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*** (Update) - Search Continues Today**

Second body, airplane parts recovered



With the Sea Tow boat (yellow) in the background, Capt. Joey Cannon guides the Baby Cakes (clam-farming vessel) into a public dock and ramp in Cedar Key on Monday afternoon (Feb. 20). Capt. Cannon and others are helping conclude the search and recovery effort after an airplane crash just over a week ago.

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*** Levy County Sheriff's Office spokesman Lt. Scott Tummond said Thursday (Feb. 23) that Hernando County Sheriff Al Nienhuis told Levy County Sheriff Robert "Bobby" McCallum Jr. that the Hernando County Sheriff's Office's helicopter will join the two LCSO boats today (Friday, Feb. 24) to search for the remains of Dylan Jerrels, 17.**

*** The two boats owned and being used by the LCSO are an airboat and a 24-foot Carolina Skiff.**

*** As noted in the story below, this is the one victim whose body has not been found yet.**

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CEDAR KEY -- The body of the second of three passengers on a single-engine airplane that crashed into the Gulf of Mexico a week ago Sunday (Feb. 11) was recovered on late Sunday (Feb. 19) afternoon, and it was turned over to the Eighth Judicial Circuit Medical Examiner's Office, Levy County Sheriff's Office spokesman Lt. Scott Tummond said Monday afternoon (Feb. 20).



Capt. Sammy Royal guides the Sea Tow boat in on Monday afternoon.

The body of Jasper Jerrels, 65, and his fiancé Hue Singletary have now been recovered, according to information from the United States Coast Guard and the LCSO.

Lt. Tummond said the woman's body was seen by a Sea Tow captain on Sunday (Feb. 19).

The body of 17-year-old son of Jasper Jerrels --Dylan Jerrels -- had not been recovered as of Monday afternoon, Lt. Tummond said.

Sea Tow Capt. Sammy Royal of the franchise operating out of Cedar Key is the man who dove and recovered Singletary's body. Working with Capt. Royal on Sunday and Monday was Will Knight of Cedar Key.

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In this video, it shows the arrival of the boat Baby Cakes with airplane parts recovered from the Gulf of Mexico. The next clip shows those parts being moved from that boat to a trailer for transport to a location so that the NTSB and FAA officials can study the wreckage.

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Capt. Joey Cannon of Cedar Key and Phillip Campbell brought in the other boat -- the Baby Cakes - which had several parts of the airplane, including the tail structure. That boat arrived at the public dock in Cedar Key on Monday afternoon.

Cannon and Campbell worked with Sea Tow on this project, but they are really full-time clam farmers.

Cannon said he is just glad to have been able to have helped this family as best as he could.

Workers with Florida Air Recovery LLC of Jacksonville collected airplane parts from the crash scene. They used machine to offload from the Baby Cakes onto a trailer. Then, they took the airplane parts to an undisclosed location for the NTSB and FAA to inspect those parts.



Cedar Key Fire Chief Robert Robinson (**left**) speaks with Cedar Key Police Chief Virgil Sandlin (**below**) before the plane wreckage arrives at a public boat ramp in Cedar Key.

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The National Transportation Safety Board, the Federal Aviation Administration and insurance companies that are involved have an interest in what caused the crash, and the wreckage is usually part of this type of investigation leading to answers.

Crews from United States Coast Guard Air Station Clearwater, USCG Station Yankeetown, USCG Sector St. Petersburg, the USCG Cutter Seahawk, Citrus County Sheriff's Office, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Levy County Department of Public Safety, and Cedar Key Fire and Rescue, alongside commercial salvage companies and multiple good Samaritans aided in the search initially.

The United States Coast Guard suspended its search Feb. 14 at sunset, according to a USCG press release. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission suspended its search as well.

The LCSO, Sea Tow and Florida Air Recovery LLC of Jacksonville were out on Sunday (Feb. 19). Lt. Tummond said the LCSO is continuing to search for the third victim's body.

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On the photo above, kayakers and other boaters are seen in the background as the Baby Cakes nears the ramp and dock. Below the clam-farming boat continues getting closer to landing and an offshore island is seen in the background.



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The boat on a trailer is taken to an area for offloading.



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A machine is used to offload the airplane parts from the boat to a trailer.



A plane approaches Cedar Key Airport to land on Monday afternoon.



A bag with material from the crash site is put on the trailer.

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regard to this plane crash.

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