/2001  
 by SA Elizabeth R. Morris  
MOORS.WPD CONTROL # - NY 44

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[REDACTED]  
Rockaway Park, New York 11694

January 14th, 2002

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

Dear Mr. Schiada:

Re: Your letter of January 2nd, 2002

In response to your letter dated January 2, 2002; I was at Breezy Point Golf Course, on the 11th green, waiting to putt. Breezy Point Golf Course is located in Riis Park, off of Ocean Promenade which is also known as the Boardwalk on the South and Beach Channel Drive; Marine Parkway Bridge to the North.

On November 12th, the weather was not your typical November day, the day warm, clear and bright. We had a five-some and one of the other golfers was putting, when I heard a plane in the distance (West), it sounded as if one engine would not turn over. The sound was like a car in the winter, chocking trying to turn over. I looked up, the plane itself was in the ascending mode. I would guess just over Jamaica Bay traveling westward. As it was rising and the engine sputting, trying to turn over, I remembered thinking, if it does not turn over soon, he is in serious trouble. As I was thinking that, the right engine seemed to explode, as if a bomb or something triggered the explosion. The right engine caught fire, first a dot of red and then blue and orange-red flames burst out of this engine. All of a sudden an explosion took place and the engine exploded, the engine with the wing came off of the aircraft. At that moment in time it went from traveling West took a nose dive, however not a direct nose dive, the craft turned to its left which would be South with dark gray smoke, which was thick and almost back made a steam in the sky, also encircling the body of the craft as it crashed to the ground.

I honestly believe that when I first observed the plane it was totally in tact, by which I mean the tail was still part of it. I believe after the explosion the aircraft just burst into pieces, crashing to the ground and Jamaica Bay. If the pilot would have gone over Rockaway, instead of Jamaica Bay, I believe the plane would have crashed into the Atlantic Ocean. However the pilot was following the proper route, out over Breezy to the Ocean etc....

I yelled "Oh my God!" What the "F\_\_\_\_\_", "a plane just went down. A Plane just went down", I just kept repeating "a Plane just went down"...I could not believe what I just witnessed.

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Since we were all stressed out from September 11th, now this, a thought passed in my mind. The thought was the Osama bin Laden was getting even with Rockaway for what Mr. Moran had said. Quote, unquote, "Mr. Osama bin Laden, I am from Rockaway and you can Kiss my Irish American Ass"... Did the terrorist not sabotage this plane to make it appear as an accident and have the plane fall into Mr. Moran's neighborhood? Then another thought, no it's not terrorist, I heard the noise from the engine, and it would not turn over. My next thought is Oh my God! My husband is home, where did the plane land? I then panicked, I did not know where, but I did know that the plane fell somewhere in the Rockaway Park or Belle Harbor section. I started to run to my car with my friend Neil Mc Neils to get to my cell phone, which was in the trunk of my car. I could not wait to hear my husband's voice. We ran off the tee to my car which was in the parking lot, my chest was pounding and I lost my breath, I felt as if I was going to collapse. Finally we reached my car and I called home.

I live in a Co-op Building on Beach 118th Street and Ocean Promenade, till my husband answered the phone, I was hyper-ventilating, I was very scared and nervous not knowing or want to know... when he finally answered the phone, I was so relieved that I started to cry, just knowing he was okay and I was okay. I then told him about the plane, my husband said that our entire building shook as if there was an earthquake. He asked me if I knew where the plane went down, I told him I was not sure, but it was close to us. I would be home within the next 5 minutes God willing, or else I would call again. I then handed the phone to [REDACTED] to call his house, he was screaming and cursing thinking it was terrorist, I kept telling him I heard the engines. Until his wife [REDACTED] answered, he was beside himself. She answered and he started to shake...I told him he could not drive like that, he said he would be okay...so we both left the parking lot to go to our homes.

My after thoughts were if I heard the engine was having trouble, would not the pilot hear it too? What did his instruments register? Did it say engine failure? Did he not maybe try to abort takeoff and return to JFK?

Some of my other afterthoughts I had were, as they say hindsight is 20-20 sight. Was it sabotage? JFK airport can easily be accessed by Rockaway Turnpike, or a number of different ways. Anyone could have possibly posed as a delivery person or whatever, change their uniform...join the crew checking the aircraft and do whatever ...(I don't believe the crew members look to see who is working next to them)... plant a bomb...change back to the other uniform wait until after he/she leaves the airport...wait until the plane takes off... then detonate it when the craft is in the air...

I had to get out of Rockaway, so my husband and I decided we would do what we planned to do, go to the cemeteries to visit my mom and his. My mom is in St. John's on Woodhaven Ave., and his mother is in St. Raymond's in the Bronx. After the cemeteries, we made our way back to Rockaway, the back way from the Bronx. As my husband and I were traveling on Beach Channel Drive, the recovery team just recovered the Tail section. As they were lifting it out of the water and putting it on the dock both my husband and I commented, it was not ragged, it was just "disassembled". So another question I have, why was it not ragged? It looked as if someone surgically removed it from the rest of the craft.

Now to answer your questions in order:

1-The direction the airplane was traveling (up/down-right/left?)

Answer: The direction the airplane was traveling was up.

2-Did you observe any parts separating or falling from the airplane? If so, are you able to describe the parts?

Answer: Yes, the right wing with the engine that was in trouble.

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?

Answer: I did observe smoke and fire coming from the airplane. First I observed it looked like a spark, blue/red/orange then a flame.... then smoke...dark thick almost black. It was coming from the right engine. No, when I first heard the plane and saw it, there was no smoke or fire.

4-How long did you observe the airplane?

Answer: I would say approximately 60 to 90 seconds (it happened so fast) from the time I heard the engine to the time I witnessed the explosion and the final dive to the ground.

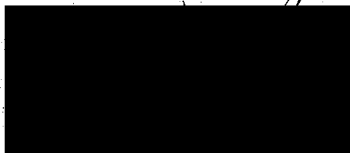
5-If you lost sight of the airplane, what was your final view of the airplane?

Answer: My final view was a dark jet stream of smoke engulfing the passenger section of the plane, when the plane which was going in a westward direction, suddenly turned southward and plummeted down toward the ground.

If I can be of any further assistance, or to clarify anything that I wrote, you can contact me at the following numbers:



Very truly yours,



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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 11/18/2001

On 11/18/2001, Special Agent (SA) Carmine A. Esposito interviewed [REDACTED] date of birth, [REDACTED] home address, [REDACTED] Far Rockaway, New York, home telephone number, [REDACTED], regarding her observations of the crash of American Airlines flight #587 on 11/12/2001. The interview took place at her place of business, West End Realty, 209 B 116th Street, Far Rockaway, New York. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the interview, she provided the following information:

She was playing golf at Breezy Point Golf Course on 11/12/2001. On one of the holes, she stopped when she heard what she believed to be an airplane in distress. She looked up and saw American Airlines flight #587. She stated that she heard the engines laboring. She described the noise from the engines as a stuttering noise. Shortly thereafter, she saw the right wing burst into flames. Then, she saw the airplane nosedive into the ground.

Investigation on 11/16/2001 at Far Rockaway, NYFile # 149A-NY-280669-302-177 Date dictated 11/18/2001by SA Carmine A. Esposito:cae *ONE*

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INVESTIGATE PLANE CRASH

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11-16-01

Date of Orig. Report 11-12-01	Date Assigned 11-12-01	Case No. 1389	Unit Reporting 100 SQD	Follow-Up No.
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Complainant's Name - Last, First, M.I. P.S.N.Y.	Victim's Name - If Different
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Last Name, First, M.I.		Address, include City, State, Zip ROCKAWAY, N.Y.		Apt. No. 5B
Home Telephone	Business Telephone	Position / Relationship	Sex M	Race WHITE
			Date of Birth	Age 57

Total No. of Perpetrators	Wanted	Arrested	Weapon <input type="checkbox"/> Used <input type="checkbox"/> Possessed	Describe Weapon (If firearm, give color, make, calibre, type, model, etc.)
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Wanted	Arrested	Last Name, First, M.I.	Address, include City, State, Zip	Apt. No.	Res. Pct.
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Sex	Race	Date of Birth	Age	Height Ft. In	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)
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Witness interviewed	In Person	By Phone	Date	Time	Results: Same as Comp. Report - Different (Explain in Details)
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Canvass Conducted	If Yes - Make Entry in Body Re: Time, Date, Names, Addresses, Results	Crime Scene Visited	If Yes - Make Entry in Details Re: Time, Date, Evidence Obtained
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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: PLANE CRASH  
 SUBJECT: INTERVIEW OF WITNESS [REDACTED]  
 CONTENTS: SAW PLANE CATCH FIRE [REDACTED]

1. On the above date and time I did speak to [REDACTED] via telephone. She advises that at the T/P/O she was playing Golf at Breezy Point Golf Course. She states that she heard a engine that was laboring and looked up to see a Airplane attempting to gain altitude. She states that she then saw the Right Wing of the plane burst into flames. The plane then tilted to the left and suddenly nosedived straight to the ground. She states that she then saw a large black cloud erupt into the sky.

