CLARE COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT



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MEDICAL ATTENTION:

The Clare County Sheriff's Department and Harrison Fire Department assisted in carrying Chard Phelps from the crash to the cot near the ambulance. Amanda was carried out to the ambulance as well.

Amanda was inside the ambulance as I made contact with Chad Phelps.

CONTACT WITH OPERATOR:

As I met with Chad, he was seated on the MMR cot. Chad had just been observed and finishing the medical refusal form.

At this time I had asked Chad if he was doing alright. Chad responded that he was but he had thought he messed something up for sure in his right leg and foot. Chad was asked if he was going to go to the hospital by personal vehicle if he decided to. Chad stated that he was going to go to the hospital, just not by ambulance. I had asked Chad where he planned on going to which he responded that he was not sure yet.

I asked Chad if he was driving or if Amanda was. Chad respond that she was not driving. Chad then stated, "oh oh, that?" I told Chad that I assumed he was driving. Chad stated that he was driving. I had asked Chad for a run down of what happened since it was going to be my case.

Chad provided a statement at this time. Chad stated, "Uhm, I just couldn't get no lift out of it." I asked Chad where he took off from. Chad stated that he took off at his house. I asked Chad over off of Neimi. Chad stated, yeah. I asked Chad if he took off directly south east. Chad stated, no that he had been flying around for 3 hours. I asked Chad if that thing was going to last three hours with that small of a gas tank on there. Chad stated that it would. Chad stated that they go four hours on that amount of gas. Chad was asked after driving around for 3 hours, what happened. Chad just stated that he did not know because he couldn't get any lift out of it. Chad stated that he was just flying low, "checking stuff out." I asked Chad he he considered "low". Chad stated "double the length of the trees." Chad agreed with me when I estimated roughly 200 feet. Chad stated that he went to pick up and noticed that it just wasn't picking up and that it was continuously going lower and lower. Chad stated that he kept giving it more and more throttle, but it would not lift.

Chad stated that he had checked both ignitions, but he was not sure what went on.

I asked Chad how long he has owned the machine or who it belonged to. Chad stated that he has owned it quite awhile. I asked Chad if it was in his name. Chad stated that he owns quite a few of them. Chad stated that they don't go in anyone's name. Chad stated that they are not a registered unit. Chad stated that they are considered "experimental".

Chad stated that they start out as a para-plane, but he stuck a parachute on it.

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