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TYBEE ISLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT INCIDENT REPORT

Case # **25080444**

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EVENT	VICTIM	OFFENDER	VEHICLE	WITNESS	PROPERTY	ADM	CLEAR	DRUG	
INCIDENT TYPE INFO - DAMAGE TO PROPERTY		COUNTS ☐		INCIDENT CODE ☐		PREMISE TYPE 5 COMMERCIAL			
INCIDENT LOCATION 1315 CHATHAM AVENUE, TYBEE ISLAND, GA 31328		LOCATION NAME 		LOC CODE SOUTH		WEAPON TYPE 			
INCIDENT DATE 08/14/2025		INCIDENT TIME 21:23		DATE 08/14/2025		TIME 22:16		STRANGER TO STRANGER YES ☒ NO ☐ UNK ☐	
COMPLAINANT OFC KAREEM,		ADDRESS 		PHONE NUMBER 		PUBLIC COPY			
VICTIMS NAME 		RACE 		SEX 		AGE 		DOB 	
RESIDENCE PHONE 		BUSINESS PHONE 		PUBLIC COPY		PUBLIC COPY			
ADDRESS 		CENSUS TRACT 		EMPLOYER OR OCCUPATION 					
STUDENT ? ☐ YES ☒ NO ☐		IF YES, NAME VICTIM'S SCHOOL 							
NAME 		RACE 		SEX 		DATE OF BIRTH 		AGE 	
WANTED ☐		ADDRESS 		CENSUS TRACT 		HEIGHT 		WEIGHT 	
WARRANT ☐		CHARGES 		COUNTS 		OFFENSE CODE 		OFFENSE / ARREST 	
ARREST ☐		JURISDICTION 		CI = CITY CO = COUNTY ST = STATE OU = OUT OF STATE UN = UNKNOWN					
TOTAL NUMBER ARRESTED 0		ARREST AT OR NEAR OFFENSE SCENE YES ☐ NO ☐ UNK ☐		DATE OF OFFENSE 					
TAG NUMBER 		STATE 		YEAR 		V.I.N. 		PLATE ONLY 	
RECOVD ☐		YEAR 		MAKE 		MODEL 		STYLE 	
SUSPECTS ☐		MOTOR SIZE (CID) 		AUTO 		MAN. 		SPD 	
IMPOUND ☐		TRANS. 		INSURED BY 					
NAMES 		ADDRESS 		PHONE NUMBER 		PUBLIC COPY REDACTED			
VEHICLES STOLEN ☐ RECOVERED ☐		CURRENCY, NOTES, ETC. 		JEWELRY, PREC. METALS 		FURS 		PROPERTY RECOVERY INFO ONLY THEFT/RECOVERY ☐ DATE OF THEFT	
CLOTHING STOLEN ☐ RECOVERED ☐		OFFICE EQUIP. 		TV, RADIO, ETC. 		HOUSEHOLD GOODS 		JURIS. CODES 1 = CITY 2 = COUNTY 3 = STATE 4 = OUT OF STATE 5 = UNKNOWN	
FIREARMS STOLEN ☐ RECOVERED ☐		CONSUMABLE GOODS 		LIVESTOCK 		OTHER 		TOTAL 	
GCIC ENTRY ☐		WARRANT ☐		MISSING PERSONS ☐		VEHICLE ☐		ARTICLE ☐	
VICTIM WILL PROSECUTE ☐		UNIF. FOLLOW UP ☐		PHOTO TAKEN? ☐		VIDEOAUDIO ☐		CID NOTIFIED? ☐	
REQUIRED DATA FIELDS FOR CLEARANCE REPORT DATE OF CLEARANCE 08/15/2025		CLEARED BY ARREST ☐		EXCEPTIONALLY CLEARED ☐		UNFOUNDED ☐		REPORT DATE 08/14/2025	
ADULT ☐		JUVENILE ☐		CASE ☐		ACTIVE ☒		INACTIVE ☐	
DID INVESTIGATION INDICATE THAT THIS INCIDENT WAS DRUG RELATED? IF YES, INDICATE THE TYPE OF DRUG(S) USED BY OFFENDER		YES ☐		NO ☐					
1-AMPHETAMINE ☐		2-BARBITURATE ☐		3-COCAINE ☐		4-HALLUCINOGEN ☐		5-HEROIN ☐	
6-MARIJUANA ☐		7-METHAMPHETAMINE ☐		8-OPIUM ☐		9-SYNTHETIC NARCOTIC ☐		U-UNKNOWN ☐	

On Wednesday, 8/14/25, around 2123 hours, I Officer Kareem responded to 1315 Chatham Avenue to assist the United States Coast Guard in locating a shining light that appeared to be an SOS according to dispatch. While en route, Dispatch advised that the light was seen closer to the sandbar. Upon arrival at the sand bar near 19th Street, we were unable to locate the light. I was advised by Cpl Jung to launch the drone from Aj's in order to locate what the Coast Guard was reporting. While en route and checking Inlet Avenue, I was asked by Lt Dicus if I was enroute to Aj's, and I confirmed I was headed there.