2. CASE.....ACTIVE F.B.I. AGENT JESSICA CORNIEL NOTIFIED 11-16-01 1235HRS.

CASE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACTIVE <input type="checkbox"/> CLOSED	DATE REVIEWED / CLOSED 11/16/01	IF ACTIVE, DATE OF NEXT REVIEW
REPORTING OFFICER: RANK DET.	SIGNATURE [Signature]	NAME PRINTED THOMAS DOLAN
REVIEWING / CLOSING SUPERVISOR: [Signature]	CASE CLOSED: C	TAX REG. NO. 883079
ENTER DESIGNATION OR B	SIGNATURE [Signature]	COMMAND 100SQD
		C.O.'s INITIALS

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

Complainant's Name - Last, First, M.I.: **PSNY** 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")

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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DETAILS:  
 On this date the following persons were interviewed while working on the MARINE Parkway Bridge (Upper Roadway).  
 On this date the undersigned interviewed \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
 Brooklyn, NY, Tel# \_\_\_\_\_ regarding the crash of American Airlines Flt# 587. \_\_\_\_\_ stated the following:

At approximately 9:20am, Mr. Morris observed plane spining out of control. Pcs were falling off the plane into the water. The engine was on fire and the right wing was missing. The plane took a nose dive into the homes in the Rockaways. \_\_\_\_\_ also noticed fire coming from the right wing.

**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	<b>11/15/01</b>	
REPORTING OFFICER:	RANK: <b>Det.</b>	SIGNATURE: _____
		NAME PRINTED: <b>M. Gonzalez</b>
REVIEWING / CLOSING SUPERVISOR: <b>11/16/01</b>	CASE ENTER DESIGNATION: _____	TAX REC. NO. <b>879039</b> COMMAND <b>QDAOS</b>
	CLOSED: <input type="checkbox"/> OR _____	SIGNATURE: _____ C.O.'s INITIALS _____

Choice 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Choice 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Pcp 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Pcp 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Pcp 3 \_\_\_\_\_ Pcp 4 \_\_\_\_\_

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PD 313-081a (Rev. 4-89)-31

Crime: **INVEST. PLANE CRASH** Pct: **100** OCCB No. **3325** Complaint No. **3325** Date of This Report **11/13/01**

Date of Orig. Report **11/12/01** Date Assigned **11/12/01** Case No. **1389** Unit Reporting: **106SQD.** Follow-Up No.

Complainant's Name - Last, First, M.I. **N.S.E.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.)  
 Used  Possessed

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")

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

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

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

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)

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DETAILS: **INVESTIGATE: PLANE CRASH FLT. #887**

**SUBJECT: CANVASS OF MARINE BRIDGE**

1. On 11/12/01 the undersigned officer along with Det. Drew of the 106 SQD. canvassed the Marine Park Bridge, the following names are construction workers

[Redacted] P/H Bklyn. Work: [Redacted]

I was at work and walking on the bridge I saw the plane in a spinning motion and a fire on the plane. Then I saw the engine come off before it went into a noise dive. While it was noise diving it looked like a wing was off. He further states that there was another commercial airliner right behind the one that crashed.

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REPORTING OFFICER:	RANK <b>Det.</b>	SIGNATURE <i>[Signature]</i>	NAME PRINTED <b>Classi, F.</b>
REVIEWING / CLOSING SUPERVISOR: <i>[Signature]</i>	CASE <input type="checkbox"/> OPEN <input type="checkbox"/> CLOSED: <b>C</b>	ENTER DESIGNATION <b>OR B</b>	SIGNATURE <i>[Signature]</i> C.O.'s INITIALS

Choice 1 Choice 2 Perp 1 Perp 2 Perp 3 Perp 4

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# National Transportation Safety Board

## Telephone Memorandum

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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 pushing a wheel chair patient on Beach 139<sup>th</sup> Street, when he looked up and saw the Airbus tilting to the left. It was making thumping sounds like an engine backfiring. He saw debris falling that looked like paper and then saw some fire and smoke and saw a cylinder fall off the airplane. He then saw it dive and crash.

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Pct: 100	Complaint No. 3325	Date of This Report: 11-12-01.
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I was on the street (B141 and Rockaway Beach Blvd.) putting a patient in a wheelchair. I saw the plane, tail down and nose up. I saw fire under the left engine. The wing and engine seperated and the plane tilted left, and nose dived straight down. Pieces were falling off of it.

2. Status: Case open.

CASE		DATE REVIEWED/CLOSED: 11/12/01	IF ACTIVE: DATE OF NEXT REVIEW	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACTIVE	<input type="checkbox"/> CLOSED	SIGNATURE: [Signature]	NAME PRINTED: [Signature]	TAX REG. NO.: 878267
REPORTING OFFICER: [Signature]	RANK: Det.	ENTER DESIGNATION: [Signature]	COMMAND: BNHTF	C.O.'S INITIALS:
REVIEWING/CLOSING SUPERVISOR: [Signature]	CASE CLOSED: C	OR B		

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

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PERP 1

Date of Orig. Report **11/12/01** Date Assigned **11/12/01** Case No. **1389** Unit Reporting **Arson & Explosion Squad** Follow-Up No. \_\_\_\_\_

PERP 2

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

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

PERP 1

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

PERP 2

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

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

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

CHOICE 1

Eyeglasses  Sunglasses Clothing Description, \_\_\_\_\_ 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. \_\_\_\_\_

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

CHOICE 1

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

CHOICE 2

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

CHOICE 1

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

CHOICE 2

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

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PERP 1

DETAILS:  
Investigation: **Plane Crash within the confines of the 100 Pct.**

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Subject: **Interview with Fire Marshal [REDACTED]**

PERP 1

PERP 2

PERP 2

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PERP 1

PERP 2

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CHOICE 1

CHOICE 2

A interview was conducted with [REDACTED] Shield #1965 of Batt. 47 NYFD/EMS office phone # [REDACTED]. FM [REDACTED] stated that he was informed in sum and substance that [REDACTED] was working with his partner [REDACTED] Shield # 5760. They were parked on Shore Front Parkway and Beach 116 Street watching the planes take off and awaiting their next assignment. He observed what appeared to be a plane in trouble after take off. He further observed parts of the left wing fall off from the fuselage. This plane then arched down and took a nose dive into the residential area it crashed in. His partner then called his dispatcher to inform them of the crash.

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PERP 1

PERP 2

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PERP 1

PERP 2

CASE <input type="checkbox"/> ACTIVE <input type="checkbox"/> CLOSED		DATE REVIEWED / CLOSED		IF ACTIVE, DATE OF NEXT REVIEW	
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# National Transportation Safety Board

## Telephone Memorandum

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**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 standing on 116<sup>th</sup> St and heard a loud noise and looking up saw the left wing of the aircraft dip with the nose sliding sideways. He saw what he thinks was one engine falling off the plane. He also remembers that the tail of the aircraft was gone. He saw the aircraft for 2-3 seconds before it crashed. He did not see any fire or smoke coming from the airplane.

<b>COMPLAINT - FOLLOW UP INFORMATIONAL</b> PD 313-081A (Rev. 4-89)-31		Crime: <b>Investigate Plane Crash</b>	Pct: <b>100</b>	OCCB No.	Complaint No. <b>3325</b>	Date of This Report <b>11/13/01</b>	14 PERP 1	
Date of Orig. Report: <b>11/12/01</b>	Date Assigned: <b>11/12/01</b>	Case No.: <b>1389</b>	Unit-Reporting: <b>100 squad</b>	Follow-Up No.		15 PERP 2		
Complainant's Name - Last, First, M.I.: <b>P.S.N.Y.</b>			Victim's Name - If Different					15
Witness No. 1 Last Name, First, M.I.: [REDACTED]	Address, include City, State, Zip: [REDACTED]					Apt. No.	16 PERP 1	
Home Telephone: [REDACTED]	Business Telephone: [REDACTED]	Position / Relationship	Sex: <b>M</b>	Race: <b>W</b>	Date of Birth	Age	16 PERP 2	
Total No. of Perpetrators: <b>Wanted</b> [ ] <b>Arrested</b> [ ]		Describe Weapon (If firearm, give color, make, calibre, type, model, etc.)						
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DETAILS: <b>Investigation: Plane Crash</b>								
Subject: Interview of [REDACTED] cell # [REDACTED]								
1. On 11/13/01 at approx 1850 hrs the undersigned along with [REDACTED] of the 100 squad did respond to the above mentioned address to interview [REDACTED] in regards to the plane crash, the results as follows ::::: [REDACTED] states that at approx 0910 hrs he was standing in front of <b>Bron's Hardware</b> on Beach 116 street about one half a block away from Newport Ave. He states that he heard a plane flying over head only the engine did not sound normal. When he looked up he observed the plane flying low, but states that he did not see a tail on the plane. He also states that he observed some type of debris falling off the plane into an unknown direction. He states that he did not hear an explosion and did not see any flames or smoke coming from the plane. He goes on to states that the plane was dipping down on the left side almost on a 45 degree angle. He then states that he saw it go nose down and disappear from view.								
Case continuing.....								
CASE: <input type="checkbox"/> ACTIVE <input type="checkbox"/> CLOSED		DATE REVIEWED / CLOSED: <b>11/14/01</b>			IF ACTIVE, DATE OF NEXT REVIEW:			
REPORTING OFFICER: [REDACTED]	RANK: <b>PO</b>	SIGNATURE: [REDACTED]	NAME PRINTED: <b>DESMOND</b>		TAX REG. NO.: <b>903787</b>	COMMAND: <b>100sqd</b>		
REVIEWING / CLOSING SUPERVISOR: [REDACTED]	CASE NO.:	ENTER DESIGNATION:	SIGNATURE: [REDACTED]	C.O.'s INITIALS:				
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**COMPLAINT - FOLLOW UP**  
**INFORMATIONAL**  
 PD 313-081A (Rev. 4-89)-31

Crime: **INVEST. PLANE CRASH** Pct: **100** OCCB No. **3325** Complaint No. **11/13/01** Date of This Report

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

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

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

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

DETAILS: INVESTIGATION: **INVESTIGATE PLANE CRASH**  
 SUBJECT: **CANVASS**  
 RE: **INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED] M/W - [REDACTED]**  
**Rockaway Pt., N.Y. 11694**  
**D.O.B.: [REDACTED]**

1. On 11/02/01 at 1015 hours the w/s along with Sgt. Patrick Keane, OCID, did interview the above witness relative to this case.

