

FW Dekalb county Plane Crash Eye Witness

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On Friday, May 8th, at approximately 10:00 A.M., I headed down to our lower lot to take pictures of a vehicle that we were offering for sale. I stopped and spoke with Eddie Cushing for a few moments at the exit of our service drive. After a brief conversation, Eddie pulled on around to the front of the building to deliver a vehicle. A few seconds later, I heard the loud sound of a airplane engine coming from the Southwest. After working in this location for more than ten years, I have become accustomed to planes coming from that general direction, which is towards PDK Airport. This sounded different than normal and I immediately scanned the horizon for the plane and did not see it for a few seconds. It appeared just to the right, from my perspective, of the tree you see in the center of the background in the picture I have included (FAA 001). The engine sounded very loud, as if it was turning very high RPMs. The plane's attitude was normal, but the altitude was extremely low. I would estimate it to have been around 100 feet which is extremely unusual. The area I was standing in is on a downslope from the path the plane was flying. He was heading in a NorhEasterly direction which was to my right and at a distance of 50 to 60 feet. His path was directly parallel to Peachtree Industrial Blvd. It also mirrored the front drive of our dealership. I observed the pilot and another person sitting in the front of the plane, and the silhouette of someone in the back. I could see the pilot's hands on the yoke and observed both front passengers working controls on the dash. The right passenger reached forward and laid something on top of the dash. When I saw this happening, I could hear a "Clak clack...clack clack" sound coming from the plane. It is important to note that the RPMs did not change, the throttle sounded wide open. The engine sounded like a car that was in neutral and revving to the limit. I can not recall the number of times I heard the Clacking sound, but it was a mechanical sound and was more prevalent when the plane was to my right (image 005) and past to to my right (FAA 011). It appeared at that point the plane made a slight bank to the right which gave me the perspective into the cockpit. I saw a bald man with glasses in a light colored shirt, but I am not sure if he was in the left or right seat. I did see two sets of hands and

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one of those appeared to be turning or pulling on controls in the upper center of the dash and slightly to the left of center. I noted how nice of a plane it looked to be and how clean it was. It was white with blue and red stripes across the lower third of the plane. Because the engine sounded wide open, I turned assuming that it was a survey flight of the property and headed towards the vehicle I was going to take pictures of. A few second later, I looked back and saw and heard the explosion.

I hope this is helpful information. Please let me know if there is anything I could be more clear on. This was a bit hard to put in a paragraph. You can reach me by phone at

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