Interview: Wallace Miller Somerset County Coroner

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Dane and I entered the mortuary and the confrontational attitude by Miller was up close and in our face. As I handed Mr. Miller my business card, I tried to introduce myself and Dane.

DK: I write investigative columns, and uh...

WM: If you're, let, let me stop you right there.

DK: Oh?

WM: If you're looking for any kind of conspiracy theory, you're talking to the wrong guy.

Dane: It's the other way around. We're here to dispel...

WM: Okay.

Dane: ...that kind of stuff.

WM: Okay.

DK: Here are my references. It's three members of three different state legislatures. And, I'm not really here looking for conspiracy theories.

WM: Okay.

DK: ...Looking to interview people to try to get rid of some of these myths that are floating around.

WM: Well.....I'm going to tell you right now, as I've said for the last four years, I got called after the plane hit the ground. I cleaned it up. I, I recovered the remains. I notified the next of kin and restored the site and determined the cause and manner of death...all I do. I'm not going to speculate about who did what.

DK: I didn't ask you for any speculation.

WM: Right.

DK: I've done many investigations and I do...

WM: Right.

DK:is buy autopsy reports and supporting material.

WM: Yeah, but that stuff....

DK: And, I didn't come in here with the...

WM: ...yeah, there's, there's....

DK:intention of...

WM:there were no autopsies.

DK: Oh. Did you have any reports that you filed as the County Coroner to the FAA...

WM: I only...

DK: ...or, the NTSB, or anybody?

WM: No, they never asked me for any of them.

DK: They didn't ask you for any reports on the recovery...

WM: No.

DK: ...of the remains?

WM: Actually, probably DMORT. You, you want to talk to DMORT or the FBI.

DK: So, is that where you submitted your....

WM: Yes.

DK: ...final reports? DMORT?

WM: DMORT's uh, it's uh, the uh, they were, they're based out of uh, D.C., I think. They're part of the Justice Department.

(DMORT is an acronym for Disaster Mortuary Operations Response Team)

DK: Okay.

WM: The FBI, the FBI. Uh. uh, they, the FBI paid for all the testing. So, essentially, they are the clients, of, of that dealing.

DK: All right.

Dane: Thank you for your time.

WM: Okay, you're welcome.

End of interview.