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Interview with Dan Halderman
Narrative Supplement
Report# 16-2272

On September 15, 2016 at 0930 hours I, Detective R. Kuzmicki, made contact with Dan Halderman reference this investigation. Dan advised at 0830 hours on September 14th he and his father were at his residence at [REDACTED]. Dan stated he observed a plane fly by his residence and it was over his property. Dan explained he knew it was Pete Heins' airplane because they are neighbors and is familiar with his yellow plane. Dan said the plane was flying low at "tree top level". He said he actually got out of his truck when he was leaving for work to make sure the plane cleared the trees. He said the plane went back onto the Hein's property, it "banked and went down." Dan said he and his father were headed westbound to work but they circled the area. Dan explained he did not see the plane on the runway due to the high corn and didn't see any smoke. At this time it was approximately 0840-0845 and Dan left the area and went to work.

Detective R. Kuzmicki

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Interview with Jerry Rich
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On September 15, 2015 at approximately 1245 hours I, Detective R. Kuzmicki made contact with Jerry Rich reference this investigation. Jerry stated on the morning of September 14th around 0820-0830 hours he and his wife were walking on Main Street in Arcanum. Jerry said they were walking southbound when he observed a yellow Piper airplane flying nearby. Jerry explained as he and his wife were near the Arcanum Hardware Store the plane flew southeast. Jerry said as the plane was flying he could hear the engine, but as it flew to the east it was "silence." Jerry stated he knew there was a landing strip close and assumed the plane landed.

Detective Rachael Kuzmicki

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On September 15, 2016 I, Sgt. S. A. Trissel, interviewed Michael and Karen Young reference to this investigation. Michael advised that shortly after 0800 hrs. Karen and him were heading to Sutton's grocery store. They advised they seen the plane flying over the village of Arcanum just above the trees. They both advised they thought the plane engine sounded fine, the only thing that caught there attention was how low the plane was flying. Michael advised he thought the plane was flying in a southwest direction from the area of Suttons to Picnic Pizza, but Karen thought the plane was flying northeast from Picnic Pizza towards Suttons. They advised they went in to Sutton's and did not see anything else at this time.

Sgt. S. A. Trissel

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On September 15, 2016 at 1650 hrs. I, Sgt,. S. A. Trissel, talked to Don Miller on the telephone cause he called in to report information on the plane crash. Don advised at approximately 0800/0830 he seen a yellow plane flying to the west of his house. Don advised everything sounded OK with the plane's engine. Don advised that the plane gradually turned heading back south. Don advised the plane was flying some what low. Don advised the plane got behind the tree line and he could not see it anymore and he went inside his house and did not witness anything else.

Sgt. S. A. Trissel

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Interview with Darrin Wheeler
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On September 16, 2016 I, Detective R. Kuzmicki, spoke to Darrin Wheeler reference this investigation. Darrin advised on the morning of September 14, 2016 around 0830-0930 hours he was cutting his grass at [REDACTED] Darrin stated he saw the plane flying towards him. He said the plane made a "flat turn and did not bank". Darrin said the plane was approximately 300 feet from the ground. Darrin explained he was familiar with flying and skydiving and noticed the plane "drop in altitude and go back up." He stated the plane was flying "very radical" and commented "it was like the pilot was drunk." Darrin said after the turn the plane headed west. He said the plane went "up and down" and traveled over the cornfield only approximately 100 feet from the ground. Darrin noted by the time he turned off his mower he looked and the plane was gone. He commented it "disappeared pretty quick!" Darrin advised the last he saw the plane was directly where he heard the plane went down.

Detective R. Kuzmicki