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**Witness Group Factual Report**

**APPENDIX G**

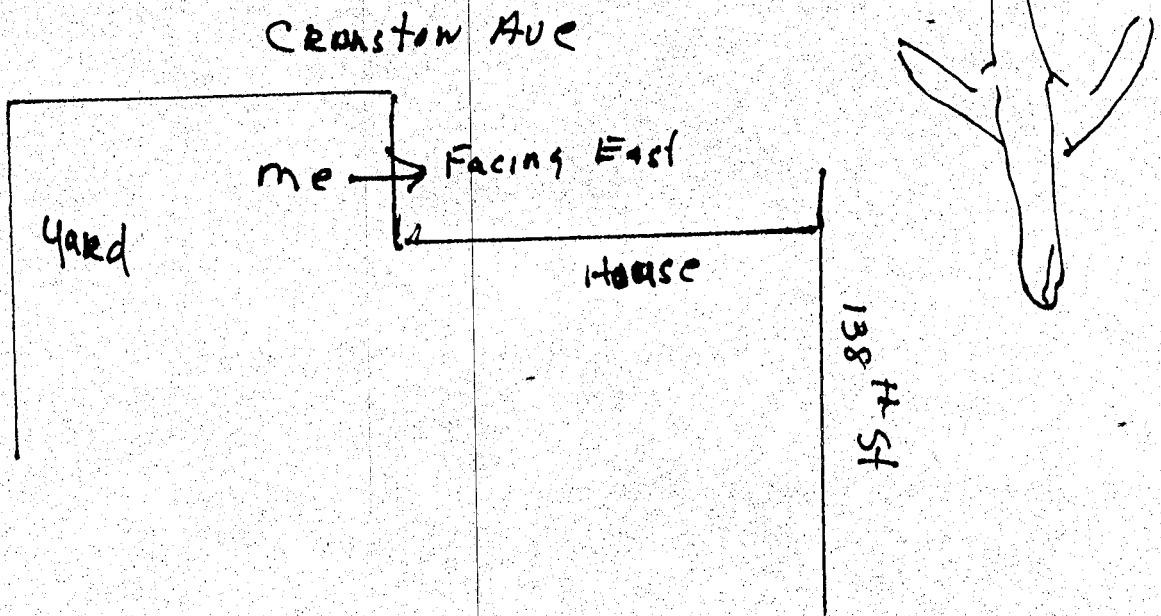
**Documents Pertaining to  
Witnesses  
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Dear Mr. Schiada,

On November 12, 2001, I was in my yard, which is on Cronston Ave. between Beach 138<sup>th</sup> and 139th streets. I was facing east, when I heard a plane flying south, which sounded like the concorde at first. There was something strange about the sound that made me look up. At the moment I looked up, I heard a loud popping sound and the engine on the right side of the plane fell off. The plane then stalled and tilted to the left and a stream of smoke came from the cockpit windows before it went straight down. The plane was low and close and in full view from the time I heard it till it went down.. I hope that what I witnessed will help you find some answers to this terrible tragedy. I will never forget what I saw and pray for all the people who were lost. If you need to get in touch with me my number is [REDACTED] the best time is in the morning or dinnertime.

Sincerely

[REDACTED]



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Date of transcription 11/15/01

[REDACTED], 138-05 Cronton Avenue, Belle Harbor, New York, [REDACTED], was interviewed at her residence. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the purpose of the interview, [REDACTED] provided the following information:

[REDACTED] advised that on November 12, 2001, at approximately 9:00 am, she was working in her yard when she heard loud noises over head. She looked up and saw that an airplane was the cause of the loud noise. She observed two streams of smoke coming from the front area of the airplane. Then [REDACTED] heard a "pop" noise and saw the engine fall from the airplane. Immediately after the engine fell, she noticed the airplane nose dive down. She added that the noise of the airplane had to be very loud because she heard the sound even though she is hearing impaired.

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

File # 149A-NY-280669-SUB302

Date dictated 11/15/01

by SA Vonda M Basso

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INFORMATIONAL PD 310-081A (Rev. 4-89)-01		Crime <b>Investigate Plane Crash</b>	Pct. 100	OCCB.No.	Complaint No. 3325	Date of this report 11/13/01	PERP 1		
Date of Orig. Report 11/12/01	Date Assigned 11/12/01	Case No. 1389	Unit Reporting 102 Det. Sqd.	Follow-Up No.				PERP 2	
Complainant's Name - Last, First, M.I.			Victim's Name - If Different				15		
Last Name, First, M.I.						Address, include City, State, Zip		Apt. No. PERP 1	
Home Telephone		Business Telephone		Position/Relationship		Sex Race	Date of Birth	Age PERP 2	
Total No. of Perpetrators		Wanted	Arrested	Weapon		Describe Weapon (If firearm, give color, make, calibre, type, model, etc.)			
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.		CHOICE 1					
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Nicknames, First Name, Alias		Scars, Marks, M.O., Etc. (Continue in "Details")		CHOICE 1					
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Complainant Viewed Photos		Result:		CHOICE 2					
Witness Viewed Photos		Result:		CHOICE 1					
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PERP 2	4. The undersigned also spoke with [redacted] of 138-05 Croston Avenue who stated that she had seen the plane just before it crashed and that it made a pop type sound just before there was silence from the engines. She stated further that while she was watching the plane, she saw an engine drop off, like a bomb, then there was some smoke from the wings, the plane banked and then turned down to the ground and exploded. Tel.# [redacted]	24	
CHOICE 1	5. Case remains active.	PERP 2	
CHOICE 2			
CASE	<input type="checkbox"/> ACTIVE <input type="checkbox"/> CLOSED	DATE REVIEWED / CLOSED	IF ACTIVE, DATE OF NEXT REVIEW
REPORTING OFFICER:	RANK Det	SIGNATURE	NAME PRINTED Francia, Frank
REVIEWING / CLOSING SUPERVISOR:	CASE NO. [redacted]	ENTER DESIGNATION	TAX REG. NO. 879666
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January 9, 2002

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

Dear Mr. Schiada,

First, let me thank you for continuing to investigate Flight 587. Rockaway is a beautiful place to live in but I have been enjoying it less lately. My office overlooks Jamaica bay and I have a great view of the planes taking off from Kennedy. A view I would rather do without.

Our office is located at 114-04 Beach Channel Drive. My office windows overlook the parking lot and the bay. My initial reaction was that I was hearing the SST taking off. Then the noise became much louder than usual. When I looked out the window, the plane I saw was flying sideways (spinning?) nose down, coming in the direction of the gym which is about two doors away.



Thinking that the plane was going to crash right there I got up and ran away from the windows. I stopped at the front desk area where my coworker and I watched while the plane disappeared behind the buildings next to us.

I am totally unaware of how much time actually passed during this event. The next thing I observed was something falling from the sky. It looked like paper coming down. This was after the plane had gone passed. My next observation was the smoke rising from the crash site.

I believe this is an accurate account of my experience. If you need to reach me during the day my number is [REDACTED], in the evening [REDACTED]

Finally, if you have anyone's ear, please suggest that they have the planes fly over Jamaica Bay, around Breezy Point and out over the ocean. If planes can fall apart that easily, I don't want them flying over my head.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Rockaway Park, N.Y. 11694

INFORMATIONAL PD 313-081A (REV. 4-89)-31		INVESTIGATE PLANE CRASH		Pct. 100	OCCB No.	Complaint No. 3325	Date of This Report 11/20/01	14 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.				15 PERP 2		
Complainant's Name - Last, First, M.I.			Victim's Name - If Different N/A				Apt. No.	16 PERP 1		
Last Name, First, M.I.			Address, include City, State, Zip				Apt. No.	17 PERP 2		
Home Telephone		Business Telephone		Position / Relationship		Sex	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						
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Complainant Viewed Photos		Results:								
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DETAILS: INVESTIGATION: INVESTIGATE PLANE CRASH SUBJECT : INTERVIEW OF WITNESSES										

B. [REDACTED] F/W 52 [REDACTED] states she observed the plane sideways w/ both wings visible than she saw paper falling from the sky out the back of the plane.

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### Telephone Memorandum

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**Date:** December 6, 2001

**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 with his wife [REDACTED] and observed the airplane from the marsh area behind the Marine Parkway Golf Course. The airplane was traveling from left to right and when he looked up, he observed smoke coming from the right engine, like the airplane's "armpit" was on fire. The airplane appeared to be "skidding" to the right, "like a car on ice." The nose rose, and the airplane slowly rolled left for about 4 or 5 seconds. The airplane pitched up to an estimated angle of about 75 degrees. The airplane seemed to "stop in mid-air" and descend tail first. It then continued to roll to the left and "might have flipped," but was then descending nose first (90-degrees) and "spinning, like a top." He believed a "cargo door" separated from the airplane during the descent. The airplane descended from his field of view and he then observed smoke rising from the ground.

[REDACTED] stated he did observe smoke coming from the fire on the right wing; however, no other portions of the airplane were on fire. At the interviewer's request, [REDACTED] stated he and his wife would provide the Safety Board a written statement of their observations.

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

PERP 2

Complainant's Name: P.S.N.Y. 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: NYSD No.:

CHOICE 2

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

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

CHOICE 2

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

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

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CHOICE 2

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:

PERP 1 CHOICE 2

Complainant Viewed Photos: Results: Witness Viewed Photos: Results:

PERP 2

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

PERP 1

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PERP 2

DETAILS: INVESTIGATION: PLANE CRASH SUBJECT: CALLER TO CRIME STOPPERS

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1. ON THIS DATE, AT APPROX. 1215HRS., DETECTIVE PRINCE OF THE CRIME STOPPERS UNIT CALLED THIS COMMAND AND PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM A CALLER

PERP 2

STAES FROM THE ANGLE HE WAS LOOKING FROM, HE OBSERVES THE PLANE COMING DOWN AND HAD NO WINGS. HE SEE'S THE ENGINE FALL OFF THE PLANE AND DIDNT EXPLODE UNTIL IT HIT THE GROUND.

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PERP 2

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

REPORTING OFFICER: P.O. SIGNATURE: NAME PRINTED: D. TORO TAX REG. NO.: 902482 COMMAND: 108 sqd.

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Choice 1 Choice 2 Perp 1 Perp 2

Date of Orig. Report 11/12/01 Date Assigned 11/12/01 Case No. 1389 Unit Reporting 100 P.D.U. Follow-Up No. PERP 2

Complainant's Name - Last, First, M.I. Victim's Name - If Different PERP 1

Last Name, First, M.I. Address, include City, State, Zip Apt. No. PERP 2

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

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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 CHOICE 1

Complainant Viewed Photos Results: CHOICE 2

Witness Viewed Photos Results: PERP 1

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

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DETAILS: INVESTIGATION: PLANE CRASH FLIGHT 587 AMERICAN AIRLINES PERP 1

CONTENTS: INTERVIEW OF WITNESS PERP 2

WITNESS: [REDACTED] M/W/27 131 WOODLAND DRIVE EAST ISLIP NY 11730 PERP 1

STATED THAT HE SAW THE WING OF THE PLANE GO INTO THE WATER AND THEN SAW THE EXPLOSION WHEN THE PLANE HIT THE GROUND. PERP 2

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 11/13/2001

[REDACTED] Date of Birth [REDACTED]  
160 Beach 117th Street, Apartment 5B, Rockaway Park, New York,  
telephone [REDACTED] was interviewed in the apartment of  
[REDACTED] (1K) by Special Agents FRANK M. FINN and DOUGLAS B.  
MEREL of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. After being  
advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and the  
nature of the interview, he provided the following information:

[REDACTED] advised that he lives in Apartment 5B with his  
family. At about 9:15 a.m. or 9:16 a.m., he was looking out the  
windows of the apartment that face west. [REDACTED] stated that he  
knows the time because he looked at his clock when this happened.

[REDACTED] advised that at this time, he saw an airplane  
moving slowly. It was going up. He did not see a name on this  
plane, but remembered that it was white and red in color. It  
started out over water, but then it came down over the area of  
houses.

[REDACTED] stated that after awhile, this airplane started to  
go downward. At first, it was off on its side, then it nosedived  
downward. It was coming toward him as it went down. He did not  
see a fire or smoke from the plane. [REDACTED] advised that he heard  
something, but he was not sure what it was. He did not see  
anything else other than the airplane in the air at this time  
before it came down.

[REDACTED] stated that he noticed his neighbor [REDACTED] rushing  
home with his dog. He also heard from his friend that his father  
was coming home from work at this time and that the father saw  
fire from the plane. They live at [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] and that the family name is [REDACTED]

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

File # 149A-NY-280669-302-3

Date dictated 11/13/2001

by SA FRANK M. FINN,  
SA DOUGLAS B. MEREL (FMF:clm)



National Transportation Safety Board

Telephone Memorandum

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Date: November 14, 2001

Person Interviewed: [REDACTED]

Subject: DCA02MA001, Witness Interview

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

He was walking west on Rockaway Beach Boulevard and was at 110th Street when he heard a "popping sound, like fireworks in the distance." He looked up and observed the accident airplane, climbing, but "wobbling, right and left." He observed fire emanating from the underside of the fuselage. He then observed part of what he believed was the left wing separate from the airplane. The airplane then "really wobbled to the left." It continued to bank to the left and started to descend "straight down." He then observed a large fireball.

Luke Schiada  
Air Safety Investigator

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 11/14/01

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] Rockaway, New York, telephone number [REDACTED], was interviewed near the crash site on 131st Street by Special Agents Joaquin M. Garcia and James M. Lopez of the New York office of the FBI. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview, [REDACTED] voluntarily provided the following information:

[REDACTED] stated that while out on his morning walk around 120th street, he heard a loud "pop" sound in the sky above, which he described as similar to the sound of the backfire of a truck, and looked up to see American Airlines Flight 587 make an unusual turn from its normal flight path out of JFK.

[REDACTED] advised that after this "pop", he observed flames coming out of the airplane fuselage and jet engines and within seconds, he noticed what seemed to be a part of the plane wings fall off the plane.

[REDACTED] then stated that he then saw the plane plummet and crash into the city Rockaway.

