



MARYLAND STATE POLICE

Incident Report
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Table with 4 columns: ORI, County, Venue, Report # and 3 columns: Report Date / Time, Occurrence Date / Time, File Class

Nature of Incident: Other (Specify)
Summary: Airplane/Helicopter Crash
Supplements: Approved Report (1)

Incident Location

Address: 310 Aviation Way
City: Frederick
County:
State: Maryland
ZIP:
Country: United States of America
Township of Occurrence:

Latitude: 39.415888646 Longitude: -77.3796837097

Sub-Beat: 510

Officers Involved

Table with 4 columns: Role, Name, Agency, Supp #

Incident People

Victim Supp # 0
Name: GRAEVES, SCOTT VINCENT (Primary Name) Title: Date of Birth:
Race: White Sex: M Age at Occurrence:
DL #:
Address:
Phone:
Physical Description: Hgt: Wgt: Date of Info:



Victim Supp # 0
Name: JENKINS, WILLIAM NMN (Primary Name) Title: Date of Birth:
Race: White Sex: M Age at Occurrence:
DL #:
Address: (Date of Info: 10/29/2014)

Physical Description: Hgt: [REDACTED]

Wgt: [REDACTED]

Date of Info: 10/29/2014

Hair: [REDACTED]

Eyes: [REDACTED]

Victim

Supp # 0

Name: MACFAWN, BREANDAN JAMES
(Primary Name)

Title:

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Race: White

Sex: M

Age at Occurrence: [REDACTED]

DL #: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Physical Description: Hgt: [REDACTED]

Wgt: [REDACTED]

Date of Info: 10/29/2014

Victim

Supp # 0

Name: PARSONS, CHRISTOPHER DAVID
(Primary Name)

Title:

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Race: White

Sex: M

Age at Occurrence: [REDACTED]

DL #: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Physical Description: Hgt: [REDACTED]

Wgt: [REDACTED]

Date of Info: 10/29/2014

Hair: Brown

Victim

Supp # 0

Name: PORTER, GILBERT LEE (Primary Name)

Title:

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Race: White

Sex: M

Age at Occurrence: [REDACTED]

DL #: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Physical Description: Hgt: [REDACTED]

Wgt: [REDACTED]

Date of Info: [REDACTED]

Interviewed, Witness

Supp # 0

Name: FRANCIS, JONATHON WAYNE (Primary Name)

Title:

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Race: White

Sex: M

Age at Occurrence: [REDACTED]

DL #: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: 3 [REDACTED]

Physical Description: Hgt: [REDACTED]

Wgt: [REDACTED]

Date of Info: 10/29/2014

Interviewed, Witness

Supp # 0

Name: NELSON, JASON ALEXANDER (Primary Name)

Title:

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Race: White

Sex: M

Age at Occurrence: [REDACTED]

DL #: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Physical Description: Hgt: [REDACTED]

Wgt: [REDACTED]

Date of Info: [REDACTED]

Incident Narratives

Title: Original Narrative**Author:** James Bowers**Date / Time:** 10/29/2014 12:05 Hrs**Supp #:** 0

On 10/23/2014 at approximately 1539 hrs the Maryland State Police Frederick Barrack responded to a mid-air crash of an airplane and helicopter. Further investigation by Barrack Troopers and the Frederick County Sheriff's Dept personnel revealed an airplane had collided with a helicopter in mid air in the area of the 500 block of Monocacy Blvd Frederick, MD. Upon units responding to the scene a small white airplane was observed in a thin row of trees in a field off of Monocacy Blvd. Frederick County Deputies assisted two (2) citizens on the scene helping the pilot and his passenger exit the plane. The pilot and the passenger sustained minor injuries in the crash and were transported to Meritus Medical Center in Hagerstown, MD. The citizens on scene advised the Deputies that there was a helicopter that also crashed near Monroe Rd. Troopers and Deputies responded to 120 Monroe Rd Frederick, MD where they discovered a helicopter that was crashed in between two (2) storage units. Upon further investigation it was revealed there were three (3) deceased subjects inside the helicopter.

At 1650 hrs I responded to the scene of the helicopter crash located at 120 Monroe Rd Frederick, MD in the storage units. Upon my arrival I made contact with Lt. Wachsmuth on scene who advised me of information obtained through preliminary investigation at this point. Wachsmuth stated they have located a small helicopter in between two (2) storage units that had three (3) deceased males inside. Wachsmuth stated according to the Frederick Municipal Airport there was only suppose to be two (2) persons occupying the small helicopter. Wachsmuth said the two (2) inside the small airplane were both transported to Meritus Medical Center with minor injuries. I made contact with Cpl Witanowski who was also on scene and he advised there were two (2) witnesses who observed the whole collision and crash take place. Both witnesses were interviewed on scene.

INTERVIEW WITH WITNESS (Jason Nelson):

Nelson stated he was outback of his shop located at 1317 Bucheimer Road Frederick, MD working on his Tow Truck. Nelson stated he took a break and was looking out towards the Fairgrounds when he noticed a green helicopter and a small white airplane heading towards each other. Nelson stated he didn't think much of it at first because they are always flying over his shop, however they kept on the same path and collided with each other. Nelson stated the white plane started to nose dive towards the ground and a parachute came out of the rear of the plane and it crashed in the tree line. Nelson stated the helicopter free floated and spun to the ground. Nelson and his co-worker, Jonathon Francis jumped into Nelson's Tow Truck and drove to Monocacy Blvd. Nelson and Francis ran across the field toward the airplane. Nelson advised several other people started to run towards the airplane as well. Nelson stated that once they reached the airplane the pilot and front seat passenger were still inside the airplane. The pilot was assisted out of the plane by citizens who had came to help. Nelson and several others walked to the passenger side of the airplane where they assisted the elderly passenger out. Nelson stated once the two (2) people were out of the plane, him and Francis ran over towards the helicopter looking for it. Nelson could not provide any further information.

