



Humboldt County Sheriff's Office

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Subject: Found Aircraft Debris

Case: 200901437

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On Thursday, March 5, 2009 Humboldt County Sheriff's Deputies with the Special Services Unit were at the beach at Big Lagoon continuing their search for an overdue aircraft reported earlier that week. They located debris on the beach that appeared to be made of fiberglass. The largest piece measured 18 by 24 inches and had three small vent holes. Other pieces were smaller and also appeared to be of fiberglass.

On March 6, 2009 the pieces were photographed and e-mailed to the Diamond Aircraft in Canada for possible identification. Copies were also sent to the local U.S. Coast Guard Air Station Humboldt Bay and to the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB).

Diamond Aircraft and the NTSB concurred that the piece with the vent holes was likely from the baggage area of an aircraft of the type that is missing, a Diamond DA 40 aircraft.

Sheriff's Deputies will continue to check local beaches.

The public is requested to notify the Sheriff's Office if they locate debris that may be from the aircraft and/or turn into the Sheriff's Office debris that they may have found. Contact Sheriff's Office (707) 445-7251. All debris will be forwarded to the NTSB, the investigating agency.

The public should use caution when handling possible found debris. The aircraft is made of carbon fiber and splinters can cause injury.

GARY PHILP
Sheriff

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