2. [REDACTED] stated that it was a little after 0900 hours somewhere between 0910 and 0920 hours when he was on the corner of Beach 125th Street and Newport Avenue and saw the plane in the sky. He said the plane looked as if it was trying to make a turn and also saw pieces of the plane coming off. Then he heard a loud boom and moments later said the plane crashed. [REDACTED] said that was all he could offer at this time.

3. [REDACTED] advised us that a engine dropped to the ground and was in the parking lot of a gas station on Beach 129th Street. We informed [REDACTED] that would investigate that as well.

4. Investigation active pending further information.

CASE:  ACTIVE  CLOSED DATE REVIEWED / CLOSED: \_\_\_\_\_ IF ACTIVE, DATE OF NEXT REVIEW: \_\_\_\_\_

REPORTING OFFICER: **Detective** RANK: **Detective** SIGNATURE: *[Signature]* NAME PRINTED: **Donnelly, Gerard** TAX REG. NO.: **880854** COMMAND: **MCSQD**

REVIEWING / CLOSING SUPERVISOR: \_\_\_\_\_ CASE:  OPEN  CLOSED ENTER DESIGNATION: \_\_\_\_\_ OR B: \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ C.O.'S INITIALS: \_\_\_\_\_

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INVESTIGATE PLANE CRASH

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3325

11/15/01

Date of Orig. Report 11/12/01	Date Assigned 11/12/01	Case No. 1389	Unit Reporting 100 Precinct Detective Squad	Follow-Up No.
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Complainant's Name - Last, First, M.I. \_\_\_\_\_ Victim's Name - If Different \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name, First, M.I. \_\_\_\_\_ Address, Include City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. No. \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone	Business Telephone	Position / Relationship	Sex	Race	Date of Birth	Age
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Total No. of Perpetrators	Wanted	Arrested	Weapon	Describe Weapon (If firearm, give color, make, calibre, type, model, etc.)		
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Wanted	Arrested	Last Name, First, M.I.	Address, Include City, State, Zip		Apt. No.	Res. Pct.
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Sex	Race	Date of Birth	Age	Height	Weight	Eye Color	Hair Color	Hair Length	Facial Hair	NYSID No.
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Witness Interviewed	In Person	By Phone	Date	Time	Results: Same as Comp. Report - Different (Explain in Details)
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Crime Scene Dusted	By (Enter Results in Details)	Crime Scene Photos	By (Enter Results in Details)
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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

DETAILS: INVESTIGATION: INVESTIGATE PLANE CRASH  
SUBJECT : Interview of [REDACTED] F/W

1. On Nov. 15, 2001 the U/S received a call from [REDACTED] who states that she and her husband were sitting in their living room and heard a loud bang. They looked out the window and saw a plane engine falling from the sky. They then observed the plane going down.

2. CASE ACTIVE.

CASE	DATE REVIEWED / CLOSED	IF ACTIVE, DATE OF NEXT REVIEW
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REPORTING OFFICER	RANK	DET
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	CURRAN	897280
REVIEWING / CLOSING SUPERVISOR	CASE ENTER DESIGNATION	C.O.'S INITIALS
	CLOSED: C OR B	

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Jan 10, 2002

Dear Sir

I [REDACTED] did see  
flt 587. It flew over my home at  
442 Beach 124 St going in a S.W.  
Path making more noise than any  
plane I have ever heard. I looked  
out our second floor window and  
saw the right wing on fire and  
the plane in a nose down  
direction. I grabbed my grandson  
& left the window. If I can be of  
service please call at number below  
Sincerely,  
[REDACTED]

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 11/12/2001

On November 12, 2001, [REDACTED] 442 Beach 124 Street, Belle Harbor, N.Y. 11694, telephone number [REDACTED] was interviewed by Special Agent Richard J. Shaw. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the interview, [REDACTED] provided the following information:

[REDACTED] advised that on the morning of November 12, 2001, she was babysitting her grandson when she heard a loud noise come from outside her house. [REDACTED] looked out her front window and saw an airplane flying in flames. [REDACTED] immediately picked up her grandson and called to her husband to get out of the house. BY the time [REDACTED] left the house the plane was gone from her point of view. [REDACTED] did not recall hearing the plane crash.

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

File # 149A-NY-280669-302

Date dictated 11/12/2001

by SA Richard J. Shaw:rjs

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FD 313-001A (REV. 4-09-01)		INVESTIGATE CRIME SCENE		100	3325	11/12/01	PERP 1						
Date of Orig. Report 11/12/01	Date Assigned 11/12/01	Case No. 1389	Unit Reporting CIS	Follow-Up No.			PERP 2						
Complainant's Name - Last, First, M.I.				Victim's Name - If Different				15					
Last Name, First, M.I.				Address, include City, State, Zip			Apt. No.	PERP 1					
Home Telephone		Business Telephone		Position / Relationship	Sex	Race	Date of Birth	Age	PERP 2				
Total No. of Perpetrators		Wanted	Arrested	Weapon		Describe Weapon (If firearm, give color, make, calibre, type, model, etc.)							
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6 PERP 1 DETAILS: CANVASS OF 124 st., BETWEEN RMB and NEWPORT AVE. INVESTIGATION OF PLANE CRASH . 124 st. and NEWPORT AVE.													

[REDACTED] saw airplane wing on fire fall to ground [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED]

REPORTING OFFICER:	RANK DET.	SIGNATURE <i>[Signature]</i>	NAME PRINTED HILBIG, ERICH	905452	CIS
REVIEWING / CLOSING SUPERVISOR:	CASE CLOSED: C	ENTER DESIGNATION OR B	SIGNATURE <i>[Signature]</i>	C.O.'s INITIALS	
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DETAILS:

[REDACTED] was on beach 116 St and saw the plane flying low, he stated that he saw an explosion and that it was towards the back of the plane.

Case is active.

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

Date of transcription 11/13/2001

[REDACTED] date of birth [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Brooklyn, New York 11234 [REDACTED] cellular phone [REDACTED] was interviewed at his residence. Also present at the interview were New York Police Department Detectives Larry Conway [REDACTED], Brian Martin [REDACTED] and New York Police Department Sergeant Henry Lopez [REDACTED]. After being advised of the identities of the law enforcement officers and the nature of the interview, [REDACTED] provided the following information:

[REDACTED] advised that shortly after 9:15 am on Monday November 12, 2001 he observed a low flying airplane coming towards him as he was working on a residential roof located at 447 B 122nd Street, Belle Harbor, New York 11694. [REDACTED] stated that at first he noticed how beautiful the airplane looked but then became alarmed as the airplane veered left toward the water and appeared too close to him.

[REDACTED] offered that he then observed fire from the airplane's right side engine which quickly separated from the rest of the airplane resulting in the airplane dipping and diving nose first crashing straight down into the ground.

[REDACTED] further advised that he did not observe any other fires nor did he observe any smoke. In addition, [REDACTED] stated that besides the separation of the airplane's right side engine he did not observe any further separation of the airplane.

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

File # 149A-NY-280669-302

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

by SA Kevin C. Mathieson

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 11/19/2001

[REDACTED] address [REDACTED] Far Rockaway, Queens, New York, telephone [REDACTED], was interviewed by FBI Special Agents Kevin Humphreys and Hyo Kang. After being advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview, [REDACTED] provided the following information:

At approximately 9:00 a.m., [REDACTED] had just left 504 Beach 139th Street, Queens, New York, where she works as a home health aide. She was walking down Beach 139th on her way home as she does every day. [REDACTED] heard a loud noise and looked east. She saw the plane heading in a southerly direction towards the ocean. There was a fire under the right wing. Something dropped from the plane and it started rocking from side to side. The plane was over the houses then suddenly went down.

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

File # 149A-NY-280669

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

by SA Kevin J. Humphreys  
SA Hyo T. Kang

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## National Transportation Safety Board

### Telephone Memorandum

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**Date:** June 26, 2002

**Person Interviewed:** [REDACTED]

**Present:** Luke Schiada, Witness Group

**Subject:** DCA02MA001, Witness Interview

[REDACTED] witnessed the subject accident airplane. During our conversation, he stated:

He was 26 years old and employed as a security guard for the Neponsit Hospital. He was outside at 149<sup>th</sup> street and Rockaway Beach Boulevard, when he observed the accident airplane "real low" in a left turn. The airplane was "flying fine and then the right engine blew up." [REDACTED] observed the vertical tail and other unidentifiable pieces falling from the airplane as the airplane entered a descending "twisting nose dive" toward the ground. At that point, the airplane was turning left and he observed fire coming from the airplane's "right wing/right engine" area. He then observed a black mushroom cloud rise up from the ground.

[REDACTED] added that he observed the airplane descend for a couple of seconds; however, he observed the airplane for "15 minutes." He was asked if he meant "15-seconds" and he reiterated that he watched the airplane flying normally for 15 minutes. He did not recall any unusual sound associated with the airplane.



INFORMATIONAL PD 313-081A (REV. 4-89)-31		Crime <b>AMERICAN AIRLINES</b>	Pct.	OCCB No.	Complaint No. <b>4325</b>	Date of This Report <b>11/12/01</b>	14 PERP 1	
Date of Orig. Report <b>11/12/01</b>	Date Assigned <b>11/12/01</b>	Case No. <b>157</b>	Unit Reporting <b>075 SQD</b>	Follow-Up No.				PERP 2
Complainant's Name - Last, First, M.I.		Victim's Name - If Different					15	
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6 PERP 1 PERP 2 DETAILS: INVESTIGATION; AMERICAN AIRLINES CRASH SUBJECT; CANVASS								
7 PERP 1 PERP 2 1. [REDACTED]								

535- [REDACTED] STATES THAT HE LIVES AT 1 BEACH 105 STREET AND THAT HE IS HERE TO CHECK ON HIS UNCLE. [REDACTED] ALSO STATED THAT HE HEARD AN EXPLOSION LOOKED UP AND SAW THE WING ON FIRE. THE WING FELL OFF HITTING THE REAR OF THE PLANE AND THEN IT TOOK A DEEP DIVE AND THEN EXPLODED.		24 PERP 1
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① First the plane was traveling SW. Then it went into a steep dive, almost straight down.

