



Incident Report

COLLIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

4300 COMMUNITY AVE
MCKINNEY TX 75071
(972) 547-5100

21082547

Page 1 of 5

Incident Number: 21082547 **Agency ID:** CCSO **Date Time Reported:** 06/28/2021 15:35
Date Time Occurred: 06/28/2021 15:00 - 06/28/2021 15:34
Location of Offense: 14710 FM 2756 COLLIN COUNTY, TX 0

Offense:
Offense Code: (INF) INFORMATION REPORT

Statute: INF INFORMATION REPORT IBR Offense Code: (INF) INFORMATION UCR Offense Code: (INF) INFORMATION ONLY NCIC Offense Code: (INF) INFORMATION REPORT State Offense Code: (INF) INFORMATION REPORT Case Officer: REIM, JAY Status Date Time: 06/29/2021 07:35 Alcohol Involved: No	COMPLETED Status: (AC) Active Loc Type: (48) INDUSTRIAL SITE Drug Involved: No
--	---

Parties:

How Involved: (C) Complainant/Rep
Name: BALLINGER, RODGER
Address: [REDACTED]
DOB: [REDACTED] **Race:** W **Ethnic:** U **Sex:** M **Height:** [REDACTED] **Weight:** [REDACTED] **Hair:** **Eyes:**
Phone: [REDACTED]
Contact Methods:

How Involved: (C) Complainant/Rep
Name: GLOVER, MICHAEL ETHAN
Address: [REDACTED]
DOB: [REDACTED] **Race:** W **Ethnic:** U **Sex:** M **Height:** [REDACTED] **Weight:** [REDACTED] **Hair:** **Eyes:**
Phone: [REDACTED]
Contact Methods:

How Involved: (C) Complainant/Rep
Name: RUIZ , ADOLFO
Address: ADDRESS NOT AVAILABLE
DOB: [REDACTED] **Race:** W **Ethnic:** U **Sex:** M **Height:** **Weight:** **Hair:** **Eyes:**
Phone: [REDACTED]
Contact Methods:

How Involved: (V) Victim **Victim Type:** (I) INDIVIDUAL
Name: KNIGHT, ETHAN SHAWN
Address: [REDACTED]
DOB: [REDACTED] **Race:** W **Ethnic:** N **Sex:** M **Height:** [REDACTED] **Weight:** [REDACTED] **Hair:** **Eyes:**
Phone: [REDACTED]
Contact Methods:

How Involved: (V) Victim **Victim Type:** (I) INDIVIDUAL
Name: TARVER, DERIC A
Address: [REDACTED]
DOB: [REDACTED] **Race:** W **Ethnic:** N **Sex:** M **Height:** [REDACTED] **Weight:** [REDACTED] **Hair:** **Eyes:**
Phone: [REDACTED]
Contact Methods:

How Involved: (W) Witness
Name: KAISER, DEPUTY MATHEW
Address: 4300 COMMUNITY AVE , MCKINNEY, TX 75071
DOB: [REDACTED] **Race:** W **Ethnic:** U **Sex:** M **Height:** **Weight:** **Hair:** **Eyes:**
Phone: [REDACTED]
Contact Methods:

How Involved: (W) Witness

Name: RODRIGUEZ, MARCO ANTONIO

Address: [REDACTED]

DOB: [REDACTED] Race: W Ethnic: H Sex: M Height: [REDACTED] Weight: 195 Hair: Eyes:

Phone: [REDACTED]

Contact Methods:

How Involved: (W) Witness

Name: THOMAS, CHRISTOPHER JAMES

Address: [REDACTED]

DOB: [REDACTED] Race: W Ethnic: N Sex: M Height: [REDACTED] Weight: [REDACTED] Hair: Eyes:

Phone: [REDACTED]

Contact Methods:

Property:

Loss Type: (E) EVIDENCE

Property Type: PHOTO

Brand: Digital

Serial NO / OAN: /

Color:

