

## **Excerpts from the Saginaw County Sheriff's Report**

The plane circle around the park and ultimately hit the ground and then into the restroom building of the park.

Linda [Burns] advised Sgt Simons that her husband, William Charles Burns, had gone flying this morning, said he would be back at 1130, but didn't return.

We received information from Chesaning Fire Department that they were advised William Charles Burns Sr had departed an Owosso airport this morning flying a Cessna aircraft identified as the same one crashed at the scene. I also received a call from Shiawassee County Central Dispatch who advised they were contacted by Linda Burns. Linda told them she last talked to her husband William Burns at around 0930 this morning. William told her he was going flying and would return around 1130. Linda told them her husband flew out of the Owosso and Chesaning airports.

I spoke with a female who was walking around the park. She identified herself and as Lisa Redmond. I asked her what she knew about the crash. She advised me while walking, she heard the plane and it was really low. She described it coming from the south and turning (if east was 12 o'clock, the plane was flying counter-clockwise). She told me it was getting lower but didn't see it until it crashed into the ground. Redmond said she saw it hit the ground and then go into the building. She said the plane was not level when it hit the ground. She could not remember which way the plane was turned (left wing higher or right wing higher), but she knows it wasn't level. She said she did not see any flames or smoke coming from the plane prior to it crashing.

“Leland Theile told me he observed the aircraft flying east over Showboat Park. Leland said he observed the aircraft make a sharp turn to the south and its wings go vertical. Leland stated, the aircraft then impacted the north side of the building.”

Aaron Rivard saw the pilot making touch and go landings at Chesaning Airport around 10:20 a.m. He heard the engine “cut out” and the plane went “straight down.”