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On 3/23/12 at 1450 hours I was on routine patrol traveling west on Atlantic Avenue in the 9000 block of unincorporated Delray Beach, Palm Beach County Florida. I initially saw what appeared to be a PBSO helicopter flying south then making a turn east, at an elevation which appeared to me to be normal. It appeared to be about 1 mile away, near US HWY 441. I continued driving westbound and when I came to the street in front of Peanuts Country Store, 9595 W Atlantic Ave I saw people running through the parking lot in a south direction and an extremely loud pulsating boom. I then saw a green and white helicopter with PBSO markings losing elevation while traveling north and disappear behind the Peanuts store building in an area surrounded by heavy foliage. I immediately advised dispatch of what I witnessed and ran through heavy brush making my way to the downed helicopter and pilots. One pilot was already standing outside the left side of the aircraft and one was on the right. Both were conscious and responsive. The aircraft was at a final rest against a cement wall on the south side border of the 4 seasons community. I saw unknown people on the other side of the wall peaking over. A ladder was put into place by an unknown person and the two pilots climbed to the other side. I stayed with the aircraft and placed crime scene tape along the immediate western border of the crash area. I maintained a crime scene log of all persons who entered the taped area until I was relieved at 1734 Hours by Reserve Deputy Ratka, ID 12459. I placed the crime scene log into evidence.

Michael Maniscalco



3/28/12

Deputy Sheriff - ID 7304

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