Date Time Reported: 06/29/2021 10:02

Model: Photographs

Value: 0.00

Quantity: 1

NIC#:

Remarks: Digital Photographs of scene and victims

Property Type: PHOTO

Brand: Digital

Serial NO / OAN: /

Color:

Date Time Reported: 06/29/2021 10:31

Model: Photographs

Value: 0.00

Quantity: 1

NIC#:

Remarks: Drone photographs of scene - from Joe Wetzel, Wylie FD

Property Type: PHOTO

Brand: Digital

Serial NO / OAN: /

Color:

Date Time Reported: 07/02/2021 07:22

Model: Photographs

Value: 0.00

Quantity: 1

NIC#:

Remarks: [REDACTED]

Property Type: PHOTO

Brand: Digital

Serial NO / OAN: /

Color:

Date Time Reported: 07/02/2021 07:25

Model: Photographs

Value: 0.00

Quantity: 1

NIC#:

Remarks: [REDACTED]

Property Type: TAPE
Brand: USB
Serial NO / OAN: /
Color:

Date Time Reported: 07/02/2021 13:37
Model: Patrol Video
Value: 0.00
Quantity: 1
NIC#:

Remarks: Deputy Kaiser's video of incident - specifically requested by NTSB on USB

Property Tag: 63763 07/02/2021 13:45



GWYN, CHRISTINA 231 IN PROPERTY ROOM GONE

Property Tag: 63763 07/02/2021 13:55



GWYN, CHRISTINA 231 TO Rachel G.

Property Tag: 63763 07/02/2021 13:55



GWYN, CHRISTINA 231 RELEASED TO OTHER AGENCY

Property Type: TAPE
Brand: Digital
Serial NO / OAN: /
Color:

Date Time Reported: 07/02/2021 13:54
Model: Patrol Video
Value: 0.00
Quantity: 1
NIC#:

Remarks: Deputy Kaisers video only - requested by NTSB

Vehicles : No Vehicles Entered For Incident

Drugs: No Drugs Items Entered For Incident

Narratives:

REMARKS

Date: 06/28/2021 19:27 Officer: KAISER, MATHEW the text

Information report involving fatalities after gas explosion at work site.

INITIAL NARRATIVE

Date: 06/28/2021 19:28 Officer: KAISER, MATHEW the text

On 06/28/2021, at approximately 1535 hours, I Deputy Matthew Kaiser was dispatched to 14710 FM 2756, Farmersville, Texas in reference to an Explosion. The following call notes were provided: Atmos workers working on pipeline and an explosion occurred. Two workers injured. Unknown if one subject is breathing. Four total patients on scene. Explosion had a flash of gas. Gas exploded and nothing on fire.

I arrived on scene and observed two males laying on the ground unconscious in front of me with a gas pipe to my left. I then noticed a third male lying against the fence on his stomach conscious and breathing with several visible burns to his face. Collin County Fire Marshal Dale Maberry was on scene along with AMR M192 and M193 to assess the scene and provide first-aid to the injured workers. I was advised by Fire Marshall that AMR was transporting two patients immediately from the scene to Medical Center McKinney located at 4500 Medical Center Dr. McKinney, Texas. A Farmersville paramedic checked for a pulse in both males that were lying on the ground in front of me. Farmersville FD confirmed signal twenty-seven on both male individuals lying on the ground. I could see blood and burn marks on the face and chest region on both males on the ground.

I then made contact with three co-workers that were on scene that had witnessed the explosion. I spoke with Marco Rodriguez, Rodger Ballinger, and Christopher Thomas. Rodger stated that he initially called 911 after the explosion. I obtained identifying information from the three witnesses on scene. Rodger and Christopher explained that the crew was working on a natural gas pipeline. Rodger stated that they were attempting to clear the gas out of the pipe and place a metal tool inside for work when an explosion came from the end of the pipe. Rodger and Christopher stated

that immediately after the explosion the men standing next to the end of the pipe were blown away from the pipe to the location where they were observed upon my arrival to the scene. Marco stated that he was operating the back loader and had turned around with the machine when he heard the explosion and noticed several co-workers on the ground. Marco was visibly shaken and distraught after witnessing the explosion.

