

Spring Grove plane crash
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to:

David Sakmar

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Dear Mr. Sakmar,

As per your instructions from our phone conversation, these are the events as I remember them...

I had just dropped off my rent check for my storage unit. When I reached the end of the driveway at Hanover Rd., I looked to my right for oncoming traffic, and then to my left. While looking to my left, I noticed an aircraft flying low and slow. I thought to myself, "He's flying awfully slow". I could not tell if the landing gear was down, but his wing headlights were on. The plane appeared to be on final approach, and making his final "dog leg" turn. The plane began to make a left hand turn toward Thomasville runway. I thought the approach was cut short, normally a plane on approach for Thomasville is farther to the east, and slightly farther south. So while making a left hand, banked turn, the plane nosed over, and began to dive, while spinning to the left (counterclockwise). It appeared to me as though the aircraft had "tip stalled", and was snap rolling nose down, tail up. All of this happened over a period of about 20 or 30 seconds.

After the plane fell below my line of sight, I pulled out onto Hanover Rd. in the direction of where I had seen the plane, but it was gone. I ran down to my step-daughter's barber shop, and told my wife "I think I just watched a plane crash!". My wife said "What makes you think that?" While I was explaining to my wife the siren at the firehouse went off, and Medic 46 from Hanover Hospital flew by, and then the Spring Grove ambulance pulled out of the fire station. I left the shop, jumped in my Jeep, and followed them to the crash scene.

I saw the plane at about 5:30, was at the shop and saw the medic and ambulance around 5:36, and was at the crash scene around 5:42.

I was on the scene a few minutes, walked back to my truck for my phone, and took a few photos. The first picture I took is time stamped on my phone as 5:54.

The sky was dark, but not yet pitch black.

I hope this will help with your investigation, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.....

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