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PLANE CRASH

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is investigating a plane crash that occurred on Friday, March 15th at approximately 4:20 P.M. The crash occurred in the 5200 block of Northwest 9th Avenue in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

The preliminary investigation has revealed that a small twin turbine, Piper Cheyenne, Model PA-31T, propeller plane crashed into a paved lot used to store repossessed vehicles. The plane struck several unoccupied vehicles without colliding with any of the nearby buildings.

The Fort Lauderdale Fire Department Technical Rescue Team responded to the scene and extinguished the fire. Members from the Medical Examiner's Office responded to the scene to gather evidence to assist in expediting the identification of the victims.

Fort Lauderdale Police Department Detectives and Crime Scene Investigators are working alongside the Federal Aviation Administration and the National Transportation Safety Board to conduct this meticulous investigation.

Investigators have preliminarily identified the passengers on this aircraft as pilot, Steven Waller, W/M, 06/04/47, a resident of the City of Deerfield Beach, Wallace "Wally" Watson, W/M, 08/10/46, a resident of the City of Boca Raton and Kevin Watson, W/M, 02/22/83 a resident of the City of Pompano Beach.

The names of the three occupants will be confirmed by the Broward County Medical Examiner Office upon completion of their evaluation.

Anyone with further information regarding this incident is encouraged to contact Detective William DeJesus at 954-828-5366.

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