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PRIMARY/FOLLOW-UP

WHATCOM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

PRIMARY INVESTIGATION
 FOLLOW-UP NARRATIVE

DATE
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INCIDENT/DESCRIPTION

EVENT NUMBER

AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT - FATALITY

94A 7593

18. CODE S-SUSPECT, C-CONTACT, W-WITNESS, I-INFORMANT, P-PARENT, V-VICTIM (Circle code if additional pages are needed)

CODE	NO	LAST NAME	FIRST	MI	SEX	RACE	AGE
		KARATEEW	WAIVER	J.	M	W	80 ^S
RESIDENCE ADDRESS		CITY		STATE	ZIP		
313 - 343 E. 8 TH AVE		VANCOUVER		BC	RES. PHONE (AREA CODE) 604 879-5623		
BUSINESS ADDRESS		CITY		STATE	ZIP		
					BUS. PHONE (AREA CODE)		
HAIR	EYES	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	D.O.B.	AKA/NICKNAME		
				10-14-15			
OBSERVABLE PHYSICAL ODDITIES / DESCRIPTION				CLOTHING			
				DRIV. LIC & STATE			
				SCHOOL ATTENDED			

CODE	NO	LAST NAME	FIRST	MI	SEX	RACE	AGE
C		Bodley	Hedley		M		
RESIDENCE ADDRESS		CITY		STATE	ZIP		
1320 Gordon St.		W. Vancouver		BC	V7T 1R4		
BUSINESS ADDRESS		CITY		STATE	ZIP		
					RES. PHONE (AREA CODE) 604 922-9602		
					BUS. PHONE (AREA CODE)		
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W		TENNANT	EDITH	J.	F	W	37
RESIDENCE ADDRESS		CITY		STATE	ZIP		
1061 Ridgeway Dr.		Lynden		WA.	98246		
BUSINESS ADDRESS		CITY		STATE	ZIP		
					RES. PHONE (AREA CODE) 354-0572		
					BUS. PHONE (AREA CODE)		
HAIR	EYES	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	D.O.B.	AKA/NICKNAME		
				01-20-58			
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CODE	NO	LAST NAME	FIRST	MI	SEX	RACE	AGE
W		STAP	LAERY	J.	M	W	39
RESIDENCE ADDRESS		CITY		STATE	ZIP		
9410 Assink Rd.		Lynden		WA.	98246		
BUSINESS ADDRESS		CITY		STATE	ZIP		
					RES. PHONE (AREA CODE) 354-4105		
					BUS. PHONE (AREA CODE)		
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NARRATIVE: #1 I responded to the 9100 Bldg. of Bender Rd. on a report of a small airplane that had crashed in a field at that location.

District 3 Fire Personnel, Lynden Police, Deputy Ratajezak and Deputy Bremer had responded. Deputy Bremer advised that the accident involved a small plane that appeared to be an ultralight type structure. She advised that there was one confirmed fatality and only one person was aboard.

I instructed Lynden PD and the deputies to close off the immediate area only to fire and law enforcement personnel. The area around the scene was taped off and secured.

I had dispatch advised Sgt. Peterson of the incident and he responded to process the scene. Both Sgt. Peterson and I spoke with the FAA and they declined to respond.

I detailed Deputy Bremer to contact any available witnesses in the area and secure statements. Deputy Ratajezak was detailed to the Lynden Airport to contact employees, friends etc. and gather information at that end.

I spoke with Tennant, Edith via phone and she stated she was a witness to the crash. She stated that she was on Vincup Rd. at 60 Baden when she saw the aircraft. She stated that it wasn't very high and the nose was slightly down. She was not sure of the elevation.

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TENNANT STATED THAT SEVERAL SECONDS LATER SHE OBSERVED THE NOSE DROP ALMOST STRAIGHT DOWN AND THE PLANE STARTED TO SPIN SEVERAL TIMES. SHE STATED THAT IT WENT BELOW TREE LINE AND SHE LOST SIGHT OF IT. SHE DROVE BY A SMOKE TRAIL AND OTHERS RESPONDING OUT TO THE CRASH SITE.

I SPOKE WITH BODLEY, HEDLEY THAT STATED HE WAS A FRIEND OF KARATEEN'S AND NEEDED TO KNOW IF HE HAD RECENTLY DIED IN THE CRASH SO THAT HE COULD NOTIFY KARATEEN'S SISTER THAT WAS PREPARING TO FLY TO CANADA. HE WAS ADVISED.

I HAD DISPATCH SEND A TELETYPE TO VANCOUVER RCMP AND HAVE THEM RESPONDED TO KARATEEN'S FATHERS RESIDENCE AND NOTIFY HIM OF THE DEATH. I ALSO SPOKE WITH KARATEEN HAROLD VIA PHONE.