I began a Crime Scene Contamination list and a Death Scene Checklist as well. The area was secured and CID was notified at approximately 1555 hours. Crime scene was notified at approximately 1602 hours. Crime scene tape was put up around the scene and a perimeter was set up for further investigation. Crime scene Criminalist Christina Gwyn arrived and began to take photographs of the deceased workers and of the scene. CID investigators arrived on scene and began to conduct their investigation of the explosion. A chaplain was called to the scene to speak with the three witnesses for support. Command staff arrived on scene to assess the incident. I was relieved from the scene by Deputies Travis Monk and Ryan Nance. All paperwork was completed and given to Deputy Monk upon leaving the scene.

Audio and video obtained on watch guard in unit [REDACTED].

Deputy Matthew Kaiser [REDACTED]

End of Report

SUPPLEMENTAL

Date: 07/12/2021 10:23

Officer: GWYN, CHRISTINA

the text

Crime Scene Search Report

COLLIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

On Monday, June 28, 2021, at approximately 16:00, I, Criminalist C. Gwyn [REDACTED], CCSO/CID, was contacted by CCSO Dispatch requesting crime scene assistance with an explosion at 14710 FM 2756, Collin County, TX, ([REDACTED]). They informed me that there had been a gas explosion at an Atmos location and that there were two deceased individuals on scene and two more victims had been taken to the hospital. I was initially informed that this would be the Fire Marshall's scene and that I would be assisting them. I checked in route at 16:11.

I arrived on scene at 16:38 and met with Investigator B. Polk [REDACTED], CCSO/CID, Sergeant J. Reim [REDACTED], CCSO/CID, Investigator J. Duncan [REDACTED], CCSO/CID, Investigator M. Polk [REDACTED], CCSO/CID, and Captain C. Fontana [REDACTED], CCSO/CID. Assistant Chief M. Selman and Assistant Chief N. Bristow were also on scene. I gathered my camera and clipboard, headed through the wooden fence into the area containing the gas pipes, and started taking preliminary photographs. The Fire Marshall, Joe Wetzel, was on scene and had marked areas with numbered placards. The two deceased victims were covered with white sheets as there were numerous helicopters flying overhead. I finished my photographs without uncovering the victims. It was at this time that there was some discussion over who would be in charge of the scene, and Sheriff J. Skinner informed us he would be calling in the local FBI to assist with the scene. We then vacated the immediate scene area to wait for the FBI to arrive.

A storm had been rolling in and at approximately 18:30 Sergeant J. Reim requested that we go ahead a photograph the victims before the storm happened. The impending storm had driven off the helicopters so I was able to remove the sheets and photograph the two deceased victims. We then covered the victims back up with tarps as best we could and waited out the rainstorm in our vehicles. When it finally quit raining I returned to the scene and began taking measurements of the victims and the equipment. I was then informed by Sheriff J. Skinner that they wanted to do a 3D scan of the scene. Deputy R. Nance [REDACTED], CCSO/Patrol, transported me back to the Collin County Sheriff's Office to get the FARO scanner, as my vehicle had overheated.

When I returned to the scene with Deputy R. Nance, the FBI Agents as well ME Field Agent Kelly Bogard and ME transport had arrived. I began to take out the FARO scanner and set it up however the mirrors on the system immediately fogged up due to the humidity. I asked the FBI agents for their opinion on if the scanner would still work, and they indicated that it probably would not. I did a test scan just to see, but the scan was covered in a fog of condensation from the humidity and the rain. Due to the weather conditions, a scan was not possible. Field Agent Kelly Bogard and I then photographed the victims more closely and she turned them and removed the items from their pockets.

ME Transport placed the victims in body bags for transport back to the ME's office for autopsy and Field Agent Kelly Bogard took possession of the items in the victim's pockets. I cleared the scene and call at 21:05.

