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Santa Monica Daily Press

Locals help rescue plane crash victims

BY MELODY HANATANI
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MALIBU Mike Dwyer ran as fast as he could, panting and splashing sand as he darted toward the sunset, the image of a plane plummeting into the water fresh in his mind as he dove into the ocean.

Jason Sandoval frantically paddled across the water on his surfboard, fighting the waves as he followed the wreckage, hoping to find survivors in a crash he heard from his

office window just moments before.

At a time when most people were getting ready to call it a day at work, two colleagues crossed paths outside of the office, both trying to save the victims in a plane crash that took place just outside of their office in Malibu.

Dwyer, a Santa Monica resident, and Sandoval, who resides in Venice, were the first men at the scene after a Sky Arrow 600 Sport ditched into the ocean just off Malibu Pier on Oct. 7. The two men, who work at

JAKKS Pacific, are being applauded for their roles in the rescue effort, arriving shortly after the crash to find the passenger and pilot both hanging onto a broken wing.

The crash occurred just 50 yards offshore near the intersection of Pacific Coast Highway and Malibu Canyon Road just shortly after taking off from Santa Monica Airport. The small, single-engine aircraft was registered to Northfield Aviation LLC and was based at SMO.

The passenger and pilot were severely

injured in the crash and were airlifted to the UCLA Medical Center in Westwood.

The National Transportation Safety Board is investigating the cause of the crash.

Dwyer, who is in charge of legal and human resources for JAKKS Pacific, a multi-branding company for toys and leisure products, was looking out his window when he saw the plane just 10 feet from the water, plummeting and making a splash.

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WINNING WAYS

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Santa Monica High School running back Christian Ross (center) escapes the grasp of Capistrano Valley High School defensive back Austin Gutierrez during a 28-14 win at Corsair Field on Friday night. The Vikings improved its record to 5-0 on the season. Samohi opens Ocean League play on the road against Morningside High School on Friday.

CRIME



SUSPECT 1



SUSPECT 2



SUSPECT 3

Detectives ask for help in solving Pico murder

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY Detectives are asking for the public's help in locating three suspects wanted for questioning in connection with the brutal murder of a Santa Monica man who was beaten severely and left for dead on a Pico Neighborhood sidewalk back in May.

Preston Brumfield, unconscious, was found by police in the 1900 block of 20th Street on May 11. He was transported to a local hospital where he succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced dead on May 16, police said. The Los Angeles County Coroner's Office declared the death a homicide.

With the help of witnesses, detectives on Sunday released composite sketches of three African-American males who were seen in the area at the time Brumfield was attacked.

The first suspect is described as a black male between the ages of 25 and 30, 5-foot-10 to 6-foot, weighing between 190 and 200 pounds with short dark hair and a beard. The second suspect is described as a black male, 20 to 25 years of age, standing around 5-foot-3, weighing 140 to 150 pounds with braided dark hair and a goatee. The third suspect is a black male, 28 to 32 years of age, between 5-foot-11 and 6-foot-1, weighing 215 to 230 pounds with short dark hair and a goatee.

WE TIP HOTLINE

Anyone with information on the suspects is encouraged to call Detectives John Henry or Michael Bambrick of the Santa Monica Police Department's Robbery/Homicide Unit at (310) 458-8451, or anonymously at the SMPD's tip line at (310) 458-8449.

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