SEE THE NARRATIVES COMPLETED FROM SGT. PETERSON, DEPUTY BREMER AND DATAYCZAK.

AT 1940 HRS. I WAS CONTACTED BY AN ADDITIONAL WITNESS TO THE CRASH, STAP, LARRY. HE STATED HE OBSERVED THE SMALL AIRCRAFT'S NOSE DROP AND INSTANTLY DROP IN ELEVATION WHILE TURNING WEST. IT IMPACTED WITH THE GROUND

AN ESTIMATED 75-80° ANGLE. HE STATED THAT THE PLANE BURST INTO A HUGE FIREBALL SECONDS AFTER IMPACT. HE DID NOT SEE SMOKE OR FLAMES PRIOR TO THE IMPACT. A WRITTEN STATEMENT WAS OBTAINED.

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NARRATIVE: #1 AT 1400 HRS. I spoke with KANA TEW, Harold outside The Station. I advised him in more detail what had occurred. He was advised to contact the medical examiner on Monday. He had some concerns regarding property at the airport and he was directed to Lynden police.

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VOLUNTARY STATEMENT

CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS ADVISEMENT

DATE 5/6/94 PLACE 9100 BIK. Benden RD. TIME STARTED 1940 .M.
I, the undersigned LARRY J. STAP am _____ years of age, having been born
at _____ on 06-23-54

I now live at 9410 ASSINK RD. Lynden, WA. 98244 phone 354-4105 of the

I have been duly warned and advised by _____
WHATCOM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE that,

1. I have the right to remain silent.
2. Anything I say can be used against me in a court of law.
3. I have the right to consult with and have an attorney present before and during questioning.
4. If I desire an attorney, but cannot afford one, an attorney will be appointed for me at public expense.
5. I may exercise these rights at any time before or during questioning.
6. If I am under eighteen years of age, I understand that I am considered a juvenile, but I realize that this matter may be remanded to adult court where I will be treated as an adult in all respects.

Waiver: I understand each of the above rights. I understand that I may exercise these rights at any time before or during questioning. With these rights in mind, I will talk to you now.

WITNESS: _____ SIGNATURE: _____

Today at about 3:15 pm I was cutting grass on
 ASSINK RD. I looked up to the South and ^{L.S.} saw a
 small plane that was about 200' above the ground. I
 saw the plane start into a declining turn towards the west.
 The plane was going south towards Lynden. I saw it drop
 first and the nose pointed towards the ground. It impacted
 with the ground at about 75-80 degrees. I did not
 see any smoke or hear anything. I was about a mile
 away. I watched it smash into the ground and several
 seconds later it blew up into a huge fireball.

This statement was written by Deputy Stakel. It is true and correct.

I have read this statement consisting of _____ page(s), and I certify that the facts contained therein are true and correct. I further certify that I made no request for the advice or presence of a lawyer before or during any part of this statement, nor at any time before it was finished did I request that this statement be stopped. I also certify that I was not told or prompted what to say in this statement. _____ (Initial)

This statement was completed at 1948 .M. on the 6th day of MAY, 19 94

WITNESS: [Signature] SIGNATURE: [Signature]

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I Marty R. Martin (3404) was the Officer on Scene, As The Truck I was in (E-354) approached the Scene I could see about 4 to 6 people standing around in a Field about 1/4 mile from The Bender Rd.

As E-354 got Close I could see There was a small Fire in The wreckage. When E-354 got Close I could see That it was not a Fixed Wing but an Ultralight. I relayed all information To Prospect and ~~then~~ Exited E-354- And Asked Bystanders if there was a Pt. A Woman stated "There is someone still in it!" Being the fire was small I instructed Firefighter (D. TelVede) To get a Co₂ Extinguisher While I approached The Wreck. I could Tell There was someone face ~~down~~ down With A Helmet on, The body was Already Burnt Very Badly. The Fire was Put out and Pt. was determined DO

