

**Appendix B** Calculations and Mathematica Code for Launch Direction, Initial Launch Speed, and Time Setting on Thursday October 16<sup>th</sup>

Derived Equation for velocity

$$v(t) = \left\{ \frac{v_0}{\sqrt{2}} \cos \theta + gt, \frac{v_0}{\sqrt{2}} \sin \theta + gt, \frac{v_0}{\sqrt{2}} - gt \right\}$$

Substitute in -2, -3, and -9.8 for g in for the x, y, and z components of velocity respectively

$$v(t) = \left\{ \frac{v_0}{\sqrt{2}} \cos \theta - 2t, \frac{v_0}{\sqrt{2}} \sin \theta - 3t, \frac{v_0}{\sqrt{2}} - 9.8t \right\}$$

Integrate velocity with respect to time in order to get position

$$d(t) = \int v(t) dt = \left\{ t \frac{v_0}{\sqrt{2}} \cos \theta - t^2, t \frac{v_0}{\sqrt{2}} \sin \theta - \frac{3t^2}{2}, t \frac{v_0}{\sqrt{2}} - 4.9t^2 \right\}$$

Add the position of Wiley's hiding point and set equal to the capture point

$$\left\{ t \frac{v_0}{\sqrt{2}} \cos \theta - t^2, t \frac{v_0}{\sqrt{2}} \sin \theta - \frac{3t^2}{2}, t \frac{v_0}{\sqrt{2}} - 4.9t^2 \right\} + \left( 50, 30, \frac{783}{2} \right) = (150, 97, 320)$$

Solve Using "Solve" function in Mathematica

$$v_0 = 40.9168, t = 7.78012, \theta = .776807$$