Upon arrival, I deployed Air 2 in the parking lot. I conducted a preflight check and made sure no one was near the drone, took the gimbal camera cover off, and ensured arm sleeves were tightened. I then took off with the drone and ensured it was not near the power lines near the parking lot entrance facing Chatham Avenue. After clearing the parking lot and while keeping the UAS within visual line of sight, I looked through the gimbal camera to attempt to locate Lt Dicus, who was observing a boat that had a flashing light and was not sure if they were in distress. While attempting to reach him with the drone, I heard something collide with the drone. I observed the drone spinning uncontrollably and later fell on the side fence of [REDACTED]. I advised Lt Dicus of the incident, but since he was unable to leave because he had a line of sight on the boat, he dispatched Cpl Jung to assist in the matter.

Lt Dicus earlier did advise to launch the drone from Alley 3 in order not to bother the employees with our operation, however, since I was on scene speaking with the employees who were advising me of the complaint that was made to the Coast Guard, along with there being very few vehicles there, and with it being a parking lot with only one entrance that can be controlled and prevent vehicles or anyone from interfering with the drone during take off or landing, It seemed like a reasonable launch area at the time.

Upon Cpl Jung's Arrival, the homeowner of [REDACTED] walked outside, picked up the drone, and returned it to us. He was also able to retrieve the gimbal camera that broke off sometime during the crash. He later opened his side gate to allow us to inspect the area and retrieve any broken pieces from the drone. I asked him if any damage was done to his fence, and he stated no, since it was a concrete wall. After bringing all the parts and placing it in the back of my patrol vehicle, I replaced the gimbal camera cover on the lenses to prevent any further damage to the part. Both the drone and the controller were powered off shortly after retrieval from the homeowner.

I later went to the crash scene for a follow-up and observed the area from which the drone took off and its flight path. I observed 2 tall trees that were on the farther side of [REDACTED] and noted they stood taller than the house. Due to how high up the trees were, along with the street lamp that only illuminated the parking lot and Chatham Ave. Those factors assisted in obscuring the tree branches that may have collided with the drone.

BWC active for post-crash, and pictures were taken of all contributing factors.

Officer Name / Badge: JUNG, ZACHARY /

Entry Date / Time: 08/15/2025 03:03

On August 14, 2025 at approximately 2123 hours officers responded to the beach area between the sand bar and AJ restaurant, 1315 Chatham Avenue in reference to a possible person in distress. Dispatch advised that the Coast Guard has call in reference to a light flickering consistently out in the distant near the between the sandbar and AJs and it could possible be someone trying to use Morse Code with a flash light from a boat or Little Tybee. At that time being the south end assigned unit I notified dispatch that I was enroute and had Officer Kareem go by the PD to pick up a drone in case we can confirm someone in distress. While enroute dispatch updated area to be around the sandbar and little Tybee area, so I notified dispatch that I would on the beach crossing at 19th and beach crossover. While driving on the beach I noticed a group, possibly a family that walked all the way out to where to can almost walk on the sand bar, they had a small flashlight like could be the flashing light in the distance. I assumed once they saw me they decided not walk any further as they turned around and began walking back towards the crossovers. At that time, I had my cruise, alleys, and take down lights all on so I was easily visible. After the group left the beach, I was unable to see any other light on the beach or any the distances.

Lt. Dicus and Ofc Kareem eventually arrived as well. I spoke to them about what I saw and asked Ofc Kareem to check out near AJs and to set up the drone if he saw anything since that is where the initial caller reported. Both of them went further north toward alley 3 and AJs just to make sure. I remained near the sandbar for a little while longer until dispatch notifies officers of a reckless motorcycles coming onto the island. At that that I return back on to the street from Inlet Avenue. While driving down Chatham Avenue I noticed a flickering light as I past Alley 3. I pulled onto Alley 3 where Lt. Dicus was. He tells me to cut my headlight as I approached seeing a sailboat with a flicking light at the top of it. After speaking with Lt. Dicus for a moment, I returned back in service to look for the motorcycles when Lt. Dicus radioed to me to go to Ajs restaurant in reference to an accident.

Upon arrival I made contact with Ofc Kareem, who explained that something had hit the drone or he had hit something, he was unsure. At that time, I activated my body worn camera, as we walked over to the neighboring house, [REDACTED] and made contact with the homeowner. The homeowner stated he did not see what happened but heard the "bang" from when it crashed as he began handing the drone and scattered parts of the drone of to Ofc Kareem and I. After collecting the scatter pieces of the drone and examining the area, I returned to the PD to retrieve the flight data. A video copy of the flight data was made and uploaded to Axon.

The flight data shows the drone was at height 105 ft, Horizontal speed 16. Mph, Vertical Speed 1.8mph at the time of the incident.

After examining the damage at the PD, it appears the damage was cause primarily from the altitude exceeding 100ft then going straight down into the cement wall that it crash-landed into.

There is several power lines and palm tree in the area and would suggest further examination of the area in the daytime to better determine the cause of the accident.

Nothing further at this time.

REPORTING OFFICER	NUMBER	APPROVING OFFICER	NUMBER	ASSIGNED INVESTIGATOR	NUMBER
KAREEM, U.	323				