Coast Guard Sitreps

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Subject: FW: SITREP ONE - M/V PANTHER I - T.O.W. - IN VICINITY OF INDIAN, P 310443Z DEC 02 COGARD STA FT MYERS BEACH FL

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FM COGARD STA FT MYERS BEACH FL

TO
COMCOGARDGRU ST PETERSBURG FL//OPS//

INFO CCGDSEVEN MIAMI
FL//CC/OSR//

COGARD MSO MIAMI FL

COGARD MSO TAMPA FL

COGARD AIRSTA
CLEARWATER FL

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UNCLAS FOUO //N16130//

SUBJ: SITREP ONE - M/V PANTHER I -
T.O.W. - IN VICINITY OF INDIAN

KEY PASS - (UCN-052-03).

PERIOD: 301500R -
302103R DEC 02

1. SITUATION:

A. CURRENT STATUS: VESSEL SUNK AND ANCHORED
IN APPROXIMATE

POSITION 25-49.7N 081-26.5W. NEAR MARKER #7 INDIAN KEY PASS.

B. NOTIFICATION:301500R LAND LINE FROM GROUP ST. PETERSBURG

STATING THERE
WAS A 40 TOUR VESSEL WITH 32 PERSONS ONBOARD T.O.W IN

VICINITY OF MARKER #7
INDIAN KEY PASS.

C. NARRATIVE: 301500R RECEIVED A REPORT FROM GROUP
ST.

PETERSBURG STATING THERE WAS A VESSEL TAKING ON WATER IN VICINITY

OF
MARKER #7, INDIAN KEY PASS WITH APPROXIMATELY 32 PERSONS

ONBOARD. STATION
FT. MYERS CONTACTED EVERGLADES CITY RANGER STATION

AND NOTIFIED THEM OF

SITUATION. CG 41504 WAS DIVERTED TO INDIAN KEY

PASS, ETA 2 HOURS AND 40
MINUTES. AUXILIARY AIRCRAFT 34KK DIVERTED

TO INDIAN KEY PASS FOR VISUAL
INFORMATION. STATION FT. MYERS

CONTACTED RANGER STATION FOR FURTHER
INFORMATION. RANGER STATION

STATED THAT ALL PERSONNEL WERE ACCOUNTED FOR AND
ON THEIR WAY TO

RANGER STATION. STATION FT. MYERS ADVISED MR. KIETH GADD
OF

EVERGLADES CITY RANGER STATION TO CONDUCT A THOROUGH PERSONNEL

COUNT TO
VERIFY ALL PERSONS WERE ACCOUNTED FOR FROM SINKING VESSEL.

RANGER STATION
NOTIFIED STATION FT. MYERS THAT THE CAPTAIN DID NOT

HAVE A MANIFEST AND
COULD NOT BE CERTAIN OF NUMBER OF PERSONNEL

ONBOARD. STATION NOTIFIED GROUP
ST. PETERSBURG OF SITUATION. CG

41504 AND RANGER STATION SMALL BOAT
CONDUCTED SEARCH OF VESSEL AND

CONDUCTED TRACKLINE SEARCHES OF IN BOTH
DIRECTIONS OF SUNKEN VESSEL

WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. STATION NOTIFIED GROUP
ST. PETERSBURG OF

NEGATIVE RESULTS ON SEARCH EFFORTS. GROUP ST. PETERSBURG
DIRECTED

CG 41504 TO RETURN TO STATION FT. MYERS.

D. DESC: 40FT, PONTOON
TOUR VESSEL, OWNED BY EVERGLADES NATIONAL

PARK BOAT TOURS.

E. POB INFO:
CAPT. JAMES DANIEL MAYE, NFI. APPROXIMATLEY 32

PASSENGERS, NFI.

F. WX:
WINDS 08 KTS, SEAS 0-1 FT, VIS 05NM.

2. ACTION TAKEN:

A. 301500R - THIS
STATION RECEIVED A REPORT OF A 40' VESSEL WITH

APPROXIMATELY 32 PERSONS ON
BOARD T.O.W IN VICINITY OF MARKER #7

INDIAN KEY PASS..

B. 1505R -
BRIEFED COMMAND AND DIVERTED CG 41504 TO INDIAN KEY

PASS.

C. 1510R -
DIVERTED AUXILIARY AIRCRAFT 34KK TO INDIAN KEY

PASS. NOTIFIED RANGER STATION
OF SITUATION.

