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DATE: 05/04/2006

TO FAX #: 

TO: Inv Nicholas Gregoriades

FROM: Det. Todd Guthy

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REMARKS : Please call me if you have any questions.

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Facts:

CIS Detectives Delaney and Knecht were assigned to a security detail for Commandant Tom Collins of the U.S.C.G. While awaiting his arrival at the airport, they were notified of a private helicopter crashing at Kings Park High School. Kings Park H.S. was to be the destination of the Commandant. Det Delaney stated that he was also attempting to notify D/Lt Hickey. Det Delaney also notified the Duty Officer of the situation.

Action Taken:

Det. Guthy received the above call and began to monitor the situation. Unit 441 (Lt Fox) was notified by the Fourth Pct dispatcher and was handling the incident under CC#06-231470. D/Lt Hickey advised that he was also at the scene.

Det. Frank Gould, SCPD/JTTF telephoned regarding the incident and was briefed.

Sgt. King, SCPD Chief of Patrol's office telephoned and was briefed on the incident.

Det Guthy contacted the DO and he received the following information:

The tail number is: 38DM. There were two people on board and one was injured. The injured party was transported to Stony Brook University Hospital. The uninjured party accompanied the ambulance.

At approximately 1200hrs, Det Guthy responded to Stony Brook Hospital to interview the passengers of the helicopter.

Luis Felipe Perez-Davila (██████████63, ██████████, Greenwich, CT, ██████████) was interviewed first. Mr Perez-Davila was identified by a Connecticut Driver's License ██████████. He stated the following:

He is a student with only about 2 hours of training. He was flying with his instructor Mitch Steinberg from Wings Air. They left Westchester County Airport and landed at MacArthur Airport this morning. After practicing a few maneuvers at MacArthur, they received clearance to depart for Westchester. At this time, the instructor was flying. After a few minutes they heard a noise from the engine. They checked the instrument panel and saw that there was no oil pressure. The pilot immediately checked the ground for an area to land and they saw a clear field at the school. A mayday was attempted but he is unsure if it was received. He believes that the helicopter may have hit a fence before coming to rest. He was not injured in the crash.

Mitchell Steinberg ([REDACTED] 57, [REDACTED], Yorktown Heights, NY 10598, ([REDACTED]) a retired Yonkers Police Officer - His ID was verified through a NYS background check (E-Justice)) was receiving several stitches to his right cheek in the Emergency Room when interviewed. He stated the following:

He was instructing Mr. Perez-Davila for the first time today and the flight seemed to be going fine. They had left Westchester this morning and landed in Islip where Mr. Perez-Davila made some flight school contacts there. They had taken off again for Westchester when noticed the engine oil temperature was a little high. He then heard a strange noise from the engine and saw that there was now no oil pressure. He looked for a safe place to land and noticed that the school field was clear of people. He attempted to get out a distress call before the helicopter's tail struck a fence and they crashed. He and his student immediately got out of the helicopter and were met by Suffolk County Police Officers. He was treated and released from Stony Brook Hospital.

The subjects were told to stand by for FAA investigators.

FAA Aviation Safety Inspector Nicholas Gregoriades responded to Stony Brook Hospital and interviewed the subjects.

Det Guthy would fax a copy of his report to Inspector Gregoriades.

Additional background checks revealed no criminal history on either subject.

NTSB investigator Bryan Raynor [REDACTED] telephoned from Virginia to also request a copy of Det Guthy's report.

Conclusion:

This case has no apparent nexus to terrorism or to the Coast Guard visit. It appears to be nothing more than an accident. Case Closed.

POLICE DEPARTMENT COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, NEW YORK

INTERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Inspector James Rhoads, C.O 4th Precinct.

DATE: May 4, 2006

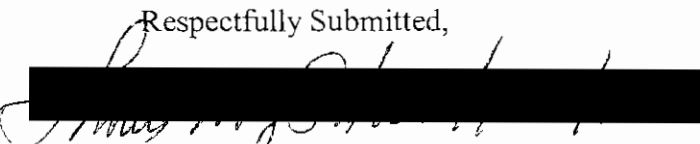
FROM: Thomas Mongan Sgt. [REDACTED]

COPY TO: As Required

SUBJECT: **Helicopter Crash, Kings Park High School (CC#06-231470)**

On Thursday, May 04, 2006, the undersigned was assigned, along with members of COPE T-2 to secure the athletic field of Kings Park High School on Route 25A in Kings Park. The field was being secured for the arrival of a Coast Guard Admiral. The Admiral was arriving by helicopter at 1100 AM. I was talking to a Kings Park security guard about the arrival, when he said "here comes a helicopter", "but I don't think its ours". I then turned around to see a blue helicopter strike the perimeter fence and crash into the field. COPE Units immediately rushed to the scene and assisted the injured pilot from the wreckage. Gas was pouring from one of the tanks and COPE officers swiftly moved the injured to a safe area for treatment. I made various notifications and ordered the west side of the school to be evacuated in case of explosion.

Respectfully Submitted,


[REDACTED]
Thomas Mongan Sgt. [REDACTED]

POLICE DEPARTMENT COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, NEW YORK
INTERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Inspector James Rhoads, C.O. 4th Pct

DATE: 05-04-06

FROM: Theodore La Monica [REDACTED]

COPY TO: As Needed

SUBJECT: Helicopter Crash, Kings Park High School (CC # 06-231470)

On Thursday, May 04, 2006 at 1030 hours, I was assigned to secure the athletic field of the Kings Park High School on Route 25A in Kings Park for the arrival of a Coast Guard Admiral. While we were waiting, at approximately 1040 hours, I observed a small blue helicopter flying towards the school field from the east. The helicopter appeared to be losing altitude and was coming very close to the building. Shortly after, the helicopter attempted to land in the field near the front of the school, but during the landing, I observed the tail of the helicopter strike the perimeter fence. It then turned over onto its side. Officer Edwin Ward and I approached the helicopter and with the assistance of an off duty New York City Fireman, helped the occupants from the aircraft. When we approached the helicopter, there was fuel coming out of the fuel tank. The passenger appeared to be uninjured. I evaluated the injuries of the pilot who I identified as Stienberg, Mitchell [REDACTED] 57 of [REDACTED] Yorktown Heights, NY 10598. His injuries appeared to be minor. We immobilized him onto a backboard and moved him to a safe area as quickly as possible, away from the helicopter. I assisted Kings Park Fire Department when they arrived to move him into the ambulance and then they transported him to Stony Brook Hospital. I then assisted other COPE officers to secure the scene.

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]
Theodore La Monica [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

POLICE DEPARTMENT COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, NEW YORK
INTERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Inspector James Rhoads, C.O. 4th Pct

DATE: 05-04-06

FROM: Edwin Ward [REDACTED]

COPY TO: As Needed

SUBJECT: Helicopter Crash, Kings Park High School (CC # 06-231470)

On Thursday, May 04, 2006 at 1030 hours, I was assigned to secure the athletic field of the Kings Park High School on Route 25A in Kings Park for the arrival of a Coast Guard Admiral. At approximately 1040 hours, I was parked on the West side of the lacrosse field with Officer Theodore LaMonica. Although it was earlier than the Coast Guard helicopter was to be expected, Officer LaMonica stated that he saw a helicopter coming in, so we started to move into our positions. As I turned my car around, I observed that a small blue helicopter had just crashed in the lacrosse field. I rushed to the crash site and I assisted PO LaMonica as he treated the pilot, identified as Stienberg, Mitchell [REDACTED] 57 of [REDACTED] Yorktown Heights, NY 10598. We immobilized him onto a backboard and moved him to a safe area as quickly as possible, away from the helicopter. I then assisted other COPE officers to secure the scene.

Respectfully,

[REDACTED SIGNATURE]
Edwin Ward PO [REDACTED]

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