

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
GROUND ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION**

**ON-DUTY MISHAP FATALITY
KADENA AB, JAPAN
5 APRIL 2015**

On 5 April 2015, at approximately 2115 local time (L), the Mishap Airman (MA), an Air Force F-16 Crew Chief, fell from a fifth story lodging room window at Kadena Air Base (AB), Okinawa, Japan. MA was a 115th Fighter Wing member, deployed out of Truax Field in Madison, Wisconsin as part of a Theater Security Package to augment Pacific Air Forces (PACAF) airpower at Kadena AB. During MA's 98 day deployment, she resided on the fifth floor of Building 329 in Room 1573. MA died instantly upon impact in the grass area immediately below her room's bedroom window.

MA was an avid sports fan, particularly of the University of Wisconsin (UW). MA watched UW play in the final four of the men's college basketball championship with a couple of friends on Sunday, 5 April 2015, at approximately 1000L, during which MA drank approximately three alcoholic beverages. UW's victory made MA extremely excited and wanting to celebrate. At approximately 1300L, MA joined several unit members at what was a recurring Sunday cookout with alcoholic beverages at the Building 333 pavilion, across the street from her lodging campus. During the cookout through approximately 2030L, MA drank multiple cans of beer and consumed an unknown quantity of liquor.

At approximately 2030L, MA's friend, Witness 1 (W1) noticed MA was intoxicated and took MA to her room. After departing the cookout, MA stated on multiple occasions she wished to return to the pavilion. Needing assistance, W1 called Witness 2 (W2). Once in her room, MA was acting unusually intoxicated and resisted W2's attempts to put MA to bed. Eventually W1 and W2 thought MA was cooperating as MA reluctantly agreed to be done for the evening. MA then ushered W1 and W2 out of her dorm room. W1 and W2 recall the curtains and large bedroom window were closed when W1 and W2 left MA. Two feet from the edge of MA's bedroom window is a four-inch downspout. W1 and W2 then remained down the hallway to remain close enough to monitor MA's progress getting to sleep. While sitting in the hall, W1 and W2 heard the television come back on in MA's room and a thump on the door from MA closing the swing-over latch on the main entry door. MA was then alone for approximately nine to ten minutes. During this time, MA fell from the bedroom window to the ground below with her purse, hat, and calendar.

At approximately 2119L, two lodging maintenance personnel saw MA lying on the grass next to the building. Initially thinking MA was passed out and in need of assistance, they tried to awaken MA. Noticing signs of injury, they notified Kadena emergency responders. Within three minutes, emergency responders arrived and immediately began efforts to resuscitate MA. Within two minutes of arrival, emergency responders loaded MA into an ambulance and drove to U.S. Naval Hospital at Camp Foster, Okinawa, where MA was pronounced dead.