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PLANE CRASH

Update: 04.16.15

All four victims of the plane crash have been identified as John Patrick Van Ommeren, W/M, 11/05/63, Monique Van Ommeren, W/F, 10/15/65, Sacha Van Ommeren, W/F, 04/13/99, and Sharissa Van Ommeren, W/F, 06/01/01 all were residents of Paramaribo, Suriname.

Fort Lauderdale Homicide Detectives received assistance from the Broward County Medical Examiner's Office along with the Broward Sheriff's Office Lab which was instrumental in identifying the victims. Dental records and DNA testing confirmed the identification of all four victims.

Original: 04.12.15

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is investigating a plane crash that occurred on Sunday, April 12th at approximately 4:30 P.M. The crash occurred near the 2400 block of Northwest 62nd Street in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

The preliminary investigation has revealed that a small twin turbine, Piper PA-31, propeller plane crashed into a wooded area. The plane did not collide with any nearby buildings or strike any pedestrians.

The Fort Lauderdale Fire Department Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting (ARFF) Team responded to the scene and extinguished the fire. Members from the Broward County Medical Examiner's Office responded to the scene to gather evidence to assist in expediting the identification of the four 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 investigation.

The names of the four occupants will not be released until they are confirmed by the Broward County Medical Examiner Office.

Anyone with information regarding this incident should contact Detective Jim Jagers at 954-828-5970.

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