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

File # 149A-NY-280669-302 <sup>78</sup> Date dictated 11/12/01  
 by SA Joaquin M. Garcia  
 SA James M. Lopez

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Date of transcription 11/15/01

██████████ home address ██████████  
 ██████████ Rockaway Park, New York (NY), telephone number ██████████  
 ██████████ was telephonically interviewed regarding a  
 witness report on American Flight #587 that he filed with FBI New  
 York on November 12, 2001. ██████████ was advised of the identity of  
 the interviewing agent and provided the following information:

On Monday morning, November 12, 2001, ██████████ was walking  
 west on Rockaway Beach Blvd. ██████████ was at the intersection of  
 110th Street when he looked up and saw a plane rising. ██████████  
 heard a loud "pop" and at the same time the plane started to  
 wobble. Parts of the plane then started falling to the ground.  
 As the parts fell, the plane was wobbling back and forth. ██████████  
 then saw a fire inside the plane. ██████████ clearly saw the fire  
 because one of the hatches in the rear of the plane was open.  
 A wing of the plane then fell off, and the plane turned sideways  
 with the remaining wing facing the sky. The plane broke up and  
 spiraled toward the ground into the houses.

██████████ had no additional information regarding American  
 Flight #587.

Investigation on 11/13/01 at Brooklyn, New York (telephonically)  
 File # 149A-NY-280669-SUB 302 -93 Date dictated \_\_\_\_\_  
 by SA Ronald R. Henderson, Jr./rrh

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 11/18/2001

On 11/12/2001 [REDACTED], residing at [REDACTED] [REDACTED], Rockaway Beach, New York, telephone [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was interviewed in the vicinity of 130-03 Rockaway Beach Boulevard, Belle Harbor, New York. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the purpose of the interview, [REDACTED] provided the following information:

[REDACTED] was in the vicinity of Stella Maris and 111th Street, when he heard a "pop." He looked up and observed a plane wobbling, making an unnatural forty-five (45) degree turn. Part of the wing came off and there was a fire halfway through the fuselage.

Investigation on 11/12/2001 at Belle Harbor, NYFile # 149A-NY-280669 Sub 302

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

by SA Timothy P. Bell

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## 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:

She was in her kitchen 520 Beach 136st when she looked out the window and saw the subject airplane. She saw something fall off the airplane at the back of the airplane. She also saw fire near one of the wings, but didn't remember which wing.

She didn't hear anything since she was insider her house. She watched the airplane for approximately 5 sec before she ran from the kitchen.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 11/26/2001

[REDACTED] 520 Beach 136th Street, Belle Harbor, New York 11694, telephone [REDACTED] was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the purpose of the interview. She then provided the following information in the presence of her mother, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that she was home from school on the morning of November 12, 2001. She was chasing her kitten who was at the window in the kitchen, at the back of her home. Through the window she saw a plane with flames coming out of one of the wings. [REDACTED] said that the plane was flying low and that it was going in the direction toward the beach. The flames were coming from the wing closest to the house. She was scared. She then ran from the house, closed the door behind her, and went to a friend's house across the street.

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Investigation on 11/20/2001 at Belle Harbor, New York

File # 149A-NY-280669

Date dictated 11/26/2001

by SA FRANK M. FINN/clm

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## National Transportation Safety Board

### Telephone Memorandum

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Date: November 14, 2001

Person Interviewed: [REDACTED]

Present: John Darbo, Witness Group

Subject: DCA02MA001, Witness Interview

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

He was in a lift-device 20ft above the ground, working on a utility substation located at the corner of 108<sup>th</sup> Street & Beach Channel Drive, when he heard a muffled "boom." He looked up and observed the accident airplane, noting that the engines sounded louder than normal, more like the Concorde. He observed a little puff of "smoke" near the tail, and then observed that the vertical tail dropped off. After the fin separated he saw half a dozen pieces of material fall off the airplane as it continued to fly. The airplane banked to the left, while the engines were roaring. As the airplane crossed over land it stayed in a roll, right wing up, and left wing down. The airplane stayed in that position until it made a complete dose dive toward the ground. The airplane disappeared in the housing area and he observed a fireball.

[REDACTED] did not see the engine separate, nor did he observe an in-flight fire. Additionally, he stated that it took longer for the vertical fin to reach the bay than it took for the airplane to crash. The small pieces took even longer to fall.

[REDACTED] had aviation experience as a Navy Aviation Ordnanceman. At that time, his duties then included observing inbound aircraft for configuration and hung ordinance.

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

February 4, 2002

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

Dear Sir,

In regard to your letter dated January 2, 2002, below I have answered your five questions, regarding American Airlines flight 587, that crashed in Belle Harbor, New York.

QUESTION #1:

Plane crashed at Beach 131 Street. I live on Beach 140 Street.

QUESTION #2

No.

QUESTION #3

I did not see any smoke. I heard an explosion or loud bang after watching plane for approximately 3 - 5 seconds and saw right engine go aglow a bright orange color.

QUESTION #4

Approximately 10 seconds.

QUESTION #5

Plane was still flying low to ground then lost sight of it behind houses.

I have attached a copy of your letter. If I can be of any further assistance, please feel free to contact me: [REDACTED]

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]



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

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

Date of Orig. Report: 11/12/01 Date Assigned: Case No. 1389 Unit Reporting: 110 PDS Follow-Up No.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Complainant Viewed Photos Results: 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: CRASH OF AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT 587 SUBJECT: CANVASS OF AREA RESIDENCES STATUS: ACTIVE

1. On 11/12/01, commencing at 1300 hours, the undersigned canvassed in the area of B.140 Street to B. 145 Street between Beach Channel Drive and Newport Avenue in the Belle Harbor Section of Rockaway Beach. Said canvass was met with the following results:

[Redacted]

hear anything. 444 B.140 St - Spoke with [Redacted]

Was sitting on his couch and heard a loud noise, like a Concorde. Looked out window and observed a low flying plane. Heard a pop. Saw an orange glow/flame coming from the right side of the plane in the wing area. Saw the plane going down (losing altitude) but it appeared like the plane was attempting to climb, as the nose was up. Then the plane just nose-dived. Did not hear an impact.

OFFICER: Det Ronald Weisbrod 882990 110 SOD  
REVIEWING / CLOSING CASE: ENTER DESIGNATION SIGNATURE C.O.'s INITIALS  
SUPERVISOR: CLOSED: C OR B

Choice 1 Choice 2 Perp 1 Perp 2

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INFORMATIONAL PD 313-081A (Rev. 4-89) 31		Crime <b>Invest. Plane Crash</b>	Pct. 100	OCCB No.	Complaint No. 3325	Date of This Report 11/13/01	14	
Date of Orig. Report 11/12/01	Date Assigned 11/12/01	Case No. 1389/01	Unit Reporting 111 Det Sqd	Follow-Up No.			PERP 1	
Complainant's Name - Last, First, M.I. <b>P.S.N.Y.</b>		Victim's Name - If Different <b>American Airlines</b>						PERP 2
Last Name, First, M.I.		Address, Include City, State, Zip				Apt. No.	15	
Home Telephone		Business Telephone		Position / Relationship	Sex	Race	PERP 1	
				Date of Birth	Age		PERP 2	
Total No. of Perpetrators		Wanted	Arrested	Weapon <input type="checkbox"/> Used <input type="checkbox"/> Possessed		Describe Weapon (If firearm, give color, make, calibre, type, model, etc.)		
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Sex		Race	Date of Birth	Age	Height	Weight	PERP 1	
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Nickname, First Name, Alias		Scars, Marks, M.O., Etc. (Continue in "Details")						
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Canvass Conducted		If Yes - Make Entry in Body Re: Time, Date. Names, Addresses; Results:			Crime Scene Visited			
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Complainant Viewed Photos		Results:						
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Witness Viewed Photos		Results:						
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Crime Scene Dusted		By (Enter Results in Details)			Crime Scene Photos		By (Enter Results in Details)	
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DETAILS: INVESTIGATION: INVESTIGATE PLANE CRASH SUBJECT: CANVASS OF BEACH 150 STREET AND 140 STREET								

10 CHOICE 1		#444- [redacted] states husband saw plane climbing, but a fire ball on right side, then he saw plane fall straight down. (seen from rear window)					PERP 1
CHOICE 2		[redacted]					PERP 2
Continued on page 2.							
CASE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACTIVE <input type="checkbox"/> CLOSED		DATE REVIEWED / CLOSED 11/13		IF ACTIVE, DATE OF NEXT REVIEW			
REPORTING OFFICER:	RANK Det	SIGNATURE <i>[Signature]</i>		NAME PRINTED Palmer		TAX REG. NO. 879173	COMMAND 111 Sqd
REVIEWING / CLOSING SUPERVISOR:	CASE CLOSED: C	ENTER DESIGNATION OR B		SIGNATURE <i>[Signature]</i>		C.O.'s INITIALS	
Choice 1 Choice 2		PERP 1	PERP 2	PERP 1	PERP 2		

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NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

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

January 9, 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?) *Turning towards ocean with fire up front*
2. Did you observe any parts separating or falling from the airplane? If so, are you able to describe the parts? *yes parts of front cockpit falling + 2 flashes of fire*
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? *yes - front of plane*
4. How long did you observe the airplane? *about 3 minutes*
5. If you lost sight of the airplane, what was your final view of the airplane? *black smoke on impact*

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. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ *early A.M. or after 4*

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

Sincerely,

Luke Schiada  
Air Safety Investigator

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 11/16/2001

On 11/16/2001, [REDACTED], DOB [REDACTED] was interviewed at her residence, [REDACTED], Rockaway Point, New York, telephone number [REDACTED] by Special Agent Christopher J. LaManna. [REDACTED] was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the purpose of the interview, after which she provided the following information:

[REDACTED] indicated that on 11/12/2001 she was a passenger in a car driven by her husband, [REDACTED], at or near the foot of the Marine Park Bridge in the Rockaways. While stopped at the foot of the bridge, she observed a plane which had a helicopter to the right of it and another plane on front of it in the distance. As this plane passed, she observed a yellow flame in the front left side of the aircraft (from perspective of looking at the nose of plane). She stated that this fire was on the plane's body between the wing and the nose, somewhere near first class. She indicated that she then observed the right wing fall off and strike the tail of the aircraft. She stated the "nose went straight down," and she saw a puff of black smoke after the plane crashed, but did not hear an explosion.

Investigation on 11/16/2001 at Rockaway Point, NYFile # 149A-NY-280669-302 -180Date dictated N/Aby SA Christopher J. LaManna



**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 **11-12-01**

Date of Orig. Report **11-12-01** Date Assigned **11-02-01** Case No. **1389** Unit Reporting **Queens BII** Follow-Up No. **01**

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.) \_\_\_\_\_  
 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. \_\_\_\_\_

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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: CRASH OF AMERICAN AIRLINE FLIGHT 587**  
**SUBJECT : CANVAS AND INTERVIEW WITH TED RAUERT**  
**LOCATION : 510 BEACH 126 STREET**

1. On November 12, 2001 the undersigned along with Detective Nicholas Scicutella interviewed \_\_\_\_\_ of the above listed residence. \_\_\_\_\_ stated that when he heard a loud noise that he recognized to be a low flying airplane. He rushed to his window to see flight 587 on fire, listing on it's left side before it nose dived at the crash site. He said that pieces of debris were falling from the plane as it flew over his residence.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ stated that he would be available to be reinterviewed at his residence or via the telephone at \_\_\_\_\_

3. Submitted for your information.

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

REPORTING OFFICER: **Detective** SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ NAME PRINTED **Mullahey, Joseph** TAX REG. NO. **898137** COMMAND **QB11**

REVIEWING/CLOSING SUPERVISOR: **1-120** CASE ENTER DESIGNATION \_\_\_\_\_ OR B \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ C.O.'s INITIALS \_\_\_\_\_

Choice 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Choice 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Perp 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Perp 2 \_\_\_\_\_

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444 Beach 126<sup>th</sup> Street  
Belle Harbor, N.Y. 11694

January 10, 2002

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

Dear Mr. Schiada,

On November 12, 2001, at approximately 9:16 a.m., I was in my living room when I heard a loud rumble overhead which I immediately thought was the Concorde. The noise grew louder, it started to make a rattling sound. I walked to my front bedroom window which faces west, expecting to see the Concorde flying low in the sky.

When I looked out the window, to my horror, I saw a huge silver plane in a nosedive falling from the sky. From my viewpoint, I was looking at the underside of the plane. There were small pieces flying off of the right side of the plane. There appeared to be black smoke coming from the left side of the plane. At this point, the plane appeared to be pretty much intact. I remember seeing that the right engine was still attached to the plane. The rattling noise and the sounds of the engines were very loud. I observed the plane for a few seconds before it disappeared behind houses across the street. When I lost sight of it, I heard a loud boom and immediately saw black smoke rising behind the houses across the street. I thought the plane hit Beach 127<sup>th</sup> Street which is the next block over.

I immediately called 911 and reported that a plane had crashed in Belle Harbor, Queens. When I went outside, I observed a small panel which appeared to be part of the outer skin of the plane near the corner of my block, towards Newport Avenue.

It was another horrifying morning. If you wish to contact me during the day, my home phone number is [REDACTED]. I am a police officer and my evening work number is [REDACTED].

Good luck with your investigation. Right now, it is quite scary hearing planes flying over my house.

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]

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

Date of Orig. Report: 11/12/01 Date Assigned: 11/12/01 Case No.: 1389 Unit Reporting: Intelligence Division 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. 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.):  Used  Possessed

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Complainant Viewed Photos: Results: Witness Viewed Photos: Results:

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

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

DETAILS: Investigation; Crash Flight # 587 Subject; Interview with [redacted] 444 Beach 126 street [redacted]

1. The undersigned along with Det. Mullahey did interview the above witness in front of 444 Beach 126 street in regards to the crash of flight #587, and she stated "I heard a loud plane noise and looked out the window and saw the plane which was intacted nose dive and then explode. I picked up the phone and called 911."

2. [redacted] states that she is available for a follow up interview and can be reached at [redacted], or [redacted] 75.