D. 1544R - RANGER STATION STATED CAPT OF VESSEL DID NOT
HAVE

MANIFEST BUT STATED THERE WERE 32 PERSONNEL ONBOARD AND ALL
WERE

ACCOUNTED FOR.RANGER STATION OFFICER KEITH GADD COULD NOT PROVIDE

HEAD
COUNT OF PERSONNEL RESCUED DUE TO SOME PERSONNEL HAD DEPARTED

RANGER STATION
GROUNDS.

E. 1628R - CG 41504 ETA 1 HOUR AND 10 MINUTES.

F. 1753R -
CG 41504 ON SCENE MARKER #7 STANDING BY TO

INVESTIGATE SUNKEN VESSEL WITH
RANGER STATION SMALL BOAT AS PER

GROUP ST. PETERSBURG.

G. 1825R - CG
41504 AND RANGER STATION SMALL BOAT INVESTIGATED

VESSEL FOR POSSIBLE
PERSONNEL, NEGATIVE RESULTS. RECEIVED SEARCH

PATTERNS FROM GRU ST PETE AND
PASSED ALL INFO TO THE CG 41504.

H. 1852R - CG 41504 COMPLETED FIRST
TRACKLINE SEARCH WITH

NEGATIVE RESULTS. COMMENCING SECOND TRACKLINE SEARCH.

I. 1930R - CG 41504 COMPLETED SECOND TRACKLINE SEARCH WITH

NEGATIVE
RESULTS, STANDING BY. RANGER STATION SMALL BOAT CHECKED

SHALLOW WATER AREA
IS AROUND VESSEL WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS AS WELL.

J. 1946R - RELEASED BY
GROUP ST. PETERSBURG, CG 41504 ENROUTE

STATION, BRIEFED COMMAND.

K.
2227R - CG 41504 MOORED STATION FT. MYERS.

3. AMPLIFYING INFO:

A. MR.
JAMES DANIEL MAYE, CAPTAIN OF THE PANTHER ONE WAS UNABLE

TO PRODUCE MANIFEST
TO ALLOW COAST GUARD TO CONFIRM ALL PASSENGERS

WERE SAFE.

4. FUTURE PLANS
AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

A. GRU IS SMC

B. AS DIRECTED.

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From: Ford Robert
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Subject: FW: SITREP ONE AND FINAL - 41' TOUR BOAT TOW IVO INDIAN KEY PASS, P 310637Z DEC 02 COMCOGARDGRU ST PETERSBURG FL//OPS//

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INFO COGARD AIRSTA CLEARWATER
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COGARD STA FT MYERS BEACH
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UNCLAS //N16130// VOL CCN

SUBJ: SITREP ONE AND FINAL - 41' TOUR BOAT
TOW IVO INDIAN KEY PASS

(UCN-103-03)

PERIOD: 301950Z DEC 02 - 310203Z DEC
02

1. SITUATION:

A. CURRENT STATUS: SUNKEN VESSEL ANCHORED ASHORE, SEARCH
FOR

POSSIBLE PIWS COMPLETED W/NEGRES. CASE SUSPENDED.

B. NOTIFICATION:
301950Z DEC 02, ORIG RCVD RPT VIA CH16 FM

DISTRESSED VSL.

C. NARRATIVE:
ORIG RCVD WEAK AND BROKEN CALL FROM OPERATOR OF

TOUR BOAT "PANTHER I", FM
EVERGLADES CITY BOAT TOURS, STATING THAT

HE WAS TAKING ON WATER IVO INDIAN
KEY PASS AND THAT ALL 36 POB WERE

ACCOUNTED FOR. COMMS WERE LOST SHORTLY
AFTER THE CALL. ORIG

NOTIFIED KEY WEST AND ATTEMPTED TO HAIL DISTRESSED VSL
W/NEGRES.