Case Assignments:

Case Assignments:

INFORMATION REPORT

Officer Assigned	Assigned	Relieved	Remarks
REIM, JAY	06/29/2021		

Case Events:

INFORMATION REPORT

EventDate	Officer	Event	Action
06/29/2021 07:35	REIM, JAY	CASE STATUS	Active

Case Narratives:

INFORMATION REPORT

INVESTIGATIVE FOLLOWUP

Date: 07/02/2021 10:27 Officer: REIM, JAY

06/28/21 - Reim received a notification of the incident and was requested to respond at 1600 hours. Reim responded to the scene and was briefed by on scene personnel about the incident. Reim was advised two people were pronounced deceased on scene and two other people were transported to a hospital. There was another subject on scene that was involved in the incident, but was not injured. Reim talked to Fire Marhsal Maberry and he stated he placed yellow markers on the pertinent places within the scene. The scene consisted of numerous gas pipes above the ground in a fenced in area. There were several work trucks in the scene as well as a Bobcat piece of machinery. Reim learned that representatives from three different companies were on scene when the incident occurred - Fesco, Bobcat and Atmos Energy.

Reim instructed Inv. M. Polk, Inv. B. Polk and Inv. Duncan, who were on scene, to locate next of kin so they could be notified. Media helicopters were flying over the scene and Reim wanted to attempt to have the families notified prior to them seeing it on the news.

Reim talked further with Maberry and he explained the scene was deemed safe by a representative from Atmos Energy. Maberry walked Reim through the scene and explained what he observed when he arrived. Maberry completed a supplement report, which is attached to this case. Reim taped off the fenced in area as a crime scene. Criminalist Gwyn arrived on scene and she was briefed about the incident and started to work the crime scene. During the examination of the crime scene, a rain storm started to blow over the area. Tarps were obtained and placed over the deceased bodies and investigators obtained monkey wrenches from trucks outside the crime scene and used them to weigh down the tarps. After the storm finished, the investigation continued.

Reim learned the group on scene was conducting routine maintenance on the gas pipe, which is referred to a "pigging". Reim made contact with Brian Cox from the Texas Railroad Commission. Cox was able to explain to Reim how the maintenance operation was supposed to work. Cox advised they close the valve on the far side of the pipe they are working on and a "flare" is attached to the pipe to burn off the gas between the shut off valve and the end of the pipe. Then tests are run to ensure all the gas is evacuated from the pipe. Next, the pipe is opened and the "pigging" operation begins which is putting the "pig" into the pipe and pushing it into the pipe with a metal pole. From information Reim was given on scene, it appears the "pig" propelled out of the pipe along with the metal pole and a burst of gas expelled from the pipe and caught fire and burned for a very short period of time. Cox observed the "pig" was flipped 180 degrees from the way it is normally inserted into the pipe.

Reim was notified the FBI would be enroute to inspect the scene as well. The FBI arrived on scene and stated it did not appear to be a terrorist act and cleared the scene. During the inspection by the FBI, Cox advised he was smelling gas at the location. The scene was evacuated and Atmos called a technician to take gas readings in the scene. The readings taken revealed it was safe to remain at the location.

During the on scene investigation, Inv. Jumper was sent to the hospital to photograph the subjects transported by ambulance. Photographs were taken and the subjects were identified as: Michael Ethan Glover Jr [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and Adolfo Ruiz [REDACTED]

Jumper told Reim Ruiz would be transferred to the Plano Burn Unit due to his injuries.

Reim learned the two deceased males on scene, Deric Tarver and Ethan Knight's, families were notified of their deaths.

Field Agent Bogard from the Collin County Medical Examiner's office arrived on scene and conducted her investigation.

Once the investigation was completed, the bodies were removed from the scene and the scene was turned over to security on scene hired by Atmos Energy.

Reporting Officers: KAISER, MATHEW / LANGAN, MATT

Remarks: