

The Way We See It - October 2006

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On The Wire

Belaire Apartments

At 2:45 p.m. some sort of flying aircraft rammed into the side of an Upper East Side NYC building, the Belaire Apartments. Eyewitnesses have different accounts of what kind of aircraft it was. Could have been a helicopter, could have been a small plane. Seeing as though there isn't a metallic plate shaped disc hanging off the side of the building, it wasn't a UFO. How people can

confuse a helicopter with a plane is beyond my spider sense.

Seeing as though this is breaking story there will be conflicting reports. However as I write this sentence the FAA has confirmed that it was in fact a small single engine plane.

NBC reported that the plane was flying under visual flight rules, after it circled the Statue of Liberty, headed up the East River, a distress call was made and air traffic control lost contact. The plane struck the building at the 40th floor. A fireball engulfed the point of impact and fiery pieces of the plane fell into the street and sidewalk. The Belaire and neighboring buildings were evacuated as people had flashbacks of 9/11.

At this time two people are confirmed dead, how they were killed hasn't been reported; it also isn't known if anyone in the apartments impacted were killed.

Homeland security spokesman Russ Knocke has stated that it wasn't an act of terrorism, "The initial indication is that this is a terrible accident."

Nevertheless, NORAD is patrolling the skies above NYC and several other cities.

The Upper East Side is home to many of NYC's more well to do residents. You know, like The Jeffersons, "Moving on up.. to a deluxe apartment.. " You know the song.

ABC news sports reporter Marvell Scott lives across the street from the Belaire. From the looks of his hair, he's obviously fresh out of bed and from look in his eyes, scared to death.

What did you see Marvell?

"Well it was actually my neighbor. He said he was on his computer, his window faces the East River, he saw the plane coming. What he described as a single-engine plane. It looked like it was kind of out of

Marvell Scott

control with the nose pointing upward for about four or five seconds. He said, 'this plane is gonna hit directly into my apartment or right above it.' The plane apparently avoided the building, went over the building that we live in and unfortunately plummeted into the one across the

street."

You heard the explosion. What was that like?

"Extremely frightening. I heard a buzzing. we're in the vicinity of Laguardia airport so you hear planes and helicopters, but this was a noise that seemed so close, it was kind of reverberating the building and then the next thing you know I heard what appeared to be an explosion and all I had to do was turn around. I looked outside my window which faces directly into the Belaire building which was hit."

"I saw a large, it was almost like a mushroom type cloud of fire, instantly four apartments had burst into flames, fire emanating outside of the building and I saw a lot of debris falling on to the concrete below. It was extremely frightening. If there was anyone below there at that time I don't think they really stood a chance of surviving."

This just in..

[The plane's occupants were Yankees pitcher Cory Lidle](#) and an unnamed flight instructor. He was apparently taking flying lessons and killed onboard.

The details will fill out but this is about what you will hear from now till tomorrow: Not terrorism, Yankees pitcher Cory Lidle killed.

It's an accident that won't really be solved beyond the eyewitness accounts. These small planes don't have black boxes. News stations are asking people to come forward with video if they have it. I'd suggest checking YouTube. *semi-joke* and terrible news for the Lidel family.

Said it for Tamara so I have to say it here.. Cory Lidle R.I.P.

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