3. Submitted for your information...

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

CASE:  ACTIVE  CLOSED REPORTING OFFICER: RANK: DET SIGNATURE: NAME PRINTED: Scicutella TAX REG. NO.: 889307 COMMAND: CIS

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

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

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COMPLAINT - FOLLOW UP INFORMATIONAL PD 313-081A (Rev. 4-89) 31		Crime: <b>Inv Plane Accident</b>	Pct: <b>100</b>	OCCB No.:	Complaint No.: <b>3325</b>	Date of This Report: <b>11-17-01</b>	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>114SQD</b>	Follow-Up No.:			PERP 2						
Complainant's Name - Last, First, M.I.: <b>PSNY</b>		Victim's Name - If Different:						15					
Last Name, First, M.I.:		Address, Include City, State, Zip:				Apt. No.:	PERP 1						
Home Telephone:		Business Telephone:	Position / Relationship:	Sex:	Race:	Date of Birth:	Age:	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.:	16					
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Nickname, First Name, Alias:		Scars, Marks, M.O., Etc. (Continue in "Details"):											
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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:						19	
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PERP 2	Complainant Viewed Photos:		Results:									CHOICE 2	
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5	Witness Viewed Photos:		Results:									20	
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PERP 1	Crime Scene Dusted:		By (Enter Results in Details):		Crime Scene Photos:	By (Enter Results in Details):						PERP 1	
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8	[Redacted] 5, Member of the service PSA-1 Tax 913391												PERP 1
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PERP 2	plane going into the ground a few blocks away. Saw smoke and												
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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 11/13/01

On Monday, November 12, 2001, Federal Bureau of Investigation Special Agent Andrew De Cicco interviewed [REDACTED], date of birth [REDACTED] 1432 Beacon Place, Far Rockaway, New York, 11691, telephone number [REDACTED], Social Security Number [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was advised the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the interview and thereafter provided the following information:

[REDACTED] advised that he is employed by the New York City Transit Authority as a train operator. At approximately 9:15 am, [REDACTED] was operating the H Shuttle departing the B98th Street station en route to B105th Street when he looked up into the sky and observed a plane spiraling down with flames coming from one of the engines. [REDACTED] observed the fire and black smoke following the plane crash.

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

File # 149A-NY-280669-302

Date dictated 11/13/01

by SA Andrew De Cicco

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

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

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

Address, Include City, State, Zip: **Far Rockaway, NY** Apt. No: **PI3**

Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Business Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Position/Relationship: **M B** Sex: **M B** 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.: \_\_\_\_\_

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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 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: **Investigations Crash of American Airlines Flight #587**  
**Subject: Interview of Witness**  
**Mr. [Redacted]**  
**Train Operator-N.Y.C.T.A.**

1. On 11-12-01 at approximately 0930 hrs., the undersigned along with Sgt Scanlon responded to the vicinity of B 131 Street and Newport Avenue (Confines of 100 Pct) in regards to the Crash of American Airlines Flight #587. During the course of this investigation, the above listed witness was brought to the attention of the undersigned and was interviewed with the following results:

2. [Redacted] stated that at approximately 0915 hrs., while operating the southbound "Shuttle" Train halfway between B 98 and B 105 Streets (Facing west), he looked up and observed a Plane Spiraling in a downward angle with flames coming from the right side engine. Witness further stated that he did not observe an explosion while the Plane was in the air, but did observe a huge ball of flames accompanied by black smoke, a few seconds after losing sight of the aircraft. [Redacted] continued with his Train Route until his Supervisor, [Redacted], directed him to the Police.

3. This information was forwarded to the F.B.I., Special Agent Andrew DeCicco-BQRA, Squad C-13, 718-286-7391. SA DeCicco interviewed witness as well.

4. For your information.

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

REPORTING OFFICER: **Ret** RANK: \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE: *[Signature]* NAME PRINTED: **Reilly, John** TAX REG. NO.: **895897** COMMAND: **DB/CD**

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

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## National Transportation Safety Board

### Telephone Memorandum

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Date: January 7, 2002

Person Interviewed: [REDACTED]

Present: Luke Schiada, Witness Group

Subject: DCA02MA001, Witness Interview

[REDACTED] was a passenger onboard American Airlines Flight 686, which departed John F. Kennedy International Airport, Jamaica, New York, on November 12, 2001, and he witnessed the subject accident from seat 7A. During our conversation, he stated:

He was seated on the left side of the airplane. He looked out the window and observed the accident airplane. He stated the airplane was "wobbling from side to side" and "not flying like an airplane is suppose to fly." The airplane continued this "erratic" flight for about 4 or 5 seconds and then went "straight down." He then observed a "huge fire ball" rise up from the ground.

[REDACTED] stated that he did not observe any fire, smoke or parts separate from the airplane.

[REDACTED] was employed as a sales engineer and resided in Miramar, Florida.

**RE: Eyewitness Account of AA Flight which crashed in Rockaway**

On the day of the accident I was sitting in the kitchen at my mother's house at 439 Beach 122 Street in Belle Harbor. I was at the table with my brother and mother. We heard a loud plane overhead and assumed it was a fighter plane and since fighter planes do pass overhead on occasion we were not alarmed. But the sound started to get louder and it sounded like the plane was beginning to fly very low so my brother looked out the patio door and immediately identified that a plane was coming down (there was no explosion before impact).

My mother then quickly ran to the door and saw the plane coming down as well. By the time I got to the door and out onto the porch the plane had dropped below the rooftops already, therefore I did not see the AA flight. But I was looking in the sky and noticed an engine falling. I believe it was the left engine. In terms of altitude it was just above the rooftop of the house across the yard. In terms of distance from my house it appeared as though it was going to land a few blocks away. The engine did not appear to be on fire.

Simultaneously, out of the corner of my eye I noticed another plane in the sky, which was behind the engine. At first I thought perhaps it was a fighter jet and that it had shot the other plane down, but when I looked at it I observed that it was a commercial jet. It appeared to be white with red lines running horizontally across the body of the plane. It was not a jumbo jet like those used for international travel, but appeared to be the size of a plane, which may travel domestically.

The plane was higher than the falling engine and was pointed towards the beach, which I believe is the South. I thought that this plane was coming down as well, (thinking at the time that perhaps it was another terrorist attack)-and based on the distance of the falling engine from my house I calculated that if the plane were coming down it would land about a mile away from where the AA flight had just landed. Based on the second plane's position in the sky I have no doubt that the pilot would have fully witnessed the crash of the AA flight.

I then ran to the front of the house and observed small squares of metal falling/floating from the sky.

[REDACTED]

I can be reached at most times on my cellular phone. During work hours you can contact me at my office number. After 7 in the evening you can reach me at home.

Yours Sincerely,

[REDACTED]



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

Crime	Pci.	OCCB No.	Complaint No.	Date of This Report
INVEST 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 SOD	

Complainant's Name - Last, First, M.I.		Victim's Name - If Different	
P. S. N. Y.			
Last Name, First, M.I.		Address, include City, State, Zip	
[REDACTED]		439 R. 122 STREET ROCKAWAY, N.Y.	
Home Telephone	Business Telephone	Position / Relationship	Sex Race Date of Birth Age
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	NONE	F WHITE [REDACTED] 37

Total No. of Perpetrators	Wanted	Arrested	Weapon	Describe Weapon (If firearm, give color, make, calibre, type, model, etc.)
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Crime Scene Dusted	By (Enter Results in Details)	Crime Scene Photos	By (Enter Results in Details)
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II Closing Case "No Results." Check Appropriate Box and State Justification in Details:
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DETAILS: INVESTIGATION: INVESTIGATE PLANE CRASH  
SUBJECT: [REDACTED]  
CONTENTS: SAW ADDITIONAL PLANE

1. On the above date and time I did speak to [REDACTED] via telephone concerning her observations on 11-12-01. She stated that she was in her kitchen with her brother and mother and heard a plane in labor. When she looked out the window she saw one of the engines fall from the plane. She also states that she saw a smaller White and Red plane behind the plane that lost its engine. She believes that the White and red plane got a good view of what occurred.

2. CASE.....ACTIVE  
F.B.I. SPECIAL AGENT SUSAN OBTLOBINSKI NOTIFIED ON 11-14-01 AT 1020HRS.



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Date of transcription 11/14/01

On the above date, this writer and NYPD Detective Mark Kafalas interviewed [REDACTED]. After being advised of our identities and the nature of the interview, [REDACTED] provided the following information:

On November 12, 2001, [REDACTED] was at the home of her parents, 439 Beach 122th Street, Belle Harbor, New York, with her mother, [REDACTED] and brother [REDACTED]. All three family members were sitting in the kitchen when they heard an approaching airplane. Flight 587 was observed approaching the area at a very low height, [REDACTED] proceeded outside onto the back deck. [REDACTED] observed a part, possibly the engine, disconnect from the plane and fall in the vicinity of 128th Street. [REDACTED] did not observe or hear any in air explosions.

[REDACTED] observed a white and red commercial airline, possibly TWA, proceeding south in the sky. The loud crash of flight #587 distracted [REDACTED] and she evacuated her parents home. [REDACTED] believes the white and red plane was behind flight #587 but not in distress.

[REDACTED] lives at [REDACTED], Belle Harbor, New York, work telephone [REDACTED]

CNTL # NY 58

Investigation on 11/14/01 at 439 B. 122 St., QueensFile # 149A-NY-280669 - 302 - 96 Date dictated \_\_\_\_\_by SA Catherine Pena

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 11/17/01

Number [REDACTED], Date of Birth [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED] resident of 439 Beach 122nd Street, Rockaway Beach, New York, Telephone Number [REDACTED] was interviewed at her residence. Upon being advised of the nature of the interview and the identities of the interviewing agents [REDACTED] provided the following information:

[REDACTED] was at home at the breakfast table on the morning of November 12, 2001 when she heard a low flying plane. The plane sounded so low that she got up from her chair and looked out her sliding glass doors. Upon getting up she could see a large commercial jet disappearing below the house line and out of her view. At the same time she observed a engine of the plane falling in her view between two homes and a number of small parts floating to the ground. Simultaneously, [REDACTED] observed a small commercial plane flying above her neighborhood, toward the ocean. [REDACTED] described this plane as a smaller commercial plane, white in color, with a red stripe.

[REDACTED] indicated that she has reported this information to the Police and to other Agents of the F.B.I.

Investigation on 11/16/01 at Rocakaway Beach, New Y

File # 149A-NY-280669 - 302 - 179 Date dictated 11/17/01

by SA's Robert B. Booth, Daniel X. McCaffrey



██████████) Saw the engine fall off the aircraft and saw another plane with a red stripe horizontally across the body of the aircraft. She further stated that it was possibly a smaller commercial aircraft.

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AA587 Witness

From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Friday, January 11, 2002 3:51 PM  
To: aa587wit@ntsb.gov  
Subject: my observations

Here is a description of my observations on Nov 12:

I was in my Mom's house on 122 street when I heard a sound like an extremely loud airplane and looked out the door to see what it was. I think I may also have heard a popping sound, but I am not entirely sure.

I saw what I recognized as an American Airlines plane traveling southwest and downward at a steep angle. I think the plane may have been dipped somewhat to the left. I saw that one of the engines was detached from the plane and seemed to be about parallel to the rearmost part of the plane. I would say that it looked as though the engine came from the left side of the plane. I didn't notice whether the tail was attached to the plane or not. I am certain that I did not see any smoke or fire anywhere.

I viewed the plane for only a few seconds, maybe three. My last view of the plane was as it was heading southwest and down, with an engine off and moving away from the plane. I turned away from it before it hit the ground. I felt that it probably landed about 125 street.

My telephone number at home is [REDACTED]. I am most easily reached during business hours [REDACTED]. I check my e-mail regularly.

Sincerely,  
[REDACTED]



COMPLAINT FOLLOW-UP INFORMATIONAL  
PD 313-081A SECOND SHEET (REV. 8-90)H-1

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Pct.	Complaint No.	Date of This Report
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DETAILS:

439 B. 122 St. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] heard a loud shriek and saw a large barrel-like object fly off the plane and saw plane nosedive. [REDACTED] stated that it looked like it popped off the left side of the aircraft.





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DETAILS:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

saw fire coming from the rear of the plane.

[REDACTED] the engine fell off the aircraft and

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## National Transportation Safety Board

### Telephone Memorandum

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**Date:** March 22, 2002

**Person Interviewed:** [REDACTED]

**Present:** Norman Miller, Witness Group

**Subject:** DCA02MA001, Witness Interview

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

She was at 144 Beach 111<sup>th</sup> Street when she observed the accident airplane. The airplane was level for a few seconds and then began a right banking turn. She observed a "yellow" fire coming from the airplane's wings. The airplane disappeared from her view as it continued to bank right, and she estimated she observed the airplane for about 20 seconds.

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

<b>COMPLAINT - FOLLOW UP INFORMATIONAL</b> PD 313 081A (Rev. 4-89)-31										PAGE 1 OF 1 PAGE				
Crime: <b>Airline Crash Flight 587 American Airlines</b>										Pd: 100	OGCs No.	Complaint No.	Date of This Report: 11/12/2001	
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DETAILS:														
Investigation: Airline Crash Flight 587 American Airlines within Confines of 100 Pct														
Subject: Canvass														
1. On 11/12/01 DeL's Mark Corrigan sh#5598, Joseph Niogo sh#7092 and Det. Christopher Frederick sh#5628 of the N.Y.P.D. Bx C.I.S. conducted a canvass involving the Airline crash of American Airlines Flight#587 in the vic Beach 110 & 114 streets within the confines of the 100 Pct with the following results;														
a. 144 Beach 110 Street - [redacted] phone# [redacted], states she observed plane from office window on fire spiraling downward.														

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Date of transcription 11/13/01

[REDACTED], date of birth [REDACTED],  
[REDACTED], Ozone Park, N.Y. after being advised of the  
identity of the interviewing member of law enforcement and the  
nature of the interview, stated the following:

That he is employed as a truck driver for LSG SKY CHEF located at Building # 122 at John F. Kennedy Airport, Jamaica, N.Y. and that on November 12, 2001 he was working a 5:30 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. shift driving truck # 578. [REDACTED] was assigned to service Flight #19, American Airlines aircraft #375 at gate #48 along with [REDACTED] Last Name Unknown (LNU) a fellow employee of LSG SKY CHEF who was assigned to the same flight. [REDACTED] advised that he pulled the truck up to the plane as [REDACTED] guided him from the tarmac when [REDACTED] said "[REDACTED], look isn't that plane in trouble" while pointing to the sky. [REDACTED] stated he exited the truck and looked in the direction [REDACTED] was pointing and observed an American Airlines plane leaning left and in a nose down with a small amount of white smoke coming from the middle between 9:10 A.M. and 9:20 A.M. until it disappeared behind Building #269. According to [REDACTED], this service was his second of the day. [REDACTED] stated he observed black smoke on the ground in the direction of the plane but that the smoke was some distance from the plane and was not sure if the two were related. When asked if he saw any debris fall from the sky he stated that he saw no pieces like the engines, the wings or anything fall from the plane.

[REDACTED] added that there he saw nothing else in the air at the time of this incident. On the ground, RIVERA advised, there were four men in the area around him in addition to himself and [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] could offer no further information.

Investigation on 11/12/01 at Jamica, N.Y.File # 149A-NY-280669 sub302Date dictated 11/12/01by Inv. Ernesto R. Pizarro

AA587 Witness

From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Friday, February 01, 2002 6:26 PM  
To: AA587wit@ntsb.gov  
Subject: eyewitness statement of flight 587

My name is [REDACTED]. I reside at 110-14 Rockaway Beach Blvd. Rockaway Park, NY. On November 12, 2001, I was standing in my kitchen when I heard a noise that made me look out the window and I watched the plane come down. From my kitchen window I am looking West. The plane was coming straight down and where the wing and the plane attach there was a ball of fire. If I can be of any help please don't hesitate to call me (home) [REDACTED].  
[REDACTED] (work) [REDACTED]

*Eden*  
O U T S O U R C E

November 26, 2001

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

Re: American Airline Flight 587

Dear Mr. Schiada,

My wife and I were located at JFK Terminal 9, Concourse D and seated in the waiting area at gate 48. Our view was to the South. At the time of the accident, the weather was clear and sunny and not a cloud in the sky. There was a light breeze, perhaps 3 knots.

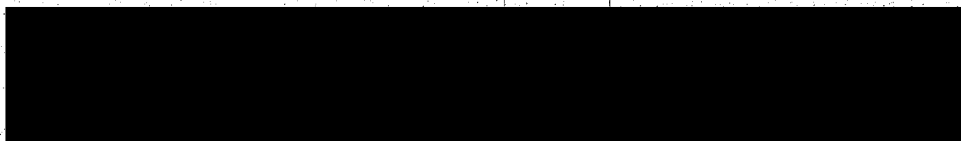
- 1) When I first spotted the aircraft on the horizon it was falling nose first and appeared to be rolling slightly to the pilots left. I believe I was looking directly down the top center of the fuselage. At impact, the aircraft was almost fully vertical and entered the ground at no more than 2-3 degrees of angle. (See attachment)
- 2) From my perspective the aircraft appeared to be completely in tact, including the engines. Having spent 18 years in the air cargo industry, I distinctly recognized the aircraft as a wide body, two engine, wing mounted aircraft. I don't know at what point the engines may have separated from the aircraft, but have to speculate it was very late in the event. Based on the size of these engines, think I would have taken greater notice had one or both engines not been present on the aircraft.

After the impact, we did witness parts falling from above the crash site. I saw two sizable pieces falling at a similar rate of speed. While I could not make out what they were, they were large enough to see from our location some 2 miles or further away.

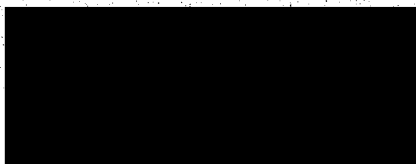
- 3) I saw no smoke trailing the aircraft as it fell, however, my wife and I both witnessed a white cloud of smoke from where the aircraft had fallen. The parts we witnessed falling also originated from this white cloud of smoke.
- 4) I estimate I witnessed perhaps the final 3-4 seconds of the flight.

- 5) My final view was that of the impact. Initially, there was one large fireball followed immediately by thick black clouds of smoke.

We wish you success and speed in your investigation and trust if I can be of any further assistance, please feel free to contact me at any one of the following numbers:



Sincerely,

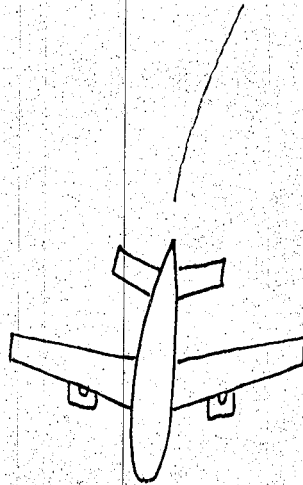


President



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PARTS



HORIZON

AA 587

VIEW FROM KENNEDY AIRPORT, TERMINAL 9  
CONCOURSE "D" GATE 48

NOV 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2001







## National Transportation Safety Board

### Telephone Memorandum

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Date: November 14, 2001

Person Interviewed: [REDACTED]

Present: Debbie Roland, Witness Group

Subject: DCA02MA001, Witness Interview

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

He was in the Air Cargo business for approximately 18 years prior to his current job. His job enabled him to be familiar with L-1011, 767, and 757 aircraft.

[REDACTED] was at the JFK International Airport, Terminal 9, Concourse D, Gate 48, with his wife awaiting a 1030 departing flight to Los Angeles.

From the window of the terminal, he observed the accident airplane, as it was nose down and 2 to 3 degrees short of perpendicular to the ground. He was looking at the top of the airplane. Both engines were still attached to the airplane.

After impact, there was a fireball and smoke. In the sky above the crash site there was white smoke and two pieces of the airplane falling, slowly. He suggested the pieces were possibly the size of an engine cowling. He believed he was approximately 2 miles from the accident airplane when he observed it.



# THE PORT AUTHORITY POLICE OF NY & NJ

## STATEMENT

Page 1 of 2

Name: [REDACTED] DOB: [REDACTED] Age: 42  
 Home Address: [REDACTED] - Brooklyn, N.Y. 11220  
 Social Security #: [REDACTED] Home Phone: [REDACTED]  
 Employed By: Avaya Security Work Phone #: (718) 244-4248  
 Employers Address: Bldg. #14 - J.F.K. Emp. ID#: [REDACTED]  
 Work Days: W-F = 6AM-2AM Work Hours: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Location Where Statement Is Taken: Bldg. 269 - Detectives Office - J.F.K.  
 Others Present During Statement: DET. RICHARD MULLER

Date of Statement: 11-12-01 Day: Monday Time Initiated: 10:45AM

### DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT

I, [REDACTED], was a witness to, or involved in, an incident or crime that occurred on (Day) Monday (Date) 11-12-01 at (Time) 0915 at (Location) Runway 4 freight apron during the winter as follows:

I'm sitting in Security CAE watching construction crew - Co. JANE - Tully My partner is screening I look up and saw a plane engine on fire then around and then go down nose first then a ball of fire and black smoke, I called to all units do stay off the air while I called the 78. to report that the plane went down I started to cry and hugged my partner - Q. Before the plane crashed I saw the left engine on fire the plane banked to the left turned on its side 3/4 quarters and then nose dived into water

Statement Continued:  NO  YES

FALSE STATEMENTS MADE HEREIN ARE PUNISHABLE AS A CLASS A MISDEMEANOR  
 PURSUANT TO SECTION 210.45 OF THE NEW YORK STATE PENAL LAW.

Signature of Person Taking Statement: DET. [Signature] #98  
RICHARD MULLER  
 Print Name  
DET. Paul [Signature] #87  
 Witness

Signature of Person Making Statement: [REDACTED]  
 Print Name  
IC. 11AM  
 Time Statement Completed

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## STATEMENT CONTINUATION

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Name: [REDACTED]

SS #: [REDACTED]

Then what I saw was a big Red fire ball  
and after big black smoke

I returned to bldg wt as per Mr. Cummings  
then was told to come to [REDACTED] bldg  
for my statement.



Statement Continued:  NO  YES

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Det. [Signature] #98  
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RICHARD MULLER  
Print Name

[REDACTED]  
Print Name

Det. Paul [Signature] #87  
Time Statement Completed

WILLIAM [Signature]  
Time Statement Completed

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**THE PORT AUTHORITY OF NY & NJ**  
One Path Plaza, Jersey City, NJ, 07308  
**POLICE NON-CRIMINAL INCIDENT**  
**FOLLOW-UP REPORT**

TEL. EXT. (201) 216-6800

Follow-up #

UF 81 Number		Agency 03	Facility JFK	County of Offense Queens	CCR Number 22239/01
1	Complaint Investigate Aircraft Crash	Law/Sec	Crime Code	Date Occurred 11/12/01	P.A. Location Code 000 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NY <input type="checkbox"/> NJ
2	Complaint	Law/Sec	Crime Code	Day Occurred Monday	Time Occurred (From-To) 0921 hours
Place of Occurrence (Address) <input type="checkbox"/> Inside <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Outside		Newport Rd., between 129 & 131 Street, Belle Harbor, Qns.		Date Reported 11/12/01	Time Reported 0921 hrs.
Complainant's Name (Last, First, Initial)			Sex <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	Race	Age
Complainant's Address					Area Cd - Bus. Tele.
Complainant's Address					Area Cd - Home Tele.
1	Suspect's Name (Last, First, Initial)	<input type="checkbox"/> Arrested <input type="checkbox"/> Interviewed	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	Race	D.O.B.
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<p>Details of Complaint: On follow-up report give additional details of complaint such as progress of investigation, description of property recovered, etc.</p> <p><b>SYNOPSIS:</b> Investigate crash of American Airlines flight 587, tail N053AA, Aircraft Type Airbus A300, on take off from JFK Airport, runway 31Left, enroute to Santo Domingo.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b></p> <p>01. Reference is made to all reports and memorandums this case file.</p> <p>02. On 11/12/01 at 1100 hours Detectives P. Dotzler/R. Muller along with Detective Martin Mahon (NYO JTTF) interviewed the below listed Haynes Security Guard.</p> <p>██████████ DOB ██████████ ██████████ Brooklyn, NY 11220</p> <p>██████████ states that while sitting in the security vehicle while watching the construction crew on runway 4R, he heard ██████████ screaming, and he looked up and saw a planes left engine on fire. The plane then banked to the left, turned on its side, three quarters around, and then nose dived towards the water. ██████████ then observed a big red fire ball and black smoke.</p> <p>03. ██████████ then contacted the PA supervisor (78), and informed her that a plane had just went down. PA supervisor ██████████ instructed ██████████ to return to building 14, and then responded to building 269 to be interviewed by PAPD in regards to what they observed.</p> <p>Case remains open/active, investigation to continue.</p>					
Arresting/Investigating Officer Detective Paul P. Dotzler			Date 11/12/01	Shield Number 87	Tax Registry Number 21712
Tour Commander		Date	Facility Commanding Officer		Date

Dear Mr. Ishiada,

January 7, 1992

National Transportation Safety Board

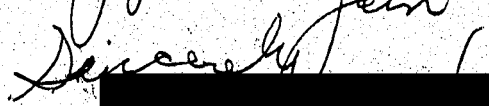
On Nov. 12, I was outside my house sweeping pine needles into my garbage can. I live  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a block south of St. Francis Church. I heard a loud noise in the sky, my eyes shifted to the top of the church steeple. It was eye level. I did not have to raise my head. The very loud noise came from a Japanese jet that sought of sideways the 587. The jet was flying southwest, the 587 faced west + idled on top of the steeple. The plane was rather small when I saw it. She was greyish + had blue + red stripes on it. It did not fly fast but very slowly <sup>she</sup> flew to almost on top of me, there was a boom + then I saw flames coming out of the cockpit + the door, I thought it was a movie. She coasted over my head for a while + I then thought she was going to fall on my head + my house + my neighbors. She 587 miraculously started to go back to the church. I guess the wind stopped for the moment.

lover!

2) She reached the church + then I heard the loudest boom I ever heard. She exploded on top of the steeple in the sky. The whole sky became an inferno with black smoke mushrooming over the flames. I started to scream. My neighbors came out + gave me a chair. I had chest pains + pains in back of my head. I was lucky I took my medication before I went outside to sweep. The 547 then started to glide down slowly at an angle + fell in back of the church. I personally was very lucky that the plane did not fall down where she was over my dad. The wind was very wild at that time. It came from the northwest.

Had she crash landed on the ground coming into Rockaway there would be no Belle Harbor. I felt sorry for the passengers + I knew there would be casualties on the ground.


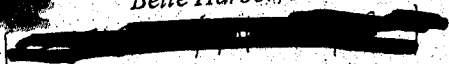
If I can be of any more service to you  
just let me know.

I pray that the likes of that  
will never happen again  
Sincerely,  




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146 Beach 129th St.  
Belle Harbor, NY 11694-1620  






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?) *It was travelling S/W.*
- 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? *at first there was*

*no fire, then two separate explosions & there was plenty of fire in the sky*

4. How long did you observe the airplane? *When it came to the top of the church until it exploded in the sky & landed*

5. If you lost sight of the airplane, what was your final view of the airplane? *When it went down on back of the church*

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





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

INVESTIGATE  
PLANE CRASH

PAGE 1 OF 1 PAGE  
Pct. 100 OCCB 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 100 Precinct Detective Squad Follow-Up No.

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.)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Complainant Viewed Photos Results: Yes Refused Future

Witness Viewed Photos Results: Yes Refused Future

Crime Scene Dusting 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 : Phone Conversation w/ [REDACTED]

1. On Nov. 13, 2001 at approximately 1900 hours the U/S called a [REDACTED] of 146 Ech 129 St. F/W 72 y.o. [REDACTED].

She states that she was sweeping her sidewalk, then saw the plane over the St. Francis Church (129 St.) saw some flames an explosion then a huge ball of fire and the plane came straight down.

2. The witness went further to state that she had a cousin who new another gentlemen who just got off that plane earlier and there were no problems how could this happen.

3. Case Active.

DATE REVIEWED / CLOSED 11/14/01 IF ACTIVE, DATE OF NEXT REVIEW

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

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

Choice Choice 1 2

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

11/13/2001

Date of transcription

██████████ Date of Birth November 2, 1936, ██████████ Rockaway Park, New York, telephone ██████████ was interviewed at his residence by Special Agents FRANK M. FINN and DOUGLAS B. MEREL of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. After being advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and the purpose of the interview, he provided the following information:

██████████ advised that he saw something about the airplane that crashed earlier in the day and felt he needed to report it. He also spoke with one of the Spanish newspapers about this event. ██████████ stated that he was a travel agent for many years, but now works for a modeling agency.

██████████ advised that he was walking his dog on the boardwalk at Beach 117th Street. He heard the noise of an airplane and looked at it. He recognized it to be an AMERICAN AIRLINES plane, Model 300. The plane was traveling in a direction from the airport, over the bay, before it went over the land.

██████████ stated that about 9:14 a.m., he observed an airplane on the bay side at approximately Beach 126th Street. It was going upward. He saw an object coming from the direction of the ground and it struck this plane in the vicinity of the right wing. ██████████ also heard the impact of this object hit the wing and described this sound as a "crack." ██████████ described this object to be about 24 inches long and cylindrical in shape, like a stick. Initially, ██████████ stated that he saw no flame coming from this object. Subsequently, he said that he saw a small trail of bright yellow/orange smoke coming from it.

██████████ stated that after this, the plane came down to the ground. At first, it floated downward, like an injured bird. Then it nosedived. There was the sound of an explosion, then he saw smoke. ██████████ advised that when this plane started downward, both the wings and engines were attached. The object that hit the plane did not go through it. The fire he saw was after it hit the ground.

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

File # 149A-NY-280669-302-2 Date dictated 11/13/2001  
by SA FRANK M. FINN,  
SA DOUGLAS B. MEREL (FMF:clm)

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Continuation of FD-302 of

██████████ advised that after he saw this, he hurried home and brought his dog back to his apartment. He saw a neighbor from the building, whom he identified as ██████████, looking out his window and thought that he could possibly provide a similar account of this event. Afterward, he came back out and found some debris, possibly insulation from the plane, in the area of Beach 126th-127th Streets. He gave this to a police officer who was there and explained about seeing an object come in contact with the plane before it crashed.

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DETAILS:

INVESTIGATION: CRASH OF FLIGHT #587  
 SUBJECT: CANVASS OF SECTOR "A" FOR WITNESSES

(~~REDACTED~~)  
 426 143 Street-~~REDACTED~~ DOB: ~~REDACTED~~ PH# ~~REDACTED~~ 10-He stated that he was working in his backyard and he heard a loud noise, when he looked up over his garage he saw a silver plane going straight down towards the ground. He ran to the corner of Newport and 143 and saw alot of smoke. He stated that he did not see any smoke or flames coming from the plane as it was diving straight down.

CASE	DATE REVIEWED/CLOSED	IF ACTIVE, DATE OF NEXT REVIEW
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REPORTING OFFICER:	RANK PO	SIGNATURE <i>[Signature]</i>
REVIEWING/CLOSING SUPERVISOR:	CASE CLOSED: C	NAME PRINTED WEBER, LEONARD
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	OR B	TAX REG. NO. 919856
		COMMAND 109RAM
		C.O.'s INITIALS

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COMPLAINT FOLLOW-UP INFORMATIONAL  
 PD 313-081A SECOND SHEET (REV. 8-80) 1199

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 Pct. 100 Complaint No. 95-24 Date of This Report 11/12/01

DETAILS:

CONTINUED

B. 436 BEACH 142ST. ROSINA ROBERT [REDACTED] 96 STATES  
 THAT SHE JUST HEARD A LOUD NOISE. [REDACTED]  
 NURSE STATED THAT SHE WAS ON THE BUS AND SAW THE LEFT WING ON  
 FIRE BEFORE THE PLANE CRASHED INTO THE GROUND.

REPORTING OFFICER:	RANK	SIGNATURE	NAME PRINTED	NOCELLA	902107	110
REVIEWING/CLOSING SUPERVISOR:	CASE	ENTER DESIGNATION	SIGNATURE	C.O.'S INITIALS		
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AA587 Witness

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]]  
Sent: Friday, January 11, 2002 7:22 PM  
To: AA587WIT@NTSB.GOV  
Subject: 587 PLANE CRASH

Dear Sir/Madam

278 → On the day of the accident I was in the parking lot of Waldbaums grocery store which is located on Beach Channel Drive and 114<sup>th</sup> street. My 12 year old asked "what is that"? I got out of my car realizing in the air floating and flipping over the bay with small pieces of metal floating with it was the tail of an airplane. I realized it was an airplane because of the red and blue A on it. I looked to my left and saw a glimpse of a very large airplane on fire, the fire seemed to be on its left side, when I first saw this plane it was already over the houses I then felt a "jolt" I saw very black smoke rising over the homes. I then screamed for my kids to get back in the car... I drove like a crazy person back home on 122<sup>nd</sup> street all the while seeing the horrible smoke.

279 → I hope this answers all the questions you asked of me. You also sent this letter to one of my sons [REDACTED] who was home at the time on 122<sup>nd</sup> street playing outside with his cousin on the front porch he is telling me what to type: I heard screeching and saw a big plane with its left wing on fire, the engine was even on fire, then I heard a big boom and saw lots of black smoke over the house.

Sincerely

Send and receive Hotmail on your mobile device: <http://mobile.msn.com>

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Home Telephone					Business Telephone					Position / Relationship					Sex		Race		Date of Birth		Age		PERP 2										
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<b>DETAILS:</b>  INVESTIGATION    INVESTIGATE ACCIDENT SUBJECT:            RESULTS OF CANVASS AT 438 B 122St DETAILS:            SEE: BELOW																						CHOICE 1											
1. On Tuesday 11/13/01 at approx 1625 hrs the u/s was doing a canvass at [redacted] The resident of the house [redacted] stated the following. She stated she was in the parking lot of Waldbaum's Supermarket, located at 114 St & Beach Channel Drive when she saw the tail of the plane over Jamaica Bay before it hit the water. Her 7 year old son, [redacted] was at home & he stated that while he was standing on the porch he saw the engine falling off the plane, it was on fire.																						CHOICE 2											
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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 11/16/2001

██████████, SSAN ██████████ DOB ██████████ residing at ██████████, Queens, New York was interviewed in the presence of her son, ██████████, DOB ██████████ at her 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:

278 → Sometime after 9:00 AM on 11/12/01, ██████████ was operating her personal vehicle in the vicinity of Beach 114 Street and Beach Channel Drive, Queens, New York with her children. She looked up and observed an aircraft tail and other aircraft parts tumbling through the air toward the bay. She noticed the blue and red American Airlines logo painted on the same. She then heard what sounded like the SST Concord flying overhead. ██████████ described the sound as metallic in nature. ██████████ believes that the tail fell into the bay in the vicinity of Beach Channel Drive and Wendy's Restaurant.

279 → ██████████ son ██████████ observed fire on the left (port) side of the plane's fuselage and also witnessed something falling from the same.

Neither ██████████ or ██████████ witnessed the plane crash.

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

File # 149A-NY-280669-302 - 114 Date dictated 11/15/01

by SA John J. Janus



[REDACTED]  
Hopatcong, NJ, 07843

January 29, 2002

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

Dear Mr. Schiada:

On November 12, 2001, I was fishing on the boat Codfather, approximately one mile off shore of the Rockaways at Breezy Point. We were on the ocean side.

I was standing at the stern of the boat looking toward the shore watching an airplane heading in our direction. It had taken off parallel with the ocean and banked towards us. All of a sudden, pieces of the aircraft blew off from under the wing (looking at the plane on the right side). I thought it was an engine. Immediately or instantaneously there was fire at the juncture where wing meets fuselage. I said out loud, they blew up the airplane. The plane went into a left spiral and straight into the ground with a huge fireball.

If you need to contact me, I can be reached at [REDACTED] (work from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM) or [REDACTED] (home after 7:30 PM). Please call if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

11/16/2001

Date of transcription

On 11/16/2001, [REDACTED] DO [REDACTED] Address [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED] Hopatcong, New Jersey, Telephone [REDACTED],  
 work [REDACTED] was interviewed telephonically by SA John M.  
 Mifsud. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing  
 agent and the nature of the interview, [REDACTED] provided the  
 following information.

[REDACTED] advised that he was fishing with [REDACTED]  
 on the charter fishing boat "Cod Father" on the morning of  
 11/12/2001. The boat was in the ocean, one mile off of Riis Park  
 Beach. [REDACTED] was watching the passenger jet airplanes as they  
 were taking off from JFK international Airport. [REDACTED] advised  
 that approximately 9:15 A.M., he observed a passenger jet  
 airplane heading south in the direction of the "Cod Father." The  
 plane looked intact. The tail section was on the plane. (He  
 disputes the account that the tail section fell off first.) He  
 saw the engine fall off the wing and then observed fire in the  
 area of the wing and fuselage. The plane rolled to the left and  
 spiraled twice before crashing straight to the ground. He stated  
 that he did not see a missile hit the plane and he did not see  
 any suspicious boats in the area. [REDACTED] advised that the  
 captain of the "Cod Father", [REDACTED] called the Coast  
 Guard to report the incident.

Investigation on 11/16/2001 at Melville, New York (telephonically)

File # 265A-NY-280350-302 Date dictated 11/16/2001

by SA John M. Mifsud/jmm

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 11/25/01

██████████ home address 234 Beach 129th Street, Queens, New York, home telephone number ██████████ was advised of the official identity of the interviewing agent and the purpose of the interview. ██████████ then provided the following information:

██████████ advised that at approximately between 9:30 A.M. and 9:45 A.M., she was looking out her second story bedroom window. ██████████ stated that she heard a plane, it was loud, and very close by, but she knew it was not the CONCORD. ██████████ advised that she saw little pieces coming down, and then saw a large piece of plane come down.

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Investigation on 11/12/01 at Queens, NY

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

by SA Vadim Daniel Thomas:vdt

January 21, 2002

National Transportation Safety Board  
2001 Route 46 - Suite 504  
Parsippany, NJ 07054

Dear Sir or Madam:

On November 12, 2001 I was driving on the Belt Parkway - East bound towards Long Island. I was exiting the Flatbush Avenue Exit towards Kings Plaza. The exit ramp is "horseshoe shaped". As I was making a turn - I saw a helicopter through my driver's side window. As I looked into the sky - I saw a plane taking off from the Kennedy Airport, which is in the distance. The plane ascending and banking towards the water (to the planes left). I am turning right into the exit. We are turning together and I have a clear view. As the plane is still climbing, - the rear view right engine is on fire with black and white smoke. At this point the plane is still climbing. Then it begins to level out. It starts to teeter to the left and right (2 times). It then begins to fly in a slanted position (facing 11:00). I saw more smoke - the entire plane is in tact, no fuel dumping, no birds in the area, no explosions. The only thing that I see is the engine on fire. At this point the plane takes a slight dip towards the ground. The left wing tips down, the right wing tips up. The nose of the plane is now pointed towards the ground and I can no longer see it because of the trees in front of my vehicle. When I complete the horseshoe turn and make it to the top of Flatbush Avenue - I see the smoke from the plane crashing. The entire process took between a 1 1/2 - 2 minutes approximately at 9:11am -9:13am.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] (NYPD - 11:00 am - 7:00pm Mon, Wed & Fri)

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 11/16/2001

██████████ New York City Police Fitness Instructor, 95 ██████████ Staten Island, New York, home telephone number ██████████ work telephone number ██████████ ██████████ date of birth ██████████ Social Security account number ██████████ upon being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent, and the nature of the interview, provided the following information:

██████████ was driving on the Belt Parkway in Brooklyn, New York on 11/12/2001, at approximately 9:15 a.m. ██████████ was approaching the Flatbush Avenue exit when he noticed a helicopter in the air above his car. While observing the helicopter, ██████████ noticed an airplane a few miles in the distance with one of its engines on fire. ██████████ stated that this was the left engine if one were observing the plane from the front. The airplane was still climbing in the air as black and white smoke began to emerge from the engine. The plane then leveled out and began to "teeter" back and forth. ██████████ noticed numerous people get out of their cars on Flatbush Avenue in order to observe this plane. Soon thereafter, ██████████ saw the plane dive down towards the ground, at which point his view was obscured. ██████████ moved his car and noticed a large area of smoke which he believes was the area of impact when the plane hit the ground.

██████████ believes his total observation time of this event was one to two minutes.

Investigation on 11/15/2001 at Brooklyn, New York (telephonically)

File # 149A-NY-280669-302-172 Date dictated \_\_\_\_\_

by SA Jason L. DeMartino:jld



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

FALSE OR FALSE

Crime: 100 Pct. OCCB No. 3325 Date of This Report: 11/14/01

Date of Orig. Report: 11/12/01 Date Assigned: 11/12/01 Case No. 1389 Unit Reporting: 100 Detective 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, Nickname, First Name, Alias Scars, Marks, M.O., Etc. (Continue in "Details")

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

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

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

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

Complainant Viewed Photos Results: 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:

Investigate: Airplane Crash  
Subject: Interview Witness (phone)

1. On November 14, 2001 the undersigned conducted a telephone interview of [redacted] as follows:

2. 1630 [redacted] called the 100 pct Det. Sqd and informed the undersigned that he was driving eastbound on the Belt Parkway, when he noticed a helicopter in the air, at which time he also observed a airplane traveling in a upward direction [redacted] states that he observed the plane bank to the left on two separate occasions, Mr. Sachelari also observed the plane's right engine on fire which he then observed the plane travel in a downward direction, at which time he lost sight of the plane, shortly thereafter he observed an explosion from afar the ground.

3. [redacted], who is a member of the service, states that he was off-duty at the time of the incident. [redacted] can be reached at the following numbers:

[redacted]

4. Case open

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

REPORTING OFFICER: RANK: DET SIGNATURE: NAME PRINTED: Hovington TAX REG. NO.: 891641 COMMAND: 100SQD

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

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 11/17/01

[REDACTED], dob: [REDACTED] home address: [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED], telephone number: [REDACTED] work address:  
 World Class Aquarium, 2015 Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn, NY,  
 telephone number: [REDACTED] cellular telephone number:  
 [REDACTED], was advised of the identity of the interviewing  
 agents and the nature of the interview. He provided the  
 following information:

[REDACTED] advised that on the morning of 11/12/01 he was  
 on a fishing boat with two other men in Jamaica Bay in the  
 vicinity of the Marine Park Bridge and Floyd Bennett Field. The  
 other men in the boat were [REDACTED], telephone number: ([REDACTED])  
 [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] father [REDACTED] [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED] may also have witnessed the airplane crash.

[REDACTED] heard an explosion. He then looked in the  
 direction of the explosion and saw the tail of an aircraft fall  
 off. He saw flames originating at the tail of the aircraft shoot  
 through the aircraft. The aircraft continued to fly briefly,  
 then it twisted and went straight down in the area of Beach 136th  
 Street. Pieces of the aircraft that had fallen off fell into  
 Jamaica Bay.

[REDACTED] said that there was a police boat on patrol at  
 the time of the crash. The police boat was near the bridge  
 moving fishing boats away from the bridge. They were in the  
 process of assisting an Asian appearing man in a small boat that  
 was disabled when the crash occurred. They headed towards the  
 crash after it happened.

[REDACTED] drew a diagram of his position at the time of  
 the crash. The diagram was secured by the interviewing agents in  
 a "1A" evidence envelope attached to this communication.

LEAD CONTROL NUMBER: NY96

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lead 9630.wpd

Investigation on 11/17/01 at Brooklyn, New YorkFile # 149A-NY-280669-302-183 Date dictated 11/17/01

Michael N. Porzio:mnp

by Susan Ostrobinski



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

Crime: **INV. PLANE CRASH** Pct.: **100** OCCB No.: **3325** Complaint No.: **11/14/01** Date of This Report: **11/14/01**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Eyeglasses: Sunglasses: Clothing Description: 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: If Yes - Make Entry in Body Re: Time, Date, Names, Addresses, Results: Crime Scene Visited: If Yes - Make Entry in Details Re: Time, Date, Evidence Obtained:

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

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

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: **INV. PLANE CRASH**

SUBJECT: **INTERVIEW WITNESS.**

1. On this date, at approx. 1830 Hrs. the undersigned spoke to **ROBERT [REDACTED]**, who informed me that he was in a boat in Jamaica Bay fishing on 11/12/01 at approx. 0915 Hrs. when he heard a loud explosion and turned around to see the plane on fire and saw the tail of the plane fall off, then saw other peices of the plane fall off and saw the plane come down.