Marty R. Martin
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RESIDENCE ADDRESS 4296 VALLEY HWY					CITY DEMING	STATE WA	ZIP
BUSINESS ADDRESS					CITY	STATE	ZIP
HAIR	EYES	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	D.O.B. 09-02-30	AKA/NICKNAME		DRIV. LIC & STATE
OBSERVABLE PHYSICAL ODDITIES / DESCRIPTION FRIEND - COWORKER					CLOTHING		SCHOOL ATTENDED
CODE C	NO	LAST NAME NELSON	FIRST DOUG	MI H.	SEX M	RACE W	AGE
RESIDENCE ADDRESS Box 63					CITY PARKSVILLE	STATE B.C.	ZIP V9P 2G3
BUSINESS ADDRESS					CITY	STATE	ZIP
HAIR	EYES	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	D.O.B. REFUSED	AKA/NICKNAME		DRIV. LIC & STATE
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CODE C	NO	LAST NAME POWELL	FIRST KIM	MI S.	SEX M	RACE W	AGE 40
RESIDENCE ADDRESS 1117 ELLIS ST.					CITY BELLINGHAM	STATE WA	ZIP 98225
BUSINESS ADDRESS					CITY	STATE	ZIP
HAIR	EYES	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	D.O.B. 07-03-53	AKA/NICKNAME		DRIV. LIC & STATE
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CODE W	NO	LAST NAME BALL	FIRST JAMES	MI F.	SEX M	RACE W	AGE 15
RESIDENCE ADDRESS 9206 VLOOM RD.					CITY LYNDEN	STATE WA	ZIP 98264
BUSINESS ADDRESS					CITY	STATE	ZIP
HAIR	EYES	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	D.O.B. 09-12-78	AKA/NICKNAME		DRIV. LIC & STATE
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CODE C	NO	LAST NAME KARATEEW	FIRST WALTER	MI J.	SEX M	RACE W	AGE
RESIDENCE ADDRESS 313-343 E. 8TH AVE.					CITY VANCOUVER	STATE B.C.	ZIP V5T 1S1
BUSINESS ADDRESS					CITY	STATE	ZIP
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1. I RESPONDED TO A REPORT OF A PLANE CRASH IN THE 9100 BLOCK OF BENDER ROAD. UPON ARRIVAL I ASSISTED DEPUTY BREMER SECURE THE SCENE AND IDENTIFY POSSIBLE WITNESSES.

I CONTACTED HUMPHREY, WALTER A. (09-02-30) AT THE SCENE. HE SAID THAT HE THOUGHT THE PILOT OF THE ULTRA LIGHT WAS A COWORKER BY THE NAME OF KEV KARATEEW. HE ADDED THAT V-1 KARATEEW LIVED AND WORKED AT THE LYNDEN AIRPORT. HUMPHREY SAID HE WOULD GO BACK TO THE LYNDEN AIRPORT AND RESEARCH FAMILY INFORMATION ON V-1 KARATEEW.

I WAS CONTACTED BY BALL, JAMES F. (09-12-78) AT THE SCENE. BALL STATED THAT HE WAS WORKING OUTSIDE AT A FARM DIRECTLY EAST OF THE SCENE. HE SAID THE ULTRALIGHT APPEARED TO BE HAVING TROUBLE WITH STABILITY AND CONTROLS IN THE AIR THEN ROLLED OVER AND HEADED FOR THE GROUND. BALL DID NOT SEE THE CRASH BECAUSE THE ULTRALIGHT WENT DOWN BEHIND A ROW OF TREES SEPERATING THE FIELDS.

AFTER THE SCENE WAS SECURE I WENT TO THE LYNDEN AIRPORT TO RECONTACT HUMPHREY. AT THE LYNDEN AIRPORT I ALSO CONTACTED NELSON, DOUG H. WHO WAS ROOMMATES WITH V-1 KARATEEW.

NELSON ASSISTED IN GATHERING FAMILY MEMBERS AND V-1 KARATEEW'S PERSONAL INFORMATION. NELSON ADVISED THAT HE ALREADY CONTACTED V-1 KARATEEW'S EX-WIFE VAL LEFEBVRE (604-256-4297). VAL LEFEBVRE WOULD TELL THEIR TWO DAUGHTERS.

NELSON ALSO ADVISED THAT V-1 KARATEEW'S FATHER LIVES IN VANCOUVER, B.C., AND WAS APPROXIMATELY 85 YEARS OLD. HIS (V-1'S) SISTER WAS LEAVING FOR SWITZERLAND TODAY.

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NELSON STATED THAT V-1 KARATEEW HAD JUST BUILT THE ULTRALIGHT AND JUST COMPLETED IT IN THE LAST COUPLE DAYS. TODAY HE WAS SUPPOSED TO BE TESTING THE AIRCRAFTS WEIGHT, BALANCE, AND CONTROL SYSTEMS. THIS CONSISTED OF SPEED TESTS UP AND DOWN THE RUNWAY. NELSON SAID IT SHOULD NOT HAVE GONE INTO THE AIR. NELSON LEFT FOR A MINUTE CAME BACK AND V-1 KARATEEW AND THE ULTRALIGHT WERE GONE.

NELSON DESCRIBED THE ULTRALIGHT AS A HIGH FABRIC WING AIRCRAFT WITH A 65 HP PUSHER MOTOR MOUNTED ABOVE THE PILOT AND TO THE REAR. ALL THE SPECIFICATIONS WERE IN CANADA.

I THEN CONTACTED U.S. BORDER PATROL COMMUNICATIONS. WITH THEIR ASSISTANCE V-1 KARATEEW'S FATHER WALTER'S ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER WERE LOCATED. THE INFORMATION WAS PASSED ONTO ACTING SGT. STAKUN.

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