ORIG ISSUED UMIB. BRIEFED D7, REQ FOR HELO GRANTED AND
DIVERTED

CG6041 TO SCENE. AUX AIRCRAFT 34KK AND CG41504 FM STA FMB
ALSO

DIVERTED TO SCENE. AUX AIRCRAFT 34KK ARR O/S AND OVERFLEW AREA ISO

VSL
W/NEGRES AND CONTINUED W/FLIGHT. RCVD CALL FM TOW BOAT US

STATING THAT THE
VESSEL SUNK NEAR MARKER #7 IN INDIAN KEY PASS,

THAT THERE ARE PIWS, AND THAT
RESCUE EFFORTS ARE UNDERWAY. BRIEFED

D7 ON POSSIBLE MASS RESCUE OPS, REQ FOR
SECOND HELO AND C-130

GRANTED, AND DIR CGC MARLIN TO LAUNCH. RCVD CALL FM
EVERGLADES

SEAFOOD STATING THAT ALL PERSONS WERE RESCUED BY GOOD
SAMS/PARK

RANGERS AND TAKEN TO THE RANGER STATION, AND THAT THE VSL WAS
TOWED

TO SHORE NEARBY WHERE IT SANK. DIR SECOND HELO, C-130, AND MARLIN

TO
STAND DOWN UNTIL FURTHER INFORMATION IS OBTAINED. ORIG CALLED

RANGER STATION
AND REQ NUMBER OF PERSONS RESCUED BE CORRELATED WITH

PERSONS ON BOARD, AND
DIR CG6041 TO CONFIRM THOSE NUMBERS. CG6041

ARR O/S AND LANDED BY RANGER
STATION TO CONFIRM NUMBER OF RESCUED

PERSONNEL. WHILE CG6041 WAS ON DECK, D7
DIVERTED CG2104 TO SCENE TO

OVERFLY SEARCH AREA ISO POSSIBLE PIWS. CG2104
SEARCHED AREA FOR

APPROX .7HRS W/NEGRES AND RTB. RCVD CALL FM EVERGLADES

PARK RANGERS

GADD AND KEIFER, WHO STATED THAT THE CAPTAIN OF THE VESSEL HAD
NO

CREW MANIFEST ONBOARD AND THAT THE NUMBER OF POB RPTD BY THE

CAPTAIN
CHANGED FOUR TIMES, WITH NUMBERS OF POB BETWEEN 29 AND 37.

PARK RANGERS ALSO
INFORMED ORIG THAT SOME PEOPLE HAD DEPARTED THE

RANGER STATION AFTER BEING
RESCUED, BEFORE THEY COULD BE ACCOUNTED

FOR. AT THAT POINT, ORIG DIR CG6041
TO GET ABN AND SEARCH A-1 AND

A-2 IVO SUNKEN VSL FOR POSSIBLE PIWS. CG6041
GOT ABN, SEARCHED A-1

AND A-2 W/NEGRES, AND LANDED FOR FUEL. DIR STA FMB TO
ARRANGE FOR

DIVERS TO SEARCH SUBMERGED VSL AND COLLIER COUNTY
SHERIFF'S

OFFICE(CCSO) WAS ENR W/DIVERS. CG41504 ARR O/S, INVESTIGATED
VSL

W/PARK RANGER BOAT, DETERMINED THAT THERE WERE NO TRAPPED PERSONS

O/B,
AND CANCELLED THE DIVERS REQ WITH CCSO. ORIG THEN DIR CG41504

TO SEARCH A-4
AND A-5 ALONG THE TRACK LINE OF THE VESSEL ISO

POSSIBLE PIWS WHILE PARK
RANGER BOAT SEARCHED THE SHALLOW WATERS

IVO VSL FOR POSSIBLE PIWS. A-4 AND
A-5 WAS COMPLETED W/NEGRES AND

CG41504 RTB. AFTER REFUELING, CG6041
CONDUCTED A-3 W/NEGRES AND

RTB. CASE SUSPENSION GRANTED BY D7 PENDING
FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

D. R/S: JAMES DANIEL MAYE, APPROX 32YRS, CAPT OF
"PANTHER I".

E. DESC: 41' PONTOON TOUR BOAT, BETWEEN 29-37 POB, SUNK IN
POS

25-49.7N 081-26.2W.

F. WX: EAST/10KTS BECAME 20KTS IN THE
EVENING, SEAS 0-1, VIS 5-

10NM

2. ACTION TAKEN:

A. 301950Z ORIG
RCVD RPT FROM "PANTHER I". ISSUED UMIB.

B. 2000Z BRIEFED D7, REQ FOR
HELO GRANTED. NOTIFIED AIRSTA AND

DIVERTED CG6041 TO SCENE.

C. 2008Z NOTIFIED STA FMB, DIVERTED CG41504 TO SCENE. AUX

AIRCRAFT 43KK IN AREA DIVERTED TO SCENE ISO VSL

W/NEGRES AND
CONTINUED ON WITH FLIGHT.