2. CASE ACTIVE...

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

REPORTING OFFICER: **DET. VERNA** SIGNATURE: **VERNA** NAME PRINTED: **VERNA** TAX BEG. NO.: **887671** COMMAND: **100SQD.**

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

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 <b>COMPLAINT - FOLLOW UP INFORMATIONAL</b> PD 310-081A (Rev. 4-89)-31		Crime: <b>Investigate Aided</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>11-12-00</b>	Date Assigned: <b>11-12-01</b>	Case No.: <b>1389</b>	Unit Reporting: <b>Joint Terrorist Task Force</b>	Follow-Up No.:		15 PERP 2	
Complainant's Name - Last, First, M.I.: <b>PSNY</b>			Victim's Name - If Different:			16 PERP 1	
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: <input type="checkbox"/>		Arrested: <input type="checkbox"/>		Describe Weapon (If firearm, give color, make, caliber, type, model, etc.):	
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DETAILS:							
Investigation: Investigate Aided Subject: Interview of [REDACTED] DOB: [REDACTED] telephones: [REDACTED]							
On November 13, 2001, at approximately 1325 hours, Detective Corey, Det. Dimuro, and Sgt. Losada, all assigned to the JTTF, spoke to [REDACTED] at the 100 Pct. regarding the crash of flight 587. [REDACTED] provided the following information; The following is in sum and substance of the interview of [REDACTED] for complete details see attached statement.							
at about 09:15 hours on 11/12/01, [REDACTED] had just finished fishing underneath the Marine Park Bridge and was headed for the path to the Marine Park Bridge when he saw a rumbling whoosing sound. He looked east past the base of the bridge and saw a low streak of smoke about 100 feet from the ground. He then proceeded to the base of the bridge and observed the plane in flight just as something came off the back of the plane. Immediately after that the plane turned slightly and made a sudden and direct nose dive and plummeted to the ground. Bethen saw a huge fireball and a huge black ball of smoke.							
Case Active.							
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REPORTING OFFICER: <b>Corey Det.</b>		RANK: <b>Det.</b>		SIGNATURE: <i>[Signature]</i>		NAME-PRINTED: <b>Corey</b>	
REVIEWING / CLOSING SUPERVISOR:		CASE ENTER DESIGNATION:		SIGNATURE:		TAX REG. NO.: <b>889803</b>	
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Date of transcription 11/14/2001

██████████ date of birth ██████████ Social Security Account Number ██████████ was interviewed at his residence: ██████████ Queens, New York, telephone number ██████████, mobile telephone number ██████████. Also taking part in the interview was Detective John Quinones of the Police Department of the City of New York. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and officer, ██████████ provided the following information:

██████████ is a surgical technician at the Queens Hospital Center, telephone number ██████████. ██████████ explained that he is a pilot. He used to fly planes on the Island of St. Croix. Although ██████████ has not flown jets, he has an extensive knowledge of airplanes. ██████████ does not have a license to fly in the United States (U.S.).

On the morning of 11/12/2001 ██████████ and a friend were walking on Rockaway Beach Boulevard at Beach 121st Street. ██████████ enjoys watching the planes taking off from John F. Kennedy (JFK) Airport. He recalls seeing a 757 fly overhead. The next plane to fly over was a United flight. ██████████ then saw a 747. The next plane ██████████ saw was American Airlines (AA) flight 587.

██████████ estimates that the AA #587 was flying at approximately 2200 to 2300 feet. While the plane was coming over the bay, he saw that rear vertical fin break away from the aircraft. ██████████ provided the interviewing agent with a sketch that he had prepared (see 1A).

██████████ did not see the plane dump any fuel over the bay. ██████████ explained when a plane dumps fuel it does not flow out of the aircraft like water flowing from a faucet. The fuel will spray out of the plane with some force. The temperature at high altitudes is very low. If the cold fuel were to spray out of the plane and come in contact the hot engine it would condense; therefore, ██████████ would have seen smoke coming from the plane. ██████████ did not see any smoke nor any fire.

The plane continued flying. As the plane came over land, ██████████ heard a sound coming from the plane's engines. He

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

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by SA Anthony L. Zampogna *[Signature]*

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explained that the sound was similar to that made by a plane when it is landing. When landing a plane will turn its thrusters on in reverse to stop the aircraft. [REDACTED] compared the sound of the thrusters to the sound that he heard.

As the plane was over head, it began to roll and the left engine separated from the wing. The plane turned nose down to the ground with the head of the plane pointing toward the bay. [REDACTED] hear the plane crash into the ground. He compared that sound of the plane crashing into the ground to the sound made by the World Trade Center (WTC) towers just before they collapsed. [REDACTED] believes the sound was made by the steel bending and breaking. He then heard the plane explode. [REDACTED] did not see any fire coming from the plane until after the engine separated from the wing.

As the engine detached from the plane, pieces of debris fell to the ground. [REDACTED] saw a piece of the plane fall on the church near to where he was standing. He also heard a set of keys hit the ground next to him. [REDACTED] stated, that the keys hit the ground with such force, they must have fallen from the plane. He also stated that there was no person near to him that could have dropped the keys. [REDACTED] gave the keys to the interviewing agent (See 1A).

[REDACTED] stated that it is virtually impossible for a plane's tail fin to simply fall off. He believes someone must have tampered with it.

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Date of transcription 11/12/2001

██████████ employed by REY WEST FARE LIMO SERVICE, telephone number ██████████, was telephonically contacted by SA Krall, telephone number ██████████ 5. ██████████ was driving passenger ██████████ to JFK Airport when he witnessed the crash of Flt. 587. ██████████ name and company were provided by ██████████. ██████████ was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and provided the following information:

██████████ advised that he was driving into JFK Airport and was near the Tower Air Terminal when he watched an American Airlines plane taking off in front of him traveling from left to right. The plane appeared to be flying normally. A few seconds later ██████████ looked at the plane and saw a flash and stated that a ball of fire appeared from the rear of the left (Port) engine. He then lost sight of the plane behind a building. He then witnessed the plane spinning nose first toward the ground. He did not see the plane hit the ground. ██████████ attempted to call 911 however, nobody answered. ██████████ then called the radio station 1010 WINS and was on the air

██████████ advised that his brother's wife, ██████████ was on Flt. 587. ██████████ took the same flight, Flt. 587 to the Dominican Republic on September 27, 2001. He was supposed to take his sister in-law to the airport today however, he could not because he had a fare.

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File # 149A-NY-NEW

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

by SA Thomas Q. Krall Jr.

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**AA587 Witness**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 16, 2002 12:53 PM  
**To:** AA587WIT@NTSB.GOV  
**Subject:** Statement  
Dear Mr. Schiada,

As requested, here is my statement regarding Flight 587.

I live at 406 Beach 134<sup>th</sup> Street. On November 12, 2001 I was in my kitchen, which faces Beach 133 Street. I heard an unusually loud plane, the windows were rattling. I touched the window and as I did this I heard a loud thrusting sound and I heard what sounded like tin cans banging. I saw something fall from the sky, I looked further up and saw the plane and realized it was the right engine falling off. The plane was heading south (towards the ocean) it was moving in a sloppy manner, the left engine then fell off. The plane then went nose up, and came down. I did not see the impact, but the plane appeared to have gone down tail first.

I hope this helps. I can be reached at home any day except Tuesday at [REDACTED], please call if you need additional information. Thanks.

[REDACTED]

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AA587 Witness

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, January 17, 2002 4:02 PM

To: AA587Wit@ntsb.gov

Subject: Followup

Dear Mr. Schiada,

I am writing in response to your follow-up questions.

1. I did not see any smoke or fire coming from the plane at any time during my observation.
2. By "sloppy" I mean the plane was tipping to the left and right quickly, bouncing up and down.
3. 10-20 seconds probably passed from the time I first saw the plane until the time it went out of my view.

I hope this is helpful. Again, if I can be of further help please do not hesitate to contact me. Thanks.

[REDACTED]

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11-12-01		1389	BS-Intelligence Division								PERP 1	
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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, caliber, type, model, etc.)						
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DETAILS: INVESTIGATION: INVESTIGATE ACCIDENT/PLANE CRASH CANVASS : WITNESS CANVASS												PERP 1
1. On above date @ approximately 1100 hours I did conduct a canvass for witnesses to a plane crash 430 133RD Street was checked with negative results.												PERP 2

5. [REDACTED] observed the plane go down without wings in an upright position.

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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] advised that she observed Flight 587 in the air before it crashed. She advised that she heard the plane, and that it sounded "off", or unusual. She looked up and observed the aircraft on fire, then it "nose dived". She then saw what appeared to her to be an engine, also on fire, dropping, after the plane. [REDACTED] husband, [REDACTED], also observed this.

[REDACTED] provided the following information.

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

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

File # 149A-NY-28066

Date dictated 11/13/2001

by SSA Steven L. Winters/SLW:slw



AA587 Witness

From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Thursday, January 17, 2002 5:18 PM  
To: aa587wit@ntsb.gov  
Subject: Witness Statement American Airlines Flight #587

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

Dear Mr. Schiada:

As requested in your correspondence dated January 2, 2002 the following is a true account of what I saw on November 12, 2001;

At approximately 9:15 A.M. on November 12, 2001, I had just parked my SUV (1998 Ford Expedition) in front of my residence located at 260 Beach 134<sup>th</sup> Street in Belle Harbor, Queens New York. At this time I exited my vehicle and was about to take my baby out of the car [REDACTED] when to my horror I observed a silver large Airplane fall from the sky nose first. This observation was made while looking east between my residence and the house located directly south (256 Beach 134<sup>th</sup> Street).

From my vantage point I did not completely see the wingspan mostly the fuselage. The reason for this is only portions of the wings were observed, they spanned west to east. I lost site of the aircraft a millisecond before impact with the ground. I heard a huge explosion followed by a large fireball and black cloud of smoke which came right through my backyard towards me.

I did not observe any parts separating from the aircraft. I observed no smoke or flames prior to impact with the ground. My observations were for only approximately 2 seconds. As described above my final observations were of the aircraft falling nose first with wings obscured spanning west to east.

Please feel free to contact me at [REDACTED]

Thank you,

[REDACTED]  
260 Beach 134<sup>th</sup> Street  
Belle Harbor, New York 11694



Crime Investigate: Plane crash Pct. 100 OCCB No. Complaint No. 25 Date of This Report 11/12/01

Date of Orig. Report 11/12/01 Date Assigned 11/12/01 Case No. Unit Reporting Queens Homicide Squad Follow-Up No.

Complainant's Name - Last, First, M.I. P.S.N. 1. Victim's Name - If Different

Last Name, First, M.I. Address, include City, State, Zip 525 Beach 133 Street Apt. No. BPH

Home Telephone Business Telephone Position/Relationship witness Sex M Race W Age 48

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Witness Viewed Photos Results: Crime Scene Dusted 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

6 DETAILS: Investigation: Investigate American Airlines plane crash Subject; Interview of 525 B.133 Street 596 (C)917

7 576-7510 1: On 11/12/01 at approximately 1000 AM in front of 525 B.133 Street I spoke with [redacted] who said that he was in his bedroom throwing out old molding. He said that he looked out the window and saw the plane as it was flying very low. The witness said that he saw both engines fall off the plane and the plane then nose dived into the ground.

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REPORTING OFFICER: RANK DET SIGNATURE Schmittgall NAME PRINTED Schmittgall TAX REG. NO. 890963 COMMAND QHS

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



DETAILS:

observed airplane debris in the air.

[redacted] of 525 B. 133 St. telephone # [redacted] states that he was placing molding in his driveway when he looked up and saw the fuselage of a plane that appeared to be in tac. Moments later, he observed the two engine of the plane falling from the sky, with no visible flame or smoke showing, and then observed the plane do a nose dive towards the ground. The plane then became a large ball of flames and smoke.

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REPORTING OFFICER:	RANK	SIGNATURE	NAME PRINTED	TAX REG. NO.	COMMAND
	Detective	[Signature]	Richard Wentz	886784	BNGS
REVIEWING/CLOSING SUPERVISOR:	CASE	ENTER DESIGNATION	SIGNATURE	C.O.'S INITIALS	
	CLOSED: C	OR B	[Signature]		

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 [redacted]

January 8, 2002

## Statement

I was standing in my bedroom on the second floor of my home when I heard a deep, muffled boom, sounding like an explosion.

My bedroom window faces the street and looks toward 131st Street, the site of the crash.

I was approximately a distance of 10 blocks\* when I looked out my bedroom window and saw an American Airlines jet. There was fire mid fuselage for the entire time of my observation. The plane was on a downward angle, nose and right wing tilted toward the earth.

I did not observe whether the tail was still intact or not. At this point the aircraft spiraled once, with the nose pointed straight down. I lost sight of it behind the rooves

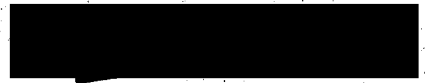
\* The approx distance from my window to the plane when it was still airborne.

of houses. About 2 to 3  
seconds later there was another  
explosion and thick black smoke. I  
probably observed the plane for  
a total of 15-20 seconds, maybe  
less.



433 Beach 143 ST.  
Rockaway PK  
N.Y. 11694

Tel #



Evenings and Thurs thru  
Sat. Mornings.



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

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

Date of Orig. Report: 11/12/01 Date Assigned: Case No.: 1389 Unit Reporting: 103 SQD 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.):  
 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"):

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

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

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Comp. Interviewed:  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: INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED]

1. On 11/12/01 at 1400 hours the undersigned did speak with [REDACTED] of 433 Beach 143 Street. [REDACTED] At this time she states that she did see an airplane from the window of her residence explode in flames before it did crash into land. She states that she will co-operate with this investigation in any way and is available to be re-interviewed at a later time if necessary.

2. Case active

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

REPORTING OFFICER: RANK: DET. SIGNATURE: KELLY NAME PRINTED: KELLY TAX REG. NO.: 877906 COMMAND: 103SQD

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

CASE CLOSED: C OR B

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[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
National Transportation Board BKLYN N.Y. 11234

- 1) the Airplane was traveling downward as I first saw it.
- 2) yes, I think it might have been part of the tail, it was a piece about 4'x4', a man who was delivery Arizona Ice tea truck put the piece in his truck, He was delivering to a store on 116<sup>th</sup> St and Rockaway beach blvd, where the piece fell from the SKY.
- 3) yes, It was coming from the Right engine.  
yes it was present the entire time.
- 4) I observed the plane for about 15 seconds.
- 5) the Plane was practically straight down, and hit the ground, but my view at that point was blocked by some houses.



Crime: Investigate Flight #587 Pct. 100 UCCB No. 3325 Date of this report: 11/12/01

Date of Orig. Report 11/12/01	Date Assigned	Case No. 1389	Unit Reporting Intelligence Division	Follow-Up No.	PERP 1
Complainant's Name - Last, First, M.I.				Victim's Name - If Different	PERP 2
Last Name, First, M.I.				Address, include City, State, Zip	Apt. No.
Home Telephone		Business Telephone	Position / Relationship	Sex Race	Date of Birth Age
Total No. of Perpetrators		Wanted	Arrested	Weapon	Describe Weapon (if firearm, give color, make, calibre, type, model, etc.)
Wanted		Arrested	Last Name, First, M.I.		Address, include City, State, Zip
Sex	Race	Date of Birth	Age	Height	Weight
Eyeglasses		Sunglasses		Clothing Description	
Nickname, First Name, Alias		Scars, Marks, M.O., Etc.			
Wanted		Arrested	Last Name, First, M.I.		Address, include City, State, Zip
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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
Complainant Viewed Photos	Results:				
Witness Viewed Photos	Results:				
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DETAILS:					
Investigate : Plane Crash confines of 100 Precinct					
Subject : Crash of Flight # 587 American Airlines confines of the 100 Precinct					
1. On 11/12/01 the undersigned Detective along with Sergeant Michael Caprariello of the New York City Police Departments Intelligence Division were assigned to canvass the area of Beach 117th Street and Rockaway Beach Boulevard in the confines of the 100 Precinct. The following are the results of that canvass.					

who observed the airplane North of the location flying erratically with the left wing engulfed in flames. Moments later the airplane descended in a nosedive position and exploded upon impact. Above witnesses were working outside address at time of incident. Additionally did observe the operator of an Arizona Iced Tea Delivery Truck stop and recover a 4 foot by 3 foot

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

Date of Orig. Report: 11/12/01  
 Date Assigned: 11/12/01  
 Case No.: 1389  
 Unit Reporting: Queens Intel  
 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:  
 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.:

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

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

Eyeglasses  Sunglasses  
 Clothing Description:  
 Nickname, First Name, Alias: Scars, Marks, M.O., Etc. (Continued 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: POSSIBLE CRIME SCENE  
 SUBJECT: Interview Witness [REDACTED]

On this date at approximately 1305 hrs the undersigned conducted an interview with witness, [REDACTED], of 429 129 at Rockaway Beach, N.Y. In sum an substance the above named witness states she heard a loud rumble, she then observed a plane explode from the center portion of the plane, she further states the tale portion of the plane was in flames.

Contact# [REDACTED] Case active?.....

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Witness No. 1  
 Perpetrators  
 Perp. No. 1  
 Perp. No. 2  
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 CHOICE 1  
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CASE:  ACTIVE  CLOSED  
 DATE REVIEWED / CLOSED: [REDACTED] IF ACTIVE, DATE OF NEXT REVIEW: [REDACTED]  
 REPORTING OFFICER: [REDACTED] RANK: [REDACTED] SIGNATURE: [REDACTED] NAME PRINTED: [REDACTED] TAX REG. NO.: [REDACTED] COMMAND: [REDACTED]  
 REVIEWING / CLOSING SUPERVISOR: [REDACTED] CASE CLOSED: C ENTER DESIGNATION: [REDACTED] OR B SIGNATURE: [REDACTED] C.O.'s INITIALS: [REDACTED]  
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**COMPLAINT - FOLLOW UP INFORMATIONAL**  
PD 313-0B1A (Rev. 4-89)-31

Crime		Pct.	OCCB No.	Complaint No.	Date of This Report	14
INVESTIGATE PLANE CRASH		100		3325	11/12/01	PERP 1
Date of Orig. Report	Date Assigned	Case No.	Unit-Reporting	Follow-Up No.		15
11/12/01	11/12/01	1389	MSS. B.I.T			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	PERP 1
Home Telephone		Business Telephone	Position / Relationship	Sex	Race	Age
						PERP 2
Total No. of Perpetrators		Wanted	Arrested	Weapon	Describe Weapon (If firearm, give color, make, calibre, type, model, etc.)	
				<input type="checkbox"/> Used <input type="checkbox"/> 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
					ft. in.	lb.
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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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"/>
Canvass Conducted		If Yes - Make Entry in Body Re: Time, Date, Names, Addresses, Results			Crime Scene Visited	If Yes - Make Entry in Details Re: Time, Date, Evidence Obtained
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No					<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Complainant Viewed Photos		Results:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Refused <input type="checkbox"/> Future						
Witness Viewed Photos		Results:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Refused <input type="checkbox"/> Future						
Crime Scene Dusted		By (Enter Results in Details)		Crime Scene Photos	By (Enter Results in Details)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
If Closing Case "No Results," Check Appropriate Box and State Justification in Details:						
<input type="checkbox"/> C-1 Improper Referral <input type="checkbox"/> C-2 Inaccurate Facts <input type="checkbox"/> C-3 No Evidence / Can't ID <input type="checkbox"/> C-4 Uncooperative Complainant <input type="checkbox"/> C-5 "Leads" Exhausted						
DETAILS: SUBJECT : PLANE CRASH Flt. 587						
Canvass: B. 129th Street, Newport to Cronston Streets						

CHOICE 1	[REDACTED]						PERP 2
CHOICE 2	426 B 129th St. 2 Nine Deli Mrs. [REDACTED] who was working at the deli. Hear abbang/boom and saw the tail of the airplane intact fly by her window with flames coming out the airplane and burst in flames, crashing address [REDACTED] Bklyn, NY Home telephone [REDACTED]						
CASE		DATE REVIEWED / CLOSED		IF ACTIVE, DATE OF NEXT REVIEW			
<input type="checkbox"/> ACTIVE <input type="checkbox"/> CLOSED							
REPORTING OFFICER:	RANK	SIGNATURE	NAME PRINTED	TAX REG. NO.	COMMAND		
	Det.	[Signature]	KENARY, MICHAEL	893222	MSB11		
REVIEWING / CLOSING SUPERVISOR:	CASE	ENTER DESIGNATION	SIGNATURE	C.O.'S INITIALS			
[Signature]	CLOSED: C	OR B	[Signature]	293			
[Choice] [Choice]		PERP 1	PERP 2	PERP 2			

11-12-01

This is from [REDACTED] - CAPTAIN FLIGHT #1867  
Northwest Airlines scheduled flight from JFK to DTW.  
[REDACTED]

We were number two for departure behind an American Airlines A300 and B767 off runway 31L JFK. As we were taxiing into the position for departure, something caught my attention in the sky. At first glance noticed the aircraft had pieces falling from it. Saw a little smoke initially. No flash or flames from aircraft. No trailing smoke. Aircraft appeared to roll and nose over. It impacted the ground nose down. My impression was that at least one wing and the fuselage was intact. One wing may have been missing. Aircraft appeared uncontrollable.

[REDACTED]

This is from [REDACTED] Captain Flight #1857 Northwest Airlines scheduled flight from JFT to DTW. [REDACTED]

We were number two for departure behind an American Airlines A300 and B767 off runway 31L JFK. As we were taxiing into position for departure, something caught my attention in the sky. At first glance noticed the aircraft had pieces falling from it. Saw a little smoke initially. No flash or flames from aircraft. No trailing smoke. Aircraft appeared to roll and nose over. It impacted the ground nose down. My impression was that at least one wing and the fuselage was intact. One wing may have been missing. Aircraft appeared uncontrollable.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 11/14/01

[REDACTED] Captain, NORTHWEST AIRLINES (NA), was contacted at the administrative offices of NA, Terminal 4, John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFKIA), Jamaica, New York, by Special Agent (SA) JAMES G. KINSLEY of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and Detective DONALD LEARN of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, regarding the crash of AMERICAN AIRLINES (AA) flight number 587. [REDACTED] provided the following information:

He has been flying for NA for the past 13 years. He has been a pilot for the past one and a half years, based out of Minneapolis, Minnesota, [REDACTED]. He has flown in or out of JFKIA four times since becoming a pilot.

On November 12, 2001, he was at the controls of NA flight number 1867 bound for Detroit. Flight 1867 was number two for departure behind an AA A300 and an AA BOEING 767. While taxiing his aircraft into position for departure on runway 31 left, he noticed that the AA A300 was in trouble with its nose down at a 30 degree angle. At this time, the A300 was approximately four minutes into its flight at an altitude of between one and two thousand feet. He observed some debris trailing behind the aircraft. He looked away from the A300 briefly to make sure he was lined up properly on the runway. When he looked back, he saw the A300 in a nosedive slowly turning on the way down. He estimated the altitude of the A300 at 500 feet. He could not tell whether or not the engines were still attached to the plane.

[REDACTED] stated that the A300 had at least one wing and the fuselage intact on the way down. When the A300 impacted the ground, he observed a mushroom cloud. [REDACTED] stated that at one point, he did notice a small amount of smoke coming from the A300, however, he cannot recall when he saw the smoke.

[REDACTED] stated that he saw no sign of an explosion or fire prior to the crash. He added that in his opinion, the pilot lost control of the plane.

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

File # 149A-NY-280669

Date dictated 11/13/01

by SA JAMES G. KINSLEY:etg

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

Date 11/12/01 Follow-up #

UF 61 Number		Agency 03	Facility JFK	County of Offense Queens	C.C.R. Number 01022230
1	Complaint Investigate Aircraft Crash	Law/Sect	P.A. Crime Code	Date Occurred 11/12/01	Loc Code 000 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NY <input type="checkbox"/> NJ
2	Complaint	Law/Sect	P.A. Crime Code	Day Occurred Monday	Time Occurred (From-To) 0915
Place of Occurrence (Address) <input type="checkbox"/> Inside <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Outside 129 <sup>th</sup> Street, Belle Harbor, NY				Date Reported 11/12/01	Time Reported 1650
Complainant's Name			Sex <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	Race	Age
Complainant's Address					Area Cd - Bus. Tele.
Complainant's Address					Area Cd. - Home Tele.
1	Suspect's Name (Last, First, Initial) <input type="checkbox"/> Arrested <input type="checkbox"/> Interviewed	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	Race	Date of Birth	Age
Suspect's Address			Hgt.	Wgt.	Hair
Suspect's Address			Eyes	Soc. Sec. Number	
Suspect's Address			P.A. Arrest #	B. Number	
2	Suspect's Name (Last, First, Initial) <input type="checkbox"/> Arrested <input type="checkbox"/> Interviewed	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	Race	Date of Birth	Age
Suspect's Address			Hgt.	Wgt.	Hair
Suspect's Address			Eyes	SSN	
Suspect's Address			P.A. Arrest #	B. Number	
Pct. of Occurrence	Pct. Voucher No.	Alarm No.	Docket Number	Court Date	Court
Magistrate	Disposition	Case Closed <input type="checkbox"/> By Arrest <input type="checkbox"/> By Other <input type="checkbox"/> Unfounded	Case Open <input type="checkbox"/> Inactive <input type="checkbox"/> Active	Records Section Only <input type="checkbox"/> Master Log <input type="checkbox"/> MNI File	
Details of Complaint: Include Additional Suspects, Complainants, Witnesses. Summarize Detail of Complaint					
Synopsis: American Airlines Flight 587 departed JFK at 0913 hours and crashed in the vicinity of 129 <sup>th</sup> Street in Belle Harbor, NY					
At 1030 hours, [redacted] and [redacted] who were the pilot and co-pilot of Northwest Airlines Flight 1867 were interviewed in Terminal Four by the undersigned. Flight 1867 was in line to takeoff from Runway 31L when [redacted] reported that he saw pieces of an aircraft falling from an aircraft and then the aircraft went into a nose dive and crashed. [redacted] stated that wings appeared to be intact and that there was no visible fire. The aircraft appeared to be rolling to the left and diving. Traces of smoke were visible. [redacted] and [redacted] are based in Minneapolis (1-612-345-6785)					
Arresting/Investigating Officer Det. John Curnyn <i>Det. John Curnyn</i>			Shield Number 103	Tax Registry Number 037523	
Tour Commander			Facility Commanding Officer	Date	

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241 Erie Street, Jersey City, NJ 07310

Tel. EXT (201) 216-6800

POLICE CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

FOLLOW-UP REPORT

NON Criminal Incident Report

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UF 61 Number	Agency Cd	Facility	County of Offense	C.R. Number				
	3	JFK	Queens	552300				
1	Complaint	Investigate Aircraft Crash	Law/Sect.	P.A. Crime Code	Date Occurred	11-12-01	P.A. Location Code	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N.Y. <input type="checkbox"/> N.J.
2	Complaint		Law/Sect.	P.A. Crime Code	Date Occurred	Mon.	Time Occurred (From-To)	
Place of Occurrence (Address) <input type="checkbox"/> Inside <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Outside				Newport Rd. between 129 St. & 131 St. Belle Harbor Queens, NY		Date Reported	11-12-01	
Complainant's Name: (Last) (First) (Initial)				Sex <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	Race	Age	Area Cd - Bus Tele.	
Complainant's Address:							Area Cd - Home Tele.	
1	Suspect's Name (Last, First, Initial) <input type="checkbox"/> Arrested <input type="checkbox"/> Interviewed			Sex <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	Race	Date of Birth	Age	Area Cd - Home Tele.
Suspect's Address				Hgt.	Wgt.	Hair	Eyes	Soc. Sec. Number
						P.A. Arrest No.	B. Number	
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Suspect's Address				Hgt.	Wgt.	Hair	Eyes	Soc. Sec. Number
						P.A. Arrest No.	B. Number	
Pct. of Occurrence	Pct Voucher No.	Alarm No.	Docket Number	Court Date	Court			
100 pct.								
Magistrate	Deposition	Case Closed: <input type="checkbox"/> By Arrest <input type="checkbox"/> By Other <input type="checkbox"/> Unfounded	Case Open: <input type="checkbox"/> Inactive <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Active	Records Section Only <input type="checkbox"/> Master Log <input type="checkbox"/> MNI File				
Details of Complaint: On follow-up report give additional details of complaint such as progress of investigation, description of property recovered, etc.								
SYNOPSIS: Investigate crash of American Airlines Flight 587, tail #N053AA, Aircraft Type Airbus A300, on take off from JFK I. Airport, runway 31 Left, and enroute to Santo Domingo.								
Details:								
01. Reference is made to all reports and memorandums to this case file.								
02. On November 12, 2001 the undersigned assisted FBI S/A James G. Kinsley (631-5018684). We responded to Northwest Airlines (JFKIA) for the purpose of interviewing Northwest Airlines Flight Crew from flight #1867. At approximately 1330 hours [REDACTED] the captain of flight #1867 [REDACTED] provided a handwritten report to the above listed agent and to the reporting detective. (copy attached).								
He further stated that the aircraft in question was approximately four miles in the distance when he first observed it, he couldn't see the engines, it appeared that one wing was missing and that the aircraft was approximately four minutes into its flight.								
Captair [REDACTED] has been flying with Northwest Airlines for thirteen years and has been a Captain with Northwest for one and one-half years.								
CASE OPEN/ACTIVE.								
Arresting/Investigating Officer Det. Donald Learn 11-15-01			Shield Number 104	Tax Registry Number 20460				
Tour Commander				Date	Facility Commanding Officer		Date	

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JAN 13, 2001

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is [REDACTED] I live at  
167 Beach 132nd St. Belle Harbor, NY. As per  
your written request I am writing down the events  
as I ~~reme~~ remember on Monday November 12, 200

On ~~the~~ November 12th at approximately  
9:10 am I was in the driveway of my home  
on Beach 132nd St. At that time I heard  
an aircraft overhead that I assumed to  
be the Concorde. Knowing that it had  
recently resumed I looked directly up  
into the sky. ~~At that time~~ I was  
facing the Bay which is North. I noticed  
from the shape and close proximity of  
the craft that it was not the Concorde.

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The aircraft appeared (in my opinion) to be curving downward. It then seemed to be a powerless motionless object that became vertical and proceeded to descend very rapidly until I lost sight of it as it crashed, ~~in the area of~~ A large white house on Rockaway Beach Blvd and B132 were obstructing my view. As I watched the plane descend I only could see the underbelly. No parts upon my observation seemed to fall. When it hit there was a large plume of smoke and fire. It was very strange ~~only~~ because prior to this there seemed to be no power or sound to the plane. →

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After that I ran into The house to check my children. I then ran back outside to see if any neighbors were around. ~~Meaning~~ I hope this information is a help. If you have any further questions you may call me during the hours of 9-7pm @

(~~REDACTED~~)

Sincerely,

~~REDACTED~~



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

Crime: Investigate Airplane Crash Pct. 100 OCCB No. 3325 Date of This Report 11-12-01

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

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

Wanted  Arrested  Last Name, First, M.I. \_\_\_\_\_ Address, include City, State, Zip 167 Beach 132 st. Belle Harbor, NY Apt. No. \_\_\_\_\_

Sex F Race W Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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:  
At t/p/o the undersigned and P.O. Crandall shield # 10382 of the Brooklyn North Gang Squad responded to the crash of American Airlines Flt # 587 in the confines of the 100 Pct. Upon canvassing the residence at 167 Beach 132 street the above witness was interviewed with the following results.

The witness stated she was standing on her driveway at approximately 0910 hours when she heard a loud noisesimilar to the engine noise from the concord aircraft but much louder. She then looked up to the north of her house and saw a plane above Rockaway Beach Blvd. The airplane appeared to be heading northbound and appeared to have no power. She states that she did not observe any smoke or fire and that the airplane appeared to have both wings and be intact but flew nose down straight into the ground.

Case.. Active.

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

REPORTING OFFICER: \_\_\_\_\_ RANK DET SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ NAME PRINTED LaMar TAX REG. NO. 904312 COMMAND BNYS

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

Choice 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Choice 2 \_\_\_\_\_

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AA587 Witness

From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Tuesday, January 08, 2002 8:01 PM  
To: AA587WIT@ntsb.gov  
Subject: Flight 587 Crash

Att: Luke Schiada

In response to your letter dated 1/02/02, I am submitting the following statement.

On November 12, 2001, at approximately 8:45am, I was travelling east on Beach Channel Drive adjacent to the Riis Park parking lot. I had just come south over the Gil Hodges Memorial Marine Parkway Bridge after a round of golf at Marine Park Golf Course. What caught my eye at first was I believe I saw flames coming out of the tail of the right side of a jet plane as it flew South over Jamaica Bay. At this point I slowed down to observe that the plane was in trouble. It appeared to me as if the plane was being tossed about in the air. It took a hard left and downward motion, followed by a hard right and upward motion. As the plane continued in a southerly direction towards the ocean, about half way over the Rockaway Peninsula the plane banked left, (I was hoping that it was turning around and returning to JFK) and continued to bank left until the plane was almost straight up and down in the sky. It then proceeded to go straight down. I never saw any parts or pieces come off the plane. I saw the immense fireball and heavy black smoke rise in the sky. Amazingly, I never heard anything. At this point I was by the overpass (about Beach 160<sup>th</sup> Street). I had tried unsuccessfully to reach my wife via cell phone and rushed home to see that she was all right. I also tried to call 911, but at that point on the Peninsula (near Riis Park), there is a dead zone for cell phones. The whole episode took no longer than 90 seconds. I never lost sight of the plane from the first time I spotted it. It looked like it was out of control and that the pilot was trying to regain control.

I am a 51 year old local small business owner and have lived in the Rockaways my entire life. I have always anticipated this would happen someday. On foggy or stormy days the engines are so loud sometimes, you would think that they are landing next door.

I hope that I was able to assist you with your investigation. I believe that it was an accident, and certainly hope that it was. I can be reached during the day at my store, [REDACTED] or during the evenings at [REDACTED]

Sincerely,  
[REDACTED]

INFORMATIONAL PD 313-081A (Rev. 4-89)-31		Crime	Pct.	UCCB No.	Complaint No.	Date of this report	14	
11/12/01		Case No.	Unit Reporting	3325		11/12/01	PERP 1	
1389		CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE SECTION				Follow-Up No.	PERP 2	
Complainant's Name - Last, First, M.I.		Victim's Name - If Different					15	
P.S.N.Y.		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.	
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>					Res. Pct.	
Sex		Race	Date of Birth	Age	Height	Weight	Eye Color	
					Fi.	In.	Hair Color	
							Hair Length	
							Facial Hair	
							NYSID No.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Eyeglasses <input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses		Clothing Description.						CHOICE 1
Nickname, First Name, Alias		Scars, Marks, M.O., Etc.						CHOICE 2
		(Continue in "Details"):						
Wanted		Arrested	Last Name, First, M.I.		Address, include City, State, Zip		Apt. No.	
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		(Continue in "Details"):						

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Comp. Interviewed	In Person	By Phone	Date	Time	Results: Same as Comp. Report - Different (Explain in Details)
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
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	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:  
 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: PlaneCrash  
 CONTENTS: CONVISS OF E.120 St.

1. On 11/21/01, the undersigned was notified in regards to a Plane crash that occurred in the confines of the 100 Pct. The undersigned responded to the v/o of Beach 131st Street and Newport Ave, where the American Airline alleged crashed in a row of private house.. The undersigned was directed to conduct a canvass of Beach 120 Street bet Newport Ave & Beach Channel Drive. The undersigned conducted the canvass with following results:

1) [REDACTED] DOB [REDACTED] Tele [REDACTED] stated the following facts. He states that at approx. 0915 hours, wh while returning from golfing at a Marine Park Golf course, While crossing the Marine Pkwy Bridge, he observed flames coming from the rear of the airliner. He observed the plane wobbling in the air for approx. 20 seconds. The plane seems to attempt a climb up in the air, but than it went straight down toward the ground, hitting the houses. He stated to the undersigned that he heard ~~no explosions~~ or saw no explosions.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACTIVE <input type="checkbox"/> CLOSED	DATE REVIEWED / CLOSED	IF ACTIVE, DATE OF NEXT REVIEW
REPORTING OFFICER: [REDACTED]	RANK: DET	SIGNATURE: [REDACTED]
REVIEWING / CLOSING SUPERVISOR: [REDACTED]	CASE ENTER DESIGNATION: C	OR B
	SIGNATURE: DEVINE	TAX REG. NO. 883770
		COMMAND CIS
		C.O.'S INITIALS

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## National Transportation Safety Board

# Telephone Memorandum

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Date: November 15, 2001

Person Interviewed: [REDACTED]

Present: Norm Miller, Witness Group

Subject: DCA02MA001, Witness Interview

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

She was standing outside of a Citibank located on 113th Beach Street. The accident airplane was "very big in my view and it was banking to the left." She observed a fire along the left wing attachment point. She also noted "the tail looked strange." The airplane then disappeared from her field of view, behind some buildings.



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Crime: **Invest Plane Crash** Pct: **100** OCCB No.: **3326** Complaint No.: **11/12/01**

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Date of Orig. Report: **11/12/01** Date Assigned: **11/12/01** Case No.: **1389** Unit Reporting: **Brooklyn North Gang Division** 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: Apt. No.:

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

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

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

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CHOIC

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: 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: Witness Viewed Photos: Results:

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CHOIC

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

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DETAILS:

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INVESTIGATION: PLANE CRASH OF AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT 587

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SUBJECT: CANVAS FOR POSSIBLE EYEWITNESSES

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CONTENTS: RESULTS OF ABOVE

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1. On Monday November 12, 2001 at approximately 1530 hours, the undersigned along with members of the B.N.G.S. DID CANVAS THE HOMES OF Beach 133 St. in Belle Harbor, Queens N.Y. in regards to flight 587. The results of the canvass is as follows:

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2. [Redacted]

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[Redacted] of [Redacted] telephone # [Redacted]

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states that she was sitting in her vehicle when she saw the plane coming from across the bay and the left wing of the plane was on fire. She also states that the rear of the plane did not look right. The plane began to bank to the left and at this point she lost sight of the plane. Next thing she saw was black smoke coming from the scene of the crash.

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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: <b>Detective</b>	SIGNATURE: <i>[Signature]</i>	NAME PRINTED: <b>Richard Wentz</b>	TAX REG. NO.: <b>886784</b>	COMMAND: <b>BNGS</b>
REVIEWING / CLOSING SUPERVISOR:	CASE	ENTER DESIGNATION	SIGNATURE: <i>[Signature]</i>	C.O.'s INITIALS:	
	CLOSED: <b>C</b>	<b>C</b> OR <b>B</b>			

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

Date of Orig. Report 11/12/01 Date Assigned Case No. 1389 Unit Reporting CIS 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.)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Complainant Viewed Photos Results: Witness Viewed Photos Results:

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

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

At T/P/O the undersigned was conducting a canvass ~~XX~~ for witnesses from the ~~EX~~ ~~XXXX~~ plane crash in the confines of the 100 pct. The occupant of 448 127st stated he observed the crash. He stated he heard a loud bang, looked out his window and observed flames protruding from the back of the engine on the right side of the plane. He then observed the plane bank to the left side and crashed. He was cooperative and stated that he could be reached at his address or at [REDACTED]

Forwarded fro your information.

CASE:  ACTIVE  CLOSED DATE REVIEWED / CLOSED 11/14/01 IF ACTIVE, DATE OF NEXT REVIEW  
 REPORTING OFFICER: [Signature] RANK: Sgt SIGNATURE: [Signature] NAME PRINTED: Thomas Devine TAX REG. NO. 892963 COMMAND: CIS  
 REVIEWING / CLOSING SUPERVISOR: [Signature] CASE CLOSED: C OR B SIGNATURE: [Signature] C.O.'s INITIALS

Choice 1 Choice 2 Pct 1 Pct 2 Pct 1 Pct 2

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 11/14/01

██████████, the housemaid at 506 Beach 137th Street in Far Rockaway, New York; telephone number: ██████████ was interviewed regarding the crash of American Airlines flight #587 on November 12, 2001.

At approximately 9:00am on 11/12/01, ██████████ had just exited from a bus and was walking towards Beach 137th Street from Cronston Avenue in Far Rockaway. She heard a loud noise, looked up and observed a commercial airliner flying exceptionally low. She then saw that the plane seemed to be losing altitude and one of its wings came off. The plane was so low at this point that ██████████ started running. She saw the plane hit the ground and explode on impact. ██████████ advised that she didn't see any fire or smoke prior to the plane hitting the ground.

*NY 44 / file person ju - NY 44 D. WPI*  
Investigation on 11/12/01 at Queens, New York

File # 149A-NY-280669 sub 302 - 72 Date dictated 11/12/01

by *W*SA Janet L. Engel  
*W*SA Richard P. Mika



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DETAILS: INVESTIGATION: PLANE CRASH FLIGHT 587 AMERICAN AIRLINES

CONTENTS : INTERVIEW OF WITNESS

WITNESS: [REDACTED] O/O/B [REDACTED]  
STATEN ISLAND NY 10309  
[REDACTED]

STATED THAT WHILE WORKING ON MARINE PARKWAY BRIDGE HE SAW A PLANE OVER THE WATER ON FIRE COMING FROM THE LEFT WING. STATED HE SAW DEBRIS FALLING FROM THE PLANE INTO THE WATER. HE SAW THE PLANE THE GO INTO THE GROUND SPINNING FROM THE SKY. THE PLANE WAS SPINNING AND WENT STRAIGHT DOWN INTO THE GROUND. STATED THAT HE SAW A CLOUD OF SMOKE THEN SAW THE FLAMES COME UP FROM GROUND.

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

REPORTING OFFICER: [Signature] RANK: [Signature] SIGNATURE: [Signature] NAME PRINTED: [Signature] TAX REG. NO.: **91275** COMMAND: **S.B.I.T.**

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

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COMPLAINANT - FOLLOW UP  
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Crime: **Inv. Plane Crash** Pct: **101** OCCB No. **3325** Complaint No. **11/12/01** Date of This Report: **11**

PERP 1

Date of Orig. Report: **11/12/01** Date Assigned: **11/12/01** Case No. **1389** Unit Reporting: **QDACS** 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.: **PSNY** Address, include City, State, Zip

PERP 1

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

PERP 2

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

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

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

CHOICE 1

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

CHOICE 2

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

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

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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:

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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: On this date the following persons were interviewed while working on the MARINE Parkway Bridge (Upper Roadway) - (Kiska Corp. [redacted])

PERP 2

On this date the undersigned interviewed [redacted] stated the following: Plane was pulling up, the right wing was on fire. Pcs were falling off into the water. Plane crashed into the homes in the Rockaways.

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

REPORTING OFFICER: RANK: **Det.** SIGNATURE: **M. Gonzalez** NAME PRINTED: **M. Gonzalez** TAX ID NO.: **879039** COUNTY: **QDACS**

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

ENTER DESIGNATION: OR B

CASE CLOSED: **C**

Choice 1 Choice 2

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