② As the plane was in its vertical descent it gained an incredible amount of speed in a very short time. I could not identify any thing coming off the plane, but there were a few. It was as if the high speed were causing it to lose pieces.

③ When the plane began its dive there were flames coming from the starboard side of the fuselage where the wing meets the plane. As the plane gained speed

just before the last site (at the tree line)  
the flames were almost to the tail,  
along the outside of the fuselage.

- ④ Approx 10-15 sec.
- ⑤ Screaming to the ground right at  
the tree line, approx 200' off the  
ground. Instantly there was a huge  
black cloud with a fire ball.

Contacts:

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[REDACTED] home address, [REDACTED] Cresskill, New Jersey, 07626, DOB: [REDACTED] business telephone number [REDACTED], was advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and the purpose of the interview. Also present during the interview was Detective GEORGE SANTIAGO of the PORT AUTHORITY POLICE DEPARTMENT. [REDACTED] provided the following information:

[REDACTED] is an Audio Engineer with NBC NEWS, 2-10 54th Avenue, Long Island City, New York.

[REDACTED] was a passenger on BRITISH AIRWAYS Flight# 178, (The BA Plane) which was scheduled to depart from JOHN F. KENNEDY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT for London at approximately 9:00AM. NOSEWORTHY was sitting in seat 14-K, a window seat, which is in the Business Class Section, located towards the front of the plane, on the right side. [REDACTED] seat faced towards the rear of the plane.

As the BA Plane was turning left off of the taxiway onto the runway, [REDACTED] looked out of his window, towards the south west sky and saw a jet descending with its nose down at approximately a 5 degree angle from the vertical. There were flames coming from the west side of the jet, near where the wing meets the fuselage. [REDACTED] could not tell if he was looking at the top of the jet or the underside. [REDACTED] then saw a large cloud of smoke and flame as the jet apparently made impact with the ground.

Approximately 10 to 15 minutes prior to this incident, while The BA plane was on the runway, [REDACTED] saw a large cloud of white steam or smoke coming from behind the TWA Terminal.

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

File # 149A-NY-280669-302  
by SA MICHAEL O'MAHONEY  
SA ROBERT M. LEWICKI

Date dictated 11/13/01

January 16, 2002

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

Dear Mr. Schiada,

The purpose of this letter is to respond to your correspondence dated January 9, 2002, concerning the crash involving American Airlines flight 587 on November 12, 2001.

On the morning of November 12, 2001, my husband and I were on the 8:45am Sea Streak ferry from Atlantic Highlands to Manhattan Pier 11. We were just south of the Verrazano Bridge when I began to watch American Airlines flight 587. I will answer the questions in the order set forth in your correspondence:

1. The plane was traveling south and flying level.
2. I did not observe any parts separating or falling from the airplane.
3. I did not observe any smoke or fire coming from the plane.
4. I observed the plane for a couple of seconds. After a few seconds, I watched the plane "nose dive" toward the ground. My husband, who did not observe the plane going down, and I looked back to see a large mushroom cloud of smoke.

I can be reached during the day at [REDACTED] and in the evening at [REDACTED]. Please contact me if there is anything I can assist with, or you need further information.

Sincerely,  
[REDACTED]

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Date of transcription 11/17/01

[REDACTED] DOB: [REDACTED] Sea Bright, New Jersey, telephone: [REDACTED] cell: [REDACTED] was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the interview. She provided the following information:

[REDACTED] stated that she was on board the Sea Streak Ferry which travels from Atlantic Highlands to Manhattan (it docks at Pier 11), she recalled that at about 9:00 A.M. she observed an aircraft flying level that appeared to stall and fall to the ground. She then observed a mushroom cloud of smoke coming from the ground where she last saw the plane. She did not observe the plane to be on fire or emitting smoke prior to it disappearing.

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On 11/12/2001, the following investigation was performed by Supervisory Special Agent (SSA) STEVEN L. WINTERS of the New York Office (NYO) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

[REDACTED] advised that he observed the crash of AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT 587. He heard a "rumble", and looked up. He saw the aircraft going nose down toward the ground. Mr. OBYRNE stated that he did not see the wing on the aircraft at this time. He did not see any smoke coming from the aircraft. He stated that he could see the fuselage "vividly" as it came down. He then observed the explosion as the plane impacted the ground.

Name: [REDACTED]  
Address: [REDACTED]  
Belle Harbor, N.Y.  
[REDACTED]

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

File # 149A-NY-280669

Date dictated 11/13/2001

by SSA Steven L. Winters/SLW:slw

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This is a STATEMENT REGARDING THE CRASH OF FLIGHT 587 ON NOV. 12, 2001 WHICH I WITNESSED  
STATEMENT IS BEING WRITTEN BY MY BOYFRIEND JOHN J. HANTONCEI

I WAS RIDING IN THE PASSENGER FRONT SEAT IN A VEHICLE DRIVEN BY MY BOYFRIEND [REDACTED] HE WAS TAKING ME TO WORK. THE VEHICLE WAS TRAVELING E BOUND ON THE BELT PARKWAY IN THE LEFT LANE. WE WERE PASSING EXIT 9B IN SHEEPHEAD BAY IN THE VICINITY OF PLUM BEACH DRIVING UP INCLINE TOWARD EAST 11 N+S. WHILE DRIVING UP INCLINE I SAW A LARGE PLANE IN THE AIR. TWO OTHER AIRCRAFT WERE IN THE VICINITY ONE WAS A HELICOPTER THE OTHER WAS A PRIVATE PLANE. I SAW WHITE SMOKE COMING OUT OF BOTH ENGINES OF THE LARGE PLANE THAT WAS TAKEN OFF. AFTER THE WHITE SMOKE I OBSERVED THE LEFT ENGINE FLY UP IN THE AIR AND A BALL OF FIRE CAME FROM THE MIDDLE OF THE PLANE. I TOLD MY BOYFRIEND JOHN THERE SOMETHING WRONG WITH THE PLANE UP THERE ITS ON FIRE. I SAW THE LEFT ENGINE FALL OFF THE PLANE AND THE PLANE DIVED STRAIGHT DOWN AFTER THE CRASH I SAW A BALL OF BLACK SMOKE WHERE THE PLANE CRASHED.

This is a TRUE AND ACCURATE STATEMENT.

X [REDACTED]

- ① TRAVELING UP.
- ② YES I SAW LEFT ENGINE FALL OFF PLANE.
- ③ SMOKE FROM BOTH ENGINES - BALL OF FIRE FROM MIDDLE.
- ④ 3 MIN. TO 4 MIN.
- ⑤ A CLOUD OF BLACK SMOKE

Home phone [REDACTED]





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DETAILS:

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Interview # 2

An interview was conducted with Vincent Occhipinti, Shield # 5760, NYFD/EMS. Fire Marshal Schmidt stated that [redacted] informed him in sum and substance that he was working with his partner [redacted] when they observed a plane in trouble. He stated that he observed the wing come apart from the plane body and that it also looked like the engine came apart from the fuselage.

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

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AA587 Witness

From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Thursday, January 10, 2002 1:22 PM  
To: AA587WIT@ntsb.gov  
Subject: (no subject)

Mr. Luke Schiada:

This email is in response to your letter dated January 2, 2002 regarding AA Flight 587. I was at my home which is located on Beach 143<sup>rd</sup> Street between Neponsit Avenue and Rockaway Beach Blvd. I heard what I thought was the Concorde flying over, but felt that it didn't sound quite right. Having lived my whole life in Rockaway I am extremely familiar with the sound of airplanes overhead. I walked out onto my back porch which faces in the direction of the airport and looked up into the sky. The airplane was clearly visible and was traveling upward. At that instant you could hear a loud "explosive crackling sound" and the plane proceeded to "break apart". I did not see any flames or smoke while the plane was in the air. I would say that I observed the aircraft a total of less than two minutes from start to finish. As the pieces fell to the ground and out of sight, I ran into my house. There was no word of any air incident on the radio until minutes later. At this point you could see the huge black smoke cloud rising into the sky from the ground.

If I can provide you with any other information that you feel might be helpful, you can email me at the above address or telephone me at [REDACTED]

Sincerely,  
[REDACTED]

COMPLAINT - FOLLOW UP INFORMATIONAL PD 313-081A (Rev. 4-89)-31		Crime: INVESTIGATE PLANE CRASH	Pct: 100	OCCB No.	Complaint No. 3325	Date of This Report 11-15-01	14	
Date of Orig. Report 11-12-01	Date Assigned 11-12-01	Case No. 1389	Unit Reporting 108sqd.	Follow-Up No.		PERP 1		
Complainant's Name - Last, First, M.I. P.S.N.Y.			Victim's Name - If Different				PERP 2	
Last Name, First, M.I.		Address, Include City, State, Zip				Apt. No.	PERP 1	
Home Telephone		Business Telephone		Position/Relationship		Sex Race	PERP 2	
Date of Birth		Age		Describe Weapon (If firearm, give color, make, calibre, type, model, etc.)			PERP 1	
Total No. of Perpetrators		Wanted		Arrested		PERP 2		
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Hair Length		Facial Hair		NYSID No.		PERP 1		
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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								
DETAILS:								
INVESTIGATION: Investigate Plane Crash								
SUBJECT: Canvass								
1. On November 15, 2001 the undersigned did canvass the following listed locations for the purpose of locating witnesses regards to this investigation:								

222 B. 143rd [redacted] 61, Phone: [redacted] 2.  
 [redacted] states that at time of occurrence she heard a loud noise that she had associated with the Concorde and looked out her rear porch and observed the plane breaking into pieces, heard crackling noises as this occurred and then she saw smoke. Witness had no further to add to this investigation.

2. Investigation continuing.

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Crime: Investigate Plane Crash  
 Pct. 100 OCCB No. 3325 Complain. No. 11/14/01

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 BEACH 9 Street, Far Rockaway 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 Scars, Marks, M.O., Etc. (Continue in "Details")

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

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

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

Complainant Viewed Photos Results: Witness Viewed Photos Results:

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

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

DETAILS: Investigation: Plane Crash Subject: Interview of

1. On 11/14/01 at approx 1950 hrs the undersigned did receive a phone call from the above mentioned person who stated that he had seen the plane as it was going down. The undersigned did conduct an interview over the phone with the following results:----

On 11/12/01 at approx 0915 hrs the above mentioned was traveling west bound on Rockaway Beach Blvd. He states that at about Beach 65 street he looked up and saw a very low flying plane. He states that the plane appeared to ascend while small pieces of debris were falling off what he thought was the left side of wing of the plane. He goes on to state that he observed both wings in tact and remembers seeing the tail. He also remembers seeing A/A on the tail identifying the plane as American Airlines. He states that he saw the plane veer hard to the right almost on it's side before it went down. He states that when the plane went down he called 911 from his cell phone. # [REDACTED]. The operator asked him for a location and he guessed somewhere around 120 street. He also states that he did not observe any fire or smoke coming out of the plane before it went down.

Investigation Continuing.....

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COMPLAINT - FOLLOW UP INFORMATIONAL  
 PD 312 (A) - SECOND SHEET (REV. 6-27-81)

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- 21. Resident [REDACTED] 345 Beach 132 Street [REDACTED] stated she was on her porch heard a plane, looked up saw only the nose of the plane with the word American. Debro was flying around.
- 22. Resident [REDACTED] 345 Beach 132 Street, stated he was at his moms house, at 237 Beach 117 Street, and first saw the plane flying straight the correct way and then when he looked back he saw the plane nose diving down.

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REFERENCE TO OTHER INVESTIGATION	CASE CLOSED	SIGNATURE [REDACTED]
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AA587 Witness

From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Friday, February 01, 2002 4:59 PM  
To: AA587wit@ntsb.gov  
Subject: Eyewitness to AA Flight 587 plane crash

I am an eyewitness to the plane crash on November 12, 2001 in Belle Harbor, NY:

I live directly behind the Texaco gas station where one of the engines fell. I saw the plane on fire, very low in the sky. There was a fireball behind the left wing of the plane.

If you need additional information or need to reach me, here is my information.

[REDACTED]  
Belle Harbor, NY 11694  
[REDACTED]

Thank you.



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DETAILS:  
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[REDACTED] #148 ; [REDACTED] 3, STATES THAT SHE WAS SITTING IN KITCHEN, AND DID OBSERVE PLANE COMING OVER THE TREES, AND DID OBSERVE SMOKE COMING FROM THE RIGHT EN ENGINE, THEN THE PLANE WENT DOWN. SHE THEN WENT TO CRASH SITE. NO INJURIES, OR DAMAGE

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 132nd. ST:

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REVIEWING/CLOSING SUPERVISOR: <i>[Signature]</i>	CASE CLOSED: C	ENTER DESIGNATION OR B	SIGNATURE <i>[Signature]</i>	COMMAND 109sqd.
			C.O.'S INITIALS	

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Date of transcription 11/16/2001

██████████, DOB ██████████, telephone number ██████████, residing at ██████████ Queens, New York was interviewed at his residence. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the purpose of the interview, ██████████ provided the following information regarding the crash of AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT # 587:

Sometime around 9:15 AM on 11/12/01, ██████████ was walking west on Newport Avenue between 121 Street and 122 Street, Queens, New York. As he was walking, ██████████ looked up to see a plane flying south away from JFK Airport over the bay. Within seconds, he observed a small puff of white smoke on the right (starboard) wing as he saw the right (starboard) jet engine detach and fall from the wing. The plane then banked to the left (port) and then nose dive into the ground. ██████████ did not see any fire or explosions until the plane impacted with the ground.

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

File # 149A-NY-280669-302-117 Date dictated 11/15/01

by SA John J. Janus





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**INVESTIGATE  
PLANE CRASH**

Pct. 100 OCOB No. 3325 Date of This Report 11/18/01

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. N/A Victim's Name - If Different

PERP 1

Witness No. 1 Last Name, First, M.I. Address, Include City, State, Zip Apt. No.

PERP 1

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

PERP 2

Total No. of Perpetrators Wanted Arrested Weapon 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 1

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

CHOICE 1

Eye Glasses Sunglasses Clothing Description 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.

PERP 1

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

CHOICE 2

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

PERP 2

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CHOICE 1

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

CHOICE 2

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

PERP 1

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

CHOICE 1

Complainant Viewed Photos Results: Crime Scene Photos By (Enter Results in Details)

CHOICE 2

Witness Viewed Photos Results: Crime Scene Photos By (Enter Results in Details)

PERP 1

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

PERP 2

DETAILS: INVESTIGATION: INVESTIGATE PLANE CRASH SUBJECT: Conversation w/ [REDACTED]

PERP 1

1. On Nov. 18, 2001 at approximately 1125 hours the U/S spoke to [REDACTED]

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2. [REDACTED] M/W 52 y.o. residing at [REDACTED] states that he was walking home along Newport AVE. W/B and between 121 & 122 Streets, looked up and observed the plane over Jamaica Bay and a puff of smoke on the right wing and then the right engine fell from the plane. The plane then banked to the left side. He further states that he observes the top of the plane and the plane then did a nose dive; there was no explosion until the plane crashed.

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CASE:  ACTIVE  CLOSED DATE REVIEWED / CLOSED 11/19/01 IF ACTIVE, DATE OF NEXT REVIEW

REPORTING OFFICER: RANK DET SIGNATURE NAME PRINTED CURRAN TAX REG. NO. 897280 COMMAND 100

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

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

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Date of Orig. Report: **11/12/01** Date Assigned: **11/12/01** Case No.: **1325** Unit Reporting: **100 P.D.U.** Follow-Up No.: [ ]

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

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

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

PERP 2

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

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

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

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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.: [ ]

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

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CHOICE 1

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

CHOICE 2

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CHOICE 1

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

CHOICE 2

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: [ ]

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CHOICE 1

Complainant Viewed Photos:  Yes  Refused  Future Results: [ ]

CHOICE 2

Witness Viewed Photos:  Yes  Refused  Future Results: [ ]

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

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

PERP 2

DETAILS:

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INVESTIGATION: PLANE CRASH FLIGHT 587 AMERICAN AIRLINES

CONTENTS: INTERVIEW OF WITNESS

WITNESS: [REDACTED]  
BRONX, NY 10455

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PERP 1

STATED THAT HE WAS WORKING ON BRIDGE AS LABORER FOR KISKA CONSTRUCTION CO WHEN HE SAW THE ENGINE OF THE PLANE ON FIRE. STATED THAT THE PLANE BEGAN TO SPIN AND DEBRIS WAS FALLING INTO THE WATER. STATED THAT THE PLANE TUMBLED TO THE GROUND AND UPON IMPACT HE SAW SMOKE AND FIRE.

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PERP 1

PERP 2

CASE:  ACTIVE  CLOSED DATE REVIEWED / CLOSED: **11/15/01** IF ACTIVE, DATE OF NEXT REVIEW: [ ]  
REPORTING OFFICER: [Signature] RANK: [ ] SIGNATURE: [Signature] NAME PRINTED: **DRUW** TAX REG. NO.: **812755** COMMAND: **5815**  
REVIEWING / CLOSING SUPERVISOR: [Signature] CASE ENTER DESIGNATION: [ ] SIGNATURE: [Signature] C.O.'s INITIALS: [ ]  
CLOSED:  C  OR B

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

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Crime: **Inv. Plane Crash**

PCI: **101**

**3325**

**11/12/01**

PERP 1

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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):

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

Canvass Conducted: Yes: No: II Yes: Make Entry in Body Re: Time, Date, Names, Addresses, Results: Crime Scene Visited: Yes: No: II 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

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On this date the undersigned interviewed [redacted] stated that he observed the engine on fire, the right wing was also on fire. He observed pcs falling off the plane into the water. Plane then nose dived into the homes.

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

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

REPORTING OFFICER: **Det.** SIGNATURE: *[Signature]* NAME PRINTED: **M. Gonzalez** TAX REG. NO.: **879039** COMMAND: **QDAOS**

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

Choice 1 Choice 2 Pcp 1 Pcp 2 Pcp 3 Pcp 4

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156 BEACH 93<sup>57</sup>  
ROCKAWAY BEACH  
NY 11693

Dear Zuke

I was in the Waldbaums parking lot on Beach 113<sup>57</sup> facing west I looked up and saw a jet plane banking left with its left wing on fire

- ① The plane was traveling from my right to my left going South
- ② I saw nothing fall off and didn't notice the tail missing
- ③ Upon further study the wing on fire became the left engine I saw flames shooting out the front top of the engine. There was a trail of black smoke the whole time the plane was horizontal. I don't know after that.
- ④ I felt the plane was still over water about to come onto land I have no idea how long I was watching. It felt like 10 or 15 seconds

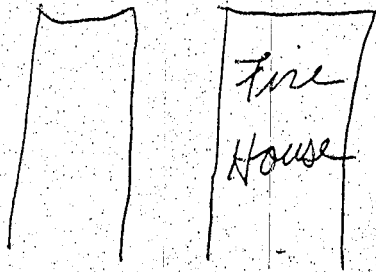
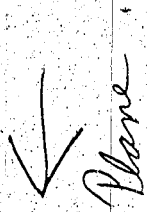
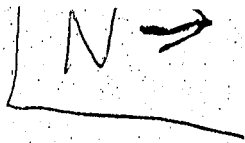
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⑤ The plane just went over and straight down. I saw the top of it. Wing to wing and front to back. I still didn't notice the tail missing. I lost sight of it as it went down behind the Fire House on Feb 11/65.

A couple of minutes later I saw a debris field coming down over the bay. That's about it. I saw no breach in the fuselage and at some point I saw the right engine and it looked O.K. I hope this is helpfull

Good Luck





BEACH 116 ST

Parking Lot

Approx 113 ST X me

Local Hardware Supermarket



Subway Tracks

Beach Channel Drive

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 11/15/01

██████████, date of birth, ██████████, who resides at 156 Beach 93rd St., Rockaway Beach, New York, 11693, home telephone number ██████████ was advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview. ██████████ voluntarily provided the following information:

██████████ advised that he was exiting the Waldbaum's Store on Beach Channel Drive and 112th St. when he observed an American Airlines plane overhead. ██████████ stated that he observed the plane banking hard left with the left wing down. ██████████ advised that he saw smoke coming out of the back and fire coming out of the front of the left engine. ██████████ stated he lost view of the plane as it continued down. ██████████ advised that he observed floating pieces of debris (shiny metal) in the air approximately one minute after the plane went down. ██████████ made no further observations.

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

File # 149A-NY-280669-302 Date dictated 11/15/01  
by SA Reynaldo Tariche II  
SA John W. Scata

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 11/14/01

██████████, telephone ██████████, Brooklyn, New York, was interviewed through a translator Wilson Ibarondo, a co-worker. ██████████ is employed by Joseph Iandolo Landscaping and was working in the area of Beach 130th Street and Rockaway Beach Boulevard at time of the crash of American Airlines Flight 587 on November 12, 2001.

██████████ advised that at about 9:15 A.M. he had heard a loud noise, looked up and observed an airplane flying low over the area. ██████████ said that he saw the left engine fall from the aircraft and the left wing was on fire. ██████████ said that after the engine from the aircraft had fallen off, the wings of the plane were dipping left and right. Shortly thereafter, the plane began to nose dive straight down. ██████████ said that when the plane hit the ground, it was about a half block from his location and he ran for safety. ██████████ stated that prior to the crash, he heard no explosion.

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

File # 149A-NY-280669-302

Date dictated 11/14/01

by SA RICHARD P. MIKA





## National Transportation Safety Board

### Telephone Memorandum

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**Date:** November 16, 2001

**Person Interviewed:** [REDACTED]

**Present:** Debbie Roland, Witness Group

**Subject:** DCA02MA001, Witness Interview

A witness group member interviewed [REDACTED] who was employed at Ogden Services as a supervisor of field operations at the JFK International Airport, via telephone. During the conversation, he stated:

His office window overlooked runway 31L. He was in his office when he glanced up and viewed the accident airplane on the takeoff roll. He heard the takeoff and stated there were no unusual sounds. He was distracted by a phone call and the next time he looked at the airplane, it was heading towards Rockaway and there were flames coming from the starboard side where the right wing meets the fuselage. He stated the flames were yellowish in color. The airplane was in level flight and he observed a piece of airfoil drift towards the ocean and small debris "raining down." He stated the airplane then rolled left as the "tail swung approximately 30 degrees to his left." As the left wing dropped, the airplane's nose went down. He stated the nose arched from the left side toward the right side and appeared to perform a full cartwheel. Additionally, he observed sizable pieces coming from the airplane; however he was unable to determine where the pieces originated. He stated the cartwheel was fast and violent and then he observed a possible "additional cartwheel or the airplane spinning in mid-air."

He then observed the airplane in a "slow glide" with the nose facing up. He observed a part of the airfoil coming down and thought it was the tip of the left wing. However, he stated the left wing looked intact. He then observed the airplane going into a steep nose-dive. He observed a large black cloud of black smoke that quickly turned to a white color.

[REDACTED] previously worked for Piedmont Airlines for three years as an operations coordinator. He is currently receiving instruction towards a pilot's license.



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

Crime: Investigate Airplane Crash 100 Pct. OCCB No. 3325 Complaint No. 11-12-01

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

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

Witness No. 1: Last Name, First, M.I.: [Redacted] Address, include City, State, Zip: 211 Beach 133 st, Belle Harbor, NY

Witness No. 1: Home Telephone: [Redacted] Business Telephone: [Redacted] Position/Relationship: [Redacted] Sex: M Race: W Date of Birth: [Redacted] Age: 34

Perp. No. 1: Total No. of Perpetrators: [Redacted] Wanted: [Redacted] Arrested: [Redacted] Weapon: [Redacted] Describe Weapon: [Redacted]

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

Perp. No. 1: Eyeglasses: [Redacted] Sunglasses: [Redacted] Clothing Description: [Redacted] Nickname, First Name, Alias: [Redacted] Scars, Marks, M.O., Etc.: [Redacted]

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

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

Perp. No. 2: Eyeglasses: [Redacted] Sunglasses: [Redacted] Clothing Description: [Redacted] Nickname, First Name, Alias: [Redacted] Scars, Marks, M.O., Etc.: [Redacted]

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

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

Canvass Conducted: [Redacted] If Yes - Make Entry in Bddy 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] C-1 Improper Referral [Redacted] C-2 Inaccurate Facts [Redacted] C-3 No Evidence/Can't ID [Redacted] C-4 Uncooperative Complainant [Redacted] C-5 "Leads" Exhausted [Redacted]

DETAILS: At t/p/o the undersigned and P.O. Crandell shield # 18382, of the Brooklyn North Gang Squad responded to the crash of American Airlines Flt # 587 in the confined of the 100 Pct. Upon canvassing the residence at 211 Beach 133 st, the above witness was interviewed with the following results.

The witness states that he was driving eastbound on Rockaway Beach Blvd at approximately Beach 132 st when he saw a plane in a nose down slow spiral and that the airplane appeared to have one wing missing and white smoke coming from the tail section.

Case.. Active.

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

REPORTING OFFICER: RANK: DET SIGNATURE: [Redacted] NAME PRINTED: Lamar TAX REG. NO.: 904312 COMMAND: BNGS

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

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

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## AA587 Witness

From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Tuesday, January 15, 2002 1:14  
To: AA587WIT@ntsb.gov  
Subject: (no subject)

Dear Mr. Schiada,

This refers to your letter dated January 2, 2002 concerning the crash of American Airlines flight 587 which crashed in Belle Harbor on November 12, 2001. I apologize for not replying sooner as I have just picked up my mail from the Post Office.

My account of the above is as follows.

I reside at 137, b126 Street, Belle Harbor.

My apartment is the top floor of a 3 storey house facing East. I have an uncovered balcony also facing the same direction.

On November 12th I was at home on a day off work. I was watching the Regis and Kelly live show and it was just prior to the bit where they bring down the wheel with viewer telephone participation, so it was approximately 0913am.

I heard a loud noise which sounded like the Concorde flying very low overhead.

I started to open the balcony door so I could go out and watch the (as I thought)

Concorde as I knew it was just being put back into service.

The 'Concorde' noise stopped and there was some other muffled noises.

Then the same loud 'Concorde' noise started again, then stopped.

Then there was a bang like a thud.

At no time was there any explosion noise, I am very sure of this.

I went on to the balcony and looked up to the sky to my left which is north.

I saw a cloud of smoke in the sky which looked like the puff of smoke which is left after a firework has ignited then dies, only larger.

To the right of the smoke I saw some what looked like sheets of silver paper floating to earth on the next block up between 126 and 125 Streets. I thought it was a light aircraft accident at that point.

I also felt something light raining down on the area where I was standing, so I yelled to my neighbour to get

I went and put on some day clothes and ran to help.

This is exactly what I heard.

You may reach me at my work number at JFK Airport, Saudi Arabian Airlines, Terminal 2, where I am the Base Manager of the Flight Attendant Base.

[REDACTED] if you need to contact me.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED] (Mr)

[REDACTED]

01/16/2002

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DETAILS:

----- I was at home and I heard a loud noise like the concord. Then  
 137 B.126 St. there was a pause, then the same noise again. I looked out  
 and saw debris falling.

CASE		DATE REVIEWED/CLOSED	IF ACTIVE: DATE OF NEXT REVIEW	
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REPORTING OFFICER	RANK	SIGNATURE	NAME PRINTED	TAX REG. NO.
	Det.	<i>[Signature]</i>	MUSTAKE	878267
REVIEWING/CLOSING SUPERVISOR	CASE	ENTER DESIGNATION	SIGNATURE	COMMAND. C.O.'S INITIALS
<i>[Signature]</i>		C. OR B.	<i>[Signature]</i>	BNHIF

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To Whom it may concern,

On November 12, 2001

I was standing in my kitchen at 137.04 Cronston Ave (Corner House) when the house shook violently. I ran into the living room and looked out the window which faces South East and saw the plane coming straight down, the one wing was on the east side. I watched the plane come down for approximately 4 to 5 seconds before it crashed, at which time we ~~we~~ drove to the sight + helped evacuate some houses + use garden hoses to try and extinguish the fires. I can be reached at

[REDACTED] 7Am to 5Pm M-F or at

[REDACTED] in the evening

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

11/26/2001

Date of transcription \_\_\_\_\_

██████████ date of birth ██████████, social security account number ██████████, of 137-04 Cronston Avenue, Belle Harbor, New York, telephone number (718)438-1766, was contacted at his residence. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the purpose of the interview, ██████████ voluntarily provided the following information:

██████████ advised that during the morning of 11/12/2001, while in his residence, he felt his home shake and heard a loud noise. ██████████ stated that he looked out of his living room window and observed a plane traveling straight towards the ground for approximately three (3) seconds, followed by a large explosion. ██████████ further advised that he could see one (1) of the plane's wings pointing in a south easterly direction as it traveled downward.

██████████ stated that he did not observe the aircraft before he witnessed it coming down. ██████████ was unable to provide any further information.

Investigation on 11/26/2001 at Queens, New York (telephonically)

File # 149A-NY-280669-302 Date dictated 11/26/2001

by SA James M. Lopez

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

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

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

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

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

Used  Possessed

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 \_\_\_\_\_ NYSD No. \_\_\_\_\_

Eyeglasses  Sunglasses Clothing Description: \_\_\_\_\_ Scars, Marks, M.O., Etc. \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname, First Name, Alias \_\_\_\_\_ (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 \_\_\_\_\_ NYSD No. \_\_\_\_\_

Eyeglasses  Sunglasses Clothing Description: \_\_\_\_\_ Scars, Marks, M.O., Etc. \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname, First Name, Alias \_\_\_\_\_ (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 Dust:  Yes  No By (Enter Results in Details) \_\_\_\_\_ Crime Scene Photos:  Yes  No By (Enter Results in Details) \_\_\_\_\_

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

DETAILS: **INVESTIGATION: PLANE CRASH-FLIGHT 587**  
**SUBJECT: CANVASS/CASE INFORMATION**

1. On 11/13/01 at approximately 1600 hours the undersigned along with Det. Batista conducted a canvass with the following results:

137-04 Cronston Avenue the undersigned spoke with [redacted] who stated that his step-father [redacted] who was at work in New Jersey, saw the plane before it crashed. He stated that he wasn't sure of what exactly he saw but that his father did see the last few seconds of flight for the jetliner.

2. [redacted]

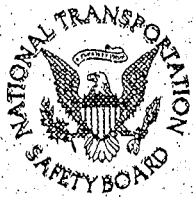
3. Case remains active.

CASE:  ACTIVE  CLOSED DATE REVIEWED / CLOSED **11/14/01** IF ACTIVE, DATE OF NEXT REVIEW \_\_\_\_\_

REPORTING OFFICER: RANK **Det.** SIGNATURE **[Signature]** NAME PRINTED **FRANCIA, Frank** TAX REG. NO. **879666** COMMAND **102Sod.**

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





[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?) *down*
2. Did you observe any parts separating or falling from the airplane? If so, are you able to describe the parts? *NO*
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? *fire on left wing*
4. How long did you observe the airplane? *3 seconds*
5. If you lost sight of the airplane, what was your final view of the airplane?

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.

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*

Luke Schiada  
Air Safety Investigator

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INFORMATIONAL PD 313-081A (Rev. 4-89)-31		Crime: Investigation- Plane Crash		100	3325	11/12/01	PERP 1
Date of Orig. Report 11/12/01	Date Assigned	Case No. 1289	Unit Reporting Bklyn North Gang Squad		Follow-Up No.		PERP 2
Complainant's Name - Last, First, M.I.			Victim's Name - If Different				15
Last Name, First, M.I.			Address, include City, State, Zip			Apt. No.	PERP 1
Home Telephone		Business Telephone		Position / Relationship	Sex	Race	PERP 2
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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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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Witness Interviewed	In Person	By Phone	Date	Time	Results: Same as Comp. Report - Different (Explain in Details)		
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Canvass Conducted	If Yes - Make Entry in Body Re: Time, Date, Names, Addresses, Results			Crime Scene Visited	If Yes - Make Entry in Details Re: Time, Date, Evidence Obtained		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Complainant Viewed Photos	Results:						
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Refused <input type="checkbox"/> Future							
Witness Viewed Photos	Results:						
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Refused <input type="checkbox"/> Future							
Crime Scene Dusted	By (Enter Results in Details)			Crime Scene Photos	By (Enter Results in Details)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
If Closing Case "No Results," Check Appropriate Box and State Justification in Details:							
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DETAILS:							
INVESTIGATION: CRASH OF FLIGHT 587							
SUBJECT: CANVASS OF BEACH 117/119 STREET							
1. On Monday November 12, 2001 from 1700 hrs; the undersigned along with members of the BNGS did canvass the homes on Beach 117 and 119 Streets in the Belle Harbor section of the Rockaways, Queens, N.Y with regards to the crash of Flight 587.							

249 Beach 119 Street- spoke with [redacted] She stated she did see the plane on f

CASE	DATE REVIEWED / CLOSED	IF ACTIVE, DATE OF NEXT REVIEW	
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	Det.	<i>[Signature]</i>	Donlan
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			C.O.'s INITIALS

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COMPLAINT - FOLLOW UP  
INFORMATIONAL  
FD-313-08FA (Rev. 4-89)-31

Crime: INVESTIGATE PLANE CRASH  
Pct: 100  
GCCB No.:  
Complainant 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: QNBIT  
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:

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

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

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.  
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 Yes  No

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

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

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):  
 Yes  No  Yes  No

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DETAILS:  
Investigation: Airplane Crash  
Subject: Door to Door Canvass

1 On 11/12/01 the undersigned along with Sgt. Norville did conduct a door to door

PERP 2 [Redacted]  
[Redacted]  
249 B 119 St [Redacted] was standing in the kitchen when she saw the jet. She saw pieces falling off the jet and a fire on the wing.

REPORTING OFFICER: [Signature] RANK: Det SIGNATURE: [Signature] NAME PRINTED: Altschuler TAX REG. NO.: 882252 COMMAND: QNBIT  
REVIEWING / CLOSING SUPERVISOR: [Signature] CASE ENTER DESIGNATION: OR B SIGNATURE: [Signature] C.O.'S INITIALS:  
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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 11/16/01

On November 16, 2001, [REDACTED] the owner of [REDACTED] Belle Harbor, New York, telephone number [REDACTED], was contacted concerning the crash of American Airlines Flight 587. He provided the following information:

On the morning of November 12, 2001, he was walking his dog around 134th Street and Newport Avenue. He heard a loud "boom" and looked up in the sky. He saw a plane in the air that was "wobbly" and on an angle traveling down. He did not notice whether the tail of the plane was still intact. The plane did not appear to be on fire.

At that point, he saw the left engine separate from the plane and fall to the ground. He said that he did not notice any fire in that engine while it fell to the ground. He also said that he knew that the plane was going to crash.

He started to run and saw the plane crash. He went home and dropped off his dog. He then went back to the crash scene and pulled hoses for the firemen.

He has a tenant upstairs, but she was not home at the time of the crash.

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

File # 149A-NY-280669

Date dictated 11/16/01

by SA James P. Wynne

Date of Orig. Report 11/12/01 Date Assigned 11/12/01 Case No. 1389 Unit Reporting 100 Sqd 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 Beach 138 Th Street 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 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: 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: Plane Crash Subject: Canvass Beach 138th Street Contents: As Follows

1. On November 16, 2001 the undersigned officer conducted a canvass on Beach 138th Street Belle Harbor and Spoke with 403 Beach 138th St

states that he was out walking his dog along Newport Ave when he heard a loud BOOM, He looked up and saw the plane wobbling in the air and saw the left engine fall from the plane. After seeing the engine fall off turned and ran away from the direction of the plane. The next thing he reports seeing is the smoke rising from the ground. recovered no parts of the plane in his yard.

DATE REVIEWED / CLOSED IF ACTIVE, DATE OF NEXT REVIEW

REPORTING OFFICER: RANK P.O. SIGNATURE NAME PRINTED David Forsyth Jr. TAX REG. NO. 909393 COMMAND NO. 112 PDU

REVIEWING / CLOSING SUPERVISOR: SUPERVISOR'S INITIALS

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PHONE

DEAR SIR OR MADAM,

ON NOVEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup> 01, FOUR OF US WAS WORKING ON A ROOF ON 122<sup>ND</sup> STREET CLOSE TO BELLE HARBOR MAIN ROAD. ABOUT 9 1/2 AM. I HEARD A PLANE WAS PASSING IN THE AIR, SUDDENLY I HEARD A SLIGHT BOOM FROM THE PLANE, WHICH CAUSED ME TO WATCHED UP. I SAW SMALL PIECES FLYING IN THE AIR CLOSE THE PLANE, AND THE PLANE WAS ROCKING RIGHT AND LEFT STRUGGLING FOR BALANCE, I TOLD THEM TO WATCH WHAT HAPPENING TO THE PLANE, I THEN SAW SOMETHING ROUND AND LONG ABOUT TWO AND A HALF OR THREE FEET, I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT IT WAS I ASKED RASTA AND HE TOLD ME WAS THE ENGINE WHICH I SAW FELL ON THE LAND BECAUSE THE PLANE WAS JUST LEAVING OVER THE SEA. ~~THE PLANE~~ ABOUT FORTY FIVE MINUTES AFTER, THE PLANE <sup>FRONT</sup> FACE DOWN AND STARTED GOING DOWN TO THE GROUND, I WATCHED IT TILL I ~~LOST~~ IT THEN I HEARD A BIG EXPLOSION SENDING UP A BIG FIRE BALL IN THE AIR, THEN SMOKE.

WE HURRIED TO THE LADDER AND  
HEADED TO THE GROUND WHERE I  
HEARD SOMETHING FELL IN THE WATER  
THE SEA WAS CALM. THE BOSS HAD A  
VAN, WE JUMPED IN THE VAN AND  
WENT TO THE CRASH SITE WHICH TOOK  
PLACE ON 131<sup>RD</sup> STREET. I COULDN'T SEE  
THE PLANE BUT ONLY FIRE.

FROM W ENA  
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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 11/16/2001

██████████ DOB ██████████, residing at ██████████  
██████████ Brooklyn, New York was interviewed at 447 Beach 122 Street,  
Queens, New York. After being advised of the identity of the  
interviewing agent and the purpose of the interview, ██████████  
provided the following information regarding the crash of AMERICAN  
AIRLINES FLIGHT # 587:

Sometime around 9:15 AM on 11/12/01, ██████████ was working  
on the roof of 447 Beach 122 Street, Queens, New York. He observed  
a plane flying south away from JFK Airport over the bay. As he  
watched the same, he saw an explosion occur on the right  
(starboard) side of the plane. Following the explosion, he saw  
various parts falling from the right (starboard) side of the plane.  
One part was a round/cylindrical object about one foot long. He  
observed no smoke or fire. The plane then banked to the right  
(starboard) and dove into the ground.

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

File # 149A-NY-280669-302 - 113 Date dictated 11/15/01

by SA John J. Janus

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Date of Orig. Report: 11/12/01 Date Assigned: 11/12/01 Case No. 1389 Unit Reporting: 100 Precinct Detective Squad  
Complainant's Name - Last, First, M.I.: Victim's Name - If Different: N/A

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

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

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.:

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 Yes  No

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

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

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

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

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: Phone Conversation w/ [REDACTED]

- On Nov. 13, 2001 at approximately 1720 hours the U/S received a phone call from a [REDACTED] M/W D.O.B. [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] Jersey City N.J. [REDACTED] He states that he keeps a boat in the Gateway Marina, he was out on his boat in the inlet near the Marina he observed the plane in trouble go up & down in vertical position with a heavy moisture like substance surrounding it.
- CASE ACTIVE.

DATE REVIEWED/CLOSED: 11/14/01 IF ACTIVE, DATE OF NEXT REVIEW:  
CASE:  ACTIVE  CLOSED  
REPORTING OFFICER: [Signature] RANK: DET NAME PRINTED: CURRAN  
REVIEWING/CLOSING SUPERVISOR: [Signature] CASE ENTER DESIGNATION: [Signature] TAX REG. NO.: 897280 COMMAND: 100  
C.O.'S INITIALS:



# National Transportation Safety Board

## Telephone Memorandum

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**Date:** March 19, 2002

**Person Interviewed:** [REDACTED]

**Present:** John Darbo, Witness Group

**Subject:** DCA02MA001, Witness Interview

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

He was on a roof at Beach 120st and Newport Blvd, about 5 blocks away from the crash site. A person next to him alerted him to look at the airplane. He observed parts falling off the tail. The airplane then went nose down and crashed. He felt the heat from the explosion on the ground. He saw no flames or smoke in flight. He observed the airplane for 3-4 seconds.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 11/13/2001

On 11/12/2001, the following investigation was performed by Supervisory Special Agent (SSA) STEVEN L. WINTERS of the New York Office (NYO) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

[REDACTED] is an employee of a roofing contractor who was working at 477 Beach 122 St., Belle Harbor, New York, on 11/12/01. [REDACTED] saw AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT 537 in flight over Jamaica Bay. [REDACTED] saw parts falling from the aircraft over the water. His partner claimed to have heard an explosion at this time. [REDACTED] stated that he saw no flames, nor did he hear any explosion, at this time, while the aircraft was in flight over the bay.

[REDACTED] provided the following information.

Name: [REDACTED]

Business Address: [REDACTED]

Brooklyn, N.Y.

Business telephone: [REDACTED]

Investigation on 11/12/2001 at Belle Harbor, New YorkFile # 149A-NY-280669Date dictated 11/13/2001by SSA Steven L. Winters/SLW:slw



# 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?)  
*from the south east but really straight down*
2. Did you observe any parts separating or falling from the airplane? If so, are you able to describe the parts?  
*no - all I saw was the fuselage - no wings or tail*
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?  
*The entire thing looked like a column of flames as it came down*
4. How long did you observe the airplane?  
*seconds*
5. If you lost sight of the airplane, what was your final view of the airplane?  
*when it came down into the houses (diagonally behind mine)*

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] call anytime*

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.

*First, I heard the plane. It sounded like the concord, only much louder. Then I heard a boom. The loud sound continued, I turned and looked out my kitchen window and saw a column of flames plummeting down. You know what happened next.*

*Luke Schiada*

Luke Schiada  
Air Safety Investigator

*[redacted]*  
220 Beach 132 St.

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DETAILS:

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States she was home in the kitchen at the time. The kitchen is in the rear of the house. She hears the plane which was very loud- looked out the kitchen window and saw the plane coming down- it was almost verticle. She states she saw the plane was on fire almost engulfed before it hit the ground. She states that she heard a loud "SONIC" type boom noise just prior to the plane hitting the ground.

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	P.O.	<i>John F. O'Rourke</i>	O'ROURKE, JOHN, F.	900948
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January 24,

2002

Dear Mr. Luke Schiada

I am sending you my written statement according to your request. I am answering questions according to the order of events happened.

1. I saw an airplane was taking off unusually slow at an angle, going south from Kennedy Airport towards an ocean.

3. Then I saw fire coming from the left engine an entire time I was observing the airplane.

2. The plane tried to pick up but it seemed that unfortunately it didn't have enough power to do it and after stragglng for a few minutes it sharply went down in Rackoway area. After plane crashed, I saw something fall down in the water behind the airplane.

4,5. I observe the airplane for about 5 minutes.

My phone number is [REDACTED] (work number)

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]



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

A- [REDACTED] M/W/ [REDACTED] HE STATES THAT HE IS A SENIOR FIELD ENGINEER AND THAT HE WAS WORKING ON THE NORTH TOWER OF THE BRIDGE WHEN HE OBSERVED A PLANE TO THE EAST THAT WAS UNSTEADY IN ITS FLIGHT. THE LEFT PLANE ENGINE WAS ON FIRE BUT NO SMOKE WAS COMING FROM IT. THE PLANE THEN BEGAN TO ROLL AND DIVE STRAIGHT DOWN AND AS IT DID A PIECE CAME OFF. THE PLANE THEN NOSE DIVED INTO THE GROUND AND EXPLODED. IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER DEBRIS THAT CAME FROM THE PLANE WHEN IT DIVED FELL INTO THE WATER. **PERP 1**

ACTIVE  CLOSED

REPORTING OFFICER: **RANK** **DET** **SIGNATURE** **NAME PRINTED** **DREW, CHRISTOPHER** **TAX REG. NO.** **891478** **COMMAND** **106SQD**

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 11-18-01

██████████ white female, DOB: ██████████, home address ██████████ Belle Harbor, Queens, telephone ██████████, was contacted at the 100 Precinct, NYPD, Queens, New York. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the purpose of the interview, she provided the following information:

On November 12, 2001, at 9:13 A.M., ██████████ was in the kitchen of her apartment. She heard a loud rumbling noise outside, which sounded like the Concorde flying overhead. She looked out the window and then heard a loud pop. She saw pieces coming off a descending plane. As the plane fell apart, she also saw a lot of smoke. ██████████ then moved to her bedroom, and through the window, she saw the plane hit the ground, followed by a large, loud explosion. ██████████ then called 911.

This morning, ██████████ brought to the 100 Precinct an item which she believed was a piece of debris from AA Flight 587. SA Brady returned the item to the Command Post.

Investigation on 11-18-01 at Queens, New York

File # 149A-NY-280669

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

by SA Peter M. Brady



PLANE CRASH

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11/19/01

Date of Orig. Report 11/12/01	Date Assigned 11/12/01	Case No. 1389	Unit Reporting 100 Precinct	Detective Squad	Follow-Up No.
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Complainant's Name - Last, First, M.I.	Victim's Name - If Different N/A
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Last Name, First, M.I.	Address, Include City, State, Zip	Apt. No.
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.)
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Used <input type="checkbox"/> Possessed	

Wanted	Arrested	Last Name, First, M.I.	Address, Include City, State, Zip	Apt. No.	Res. Pci.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				

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

<input type="checkbox"/> Eyeglasses <input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses	Clothing Description:
Nickname, First Name, Alias	Scars, Marks, M.O., Etc. (Continue in "Details"):

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AREA WITHIN BOX FOR DETECTIVE / LATENT FINGERPRINT OFFICER ONLY. THIS BOX WILL BE UTILIZED BY INVESTIGATOR WHENEVER POSSIBLE AND MUST BE FULLY COMPLETED WHEN USING THIS FORM TO CLOSE A CASE "NO RESULTS."

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

Canvass Conducted	II Yes - Make Entry in Body Re: Time, Date, Names, Addresses, Results	Crime Scene Visited	II 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 PLANE CRASH  
SUBJECT : Conversation w/ [REDACTED]

- On Nov. 18, 2001 at approximately 1125 hours the U/S spoke to [REDACTED] of 120-10 R.B.B. apt 401 F/W 35 y.o. [REDACTED]. She states that she heard a noise like the S.S.T. Concord, then a pop she looked out her kitchen window and observed the back end of the plane falling apart. The tail was still attached. [REDACTED] then ran to her bedroom and saw the plane go down and fall apart in bigger pieces. [REDACTED] also brought with her a piece of the plane found on her lawn.
- F.B.I. was notified and Agent Pete Brady responded and interviewed the witness and took the piece of plane with him.
- CASE ACTIVE.

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