D. 2015Z RCVD CALL FM TOW BOAT US STATING VSL
HAD SUNK IN

INDIAN KEY PASS NEAR MARKER #7 WITH PIWS AND
RESCUE

EFFORTS ARE UNDERWAY.

E. 2025Z BRIEFED D7 ON
POSSIBLE MASS RESCUE OPS, REQ FOR

SECOND HELO AND C-130
GRANTED. DIR CGC MARLIN TO

LAUNCH.

F. 2032Z RCVD CALL FM
EVERGLADES SEAFOOD, ALL POB HAVE BEEN

RESCUED AND TAKEN TO THE
EVERGLADES RANGER STATION.

VSL TOWED TO SHORE NEAR ORIGIN OF
INCIDENT. DIR

SECOND HELO, C-130, AND MARLIN TO STAND DOWN.

G. 2040Z CALLED RANGER STATION, REQ NUMBER OF POB AND NUMBER

OF PERSONS RESCUED. DIR CG6041 TO CONFIRM NUMBERS.

H. 2100Z D7 DIVERTED
CG2104 TO SCENE AND COMMENCED OVERFLYING

AREA ISO POSSIBLE
PIWS.

I. 2125Z RCVD CALL FM RANGER STATION, CAPTAIN OF VSL CANNOT

POSITIVELY CONFIRM NUMBER OF POB, NOR CONFIRM NUMBER

OF
PERSONS RESCUED.

J. 2130Z DIR CG6041 TO SEARCH A-1 AND A-2 AND PASSED
SEARCH

PLANS.

K. 2140Z DIR CG2104 TO RTB.

L. 2212Z
ARRANGED FOR DIVERS FM CCSO VIA STA FMB.

M. 2253Z CG41504 O/S
INVESTIGATING VSL W/RANGER STA SMALL BOAT

N. 2317Z CG6041 COMPLETED A-1
AND A-2 W/NEGRES AND LANDED FOR

FUEL.

O. 2325Z CG41504
SEARCHED VSL FOR TRAPPED PERSONS W/NEGRES AND

COMMENCED
SEARCHES OF A-4 AND A-5.

P. 310030Z CG41504 COMPLETED A-4 AND A-5
W/NEGRES AND DIR TO

RTB.

Q. 0045Z CG6041 ABN SEARCHING
A-3.

R. 0118Z CG6041 COMPLETED A-3 W/NEGRES AND RTB.

S. 0203Z
ACTSUS GRANTED BY D7 PENDING FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

3. THE FOLLOWING UCN'S
APPLY:

A. COMCOGARDGRU ST PETERSBURG FL UCN-103.

B. COGARD STA FT
MYERS BEACH FL UCN-052.

C. COGARD AIRSTA CLEARWATER FL UCN-130.

D. COGARD AIRSTA MIAMI FL UCN-134.

4. AMPLIFYING INFORMATION:

A. THE EVERGLADES TOUR BOAT "PANTHER I" WAS U/W GIVING A TOUR

WHEN THE

OPERATOR NOTICED HIS STERN RIDING LOW AND HIS 3 BILGE

PUMPS RUNNING. THE VSL
THEN TOOK A WAKE FROM A PASSING VSL OVER THE

SIDE AND WITHIN A MINUTE, THE
VSL SANK. ORIG RCVD THE CALL DURING

THAT TIME AND LOST COMMS WHEN THE VSL
SANK. NONE OF THE POB HAD

LIFE JACKETS ON WHEN THE VSL WENT DOWN.

B. MSO
MIAMI WILL BE CONDUCTING AN INVESTIGATION OF THE INCIDENT

WITH THE
ASSISTANCE OF MSD FT. MYERS BEACH TO ASCERTAIN THE CAUSE

OF THE INCIDENT AND
OTHER ISSUES PERTAINING TO THIS CASE. THE

INVESTIGATING OFFICERS WILL ALSO
ENSURE PAYMENT RECORDS ARE

OBTAINED FM EVERGLADES BOAT TOURS IN ORDER TO GET
NAMES AND PHONE

NUMBERS TO ESTABLISH ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THE NUMBER OF POB.
POC FM

MSO MIAMI FOR THIS CASE IS CWO DEJESUS, 786-295-9036.

C. POC FM
EVERGLADES PARK RANGER STATION FOR THIS CASE IS MR.

KEIFER, 239-695-4217.

D. COMCOGARDGRU ST PETERSBURG IS SMC.

E. CASE SUSPENDED PENDING FURTHER
DEVELOPMENTS.

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