INTERVIEW WITH WITNESS (Jonathon Francis):

Francis stated he was working on his Tow Truck at Precision Auto Body when he heard a loud bang. Francis said he looked up and saw an airplane falling from the sky with a parachute opening as the airplane was falling. Francis said he then observed a helicopter was also falling from the sky and heard the loud crash as it hit the ground. Francis stated the airplane glided into a row of trees as he jumped into his truck. Francis stated him and Nelson chased the parachute down and then ran through a bean field and into the tree line where the airplane had crashed. Francis said people at the scene were yelling about fuel was leaking and most of the people started to run from the scene. Francis stated that Nelson pulled one of the men out of the airplane and handed him down to Francis and other helpers. The man was then safely removed from the crash site. Francis said he then ran toward the helicopter when he came across a Police Officer and saw an Ambulance at which time he notified that the man in the airplane was fine and to look for the helicopter.

Francis stated he just stood back and waited for the police to arrive.

INTERVIEW WITH PILOT FROM AIRPLANE (Scott Graeves):

On 10-23-2014 at approximately 1900 hours Cpl. Jim Updegraff contacted Mr. Scott Vincent Graeves at Meritus Medical Center Emergency Room (Trauma Room #4). While speaking with Mr. Graeves he advised he was piloting the aircraft when the mid-air collision occurred. He said at approximately 1300 hours on this date he and his passenger departed Chattanooga, Tennessee (Cleveland Jet Port) call sign KRZR. He advised he piloted the aircraft towards Martinsburg, West Virginia, which was his turn point. He stated he made radio contact with "Potomac Approach" which apparently assumes air traffic control for this area and informed them he had Frederick in sight. He was instructed to switch over to the tower at Frederick and communicate with them. He explained that he was approximately 10 miles from the airport at an altitude of approximately 3,000 feet. He made contact with Frederick and was instructed to maintain altitude and contact them again when he was three miles from the airport, he said he was headed towards runway "three zero". When he was three miles from the airport he contacted the Frederick tower as instructed. At this time he was informed by the tower that there were three helicopter's in the area, he instructed the tower he could see two (one was at the 12 o'clock position in front of him and the second was at a distance to his 9 o'clock position). He explained as soon as he informed the tower of that he observed, to his immediate left (9 o'clock position) the third helicopter was very close to his aircraft. Mr. Graeves said he immediately pulled the stick to attempt to gain altitude and avoid a collision, he felt the impact on the left side, possibly the wing or wheel area. He stated the aircraft began to nose dive, the aircraft is equipped with a parachute, which he pulled and the chute deployed. He believes the collision occurred at an altitude of approximately 1100 feet to 1200 feet. Mr. Graeves said he and his passenger drifted to the ground and struck a tree. He said his "traffic alert" never indicated another aircraft in the area (traffic alert: notifies pilot of other aircraft nearby and feeds off of the other aircrafts "transponder"). He advised he has been a pilot for nine years and has not had any issues. The aircraft is a 2006 Cirrus, SR-22, single prop, four passenger plane with a tail number of N122ES. Mr. Graeves was transported to the hospital for minor injuries and was treated and released.

INTERVIEW WITH PASSENGER FROM AIRPLANE (Gilbert Porter):

On 10-23-2014 at approximately 1925 hours Cpl. Jim Updegraff spoke with Mr. Gilbert Porter at Meritus Medical Center Emergency Room (Trauma Room #3). He advised he could not provide much information as he was the passenger. He said they departed Tennessee between 1230-1300 hours on this date and were traveling to Frederick, Maryland. He also said he noticed two helicopters on approach to the airport and never observed the third. He said the pilot had quick instincts to pull the parachute. Mr. Porter advised he was a pilot but has not piloted a plane for approximately 12-13 years since suffering a stroke. Mr. Porter advised there were several heroes on the ground, he said two men helped him out of the aircraft, he believes one was a mailman and the second may have been named "Earl". They were able to quickly get them out of the aircraft because it was leaking fuel. Mr. Porter received a minor abrasion on his nose and minor soreness; he was treated and released from the hospital.

It is requested this case be closed unless new evidence is revealed which would warrant further investigation. Trooper First Class James Bowers will meet with the NTSB and the FAA on 10/24/14 at 0800 hrs to relay information from this investigation to assist them with their on going investigation into this matter. The bodies from the helicopter scene were pronounced deceased by Lt. Richard Baer with the Frederick County Rescue Service at 1548 hrs. The bodies were transported from the scene by Stauffer Funeral Services to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner. All notifications have been made to the next of kin. Both Aircraft were removed on 10/24/14 by Anglin Aircraft Recovery Services out of Delaware.
CASE CLOSED

Signed: TFC J. Bowers (#4890)	Reviewed By: Detective Sergeant B. Smith (#2918)
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