

VIRGINIA STATE POLICE

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STATEMENT

I AM AN INSTRUCTOR AT THE SKYLINE SOARING CLUB AND WAS GIVING AN INTRODUCTORY GLIDER FLIGHT TO DIANA BRADY. I WAS IN THE BACK SEAT SHE WAS IN THE FRONT SEAT OF THE ASK-21 GLIDER REGISTRATION N341KS.

TAKE OFF AND EARLY TO WERE NORMAL IN GUSTY, BUMPY CONDITIONS. AT A FAIRLY LOW ALTITUDE I LOOKED AWAY FROM THE TOWPLANE BRIEFLY AND WHEN I LOOKED BACK I COULD NOT IMMEDIATELY SEE IT. I THEN SAW IT BELOW AND TO MY RIGHT. THERE WAS SLACK IN THE ROPE SO I PULLED SPEEDBRAKES AND THEN RELEASED THE TOW ROPE. I TURNED BACK TOWARD THE FIELD AND SAW THE FIREBALL. ~~I WAS~~

I CALLED "LANDING ON RANWAY 10" ON THE RADIO AND LANDED THE GLIDER NORMALLY.

I WAS INITIALLY CONCERNED THAT I MAY HAVE PICKED UP THE GLIDE TOWPLANE'S TAIL BUT SEVERAL EXPERT EYEWITNESSES WHO OBSERVED THE EVENT SAID THAT WAS NOT THE CASE.

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