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### Passengers in Cessna 525

#### **Tracee Pennington,** [REDACTED]

I was on the pilot's side facing rear to Leland's right. I remember being on the ground, feeling the impact. I felt the impact and the plane swerved. It was like the back end of the plane went opposite. Like if a tire blew, you lose control a little bit. The back end of the plane was going left or right, not sure which one. Then we straightened up. The plane turned around and came back to the crash site. Angie and Marty called 911. At some point the car came and we left the airport.

#### **Leland Boren,** [REDACTED]

It was a normal flight, four were in the back seat. We dropped off 1 passenger in Jackson, Mi. It was a normal approach. I felt a sudden impact. I heard it hit. I remember saying we hit a deer. Pilot came out and went running, then opened the door of plane. Someone brought the car up and we were gone. I was seated in the front seat, right-side facing backward, one window was to the left.

*Were you looking outside the window?*

I looked outside occasionally. I was talking to people. It was not hazy that day. I remember looking out the window and saying it is beautiful and we can see all this terrain. It was very clear. At 95, 3-4 miles is pretty clear to me. (Note: Leland fell on the floor but was not injured)

#### **Angie Darlington,** [REDACTED]

I was on the pilot's side facing forward in the very last seat (left side of airplane). It was a very, very clear day. Landing coming straight in on 22. Everything normal, nothing unusual. He greased it in as normal. We were coasting, he was preserving the breaks, so we were just rolling out. I did not feel the impact, but heard the biggest bang. The plane yawed. Then Dick applied the brakes hard, he made a 180 turn to get back. As soon as we turned around, I saw the tail in the grass and huge flames, I realized there was some impact. After he shut down engines, Dick jumped out, opened main cabin door and went out to see if he could assist the pilot/plane. I followed him, saw the individual in the grass. Did not realize someone was in the plane that was engulfed in fire. Then Dick came back to plane. Then I helped everyone get out of the plane. There was a ton of smoke, wanted my co-workers to get away from it. They got in the car and then they left. I stayed on the plane and waited for Dick.

*You mentioned it was a clear day...?*

Yes, it was beautiful day out. The sun was shining. It was beautiful out.

**Marty Songer,** [REDACTED]

*In terms of weather...* We remarked there was snow on the ground when we left in the morning, but it was a completely different landscape when we came back because the snow had melted. I was looking at the Indiana Wesleyan football stadium and could see it.

I was sitting on copilot side (right side) facing forward, Mr. Boren facing across from me. The window was at my right. Sometimes Dick is so smooth, you can't tell when you land, on the ground. In this case, I knew we were on the ground because it felt like a tire blew. There was immediate swerving. There was one person who did not have seat belt on, who went flying to his right. We all shifted to the right. Angie said, "what was that?" Mr. Boren said, "I bet we hit a deer." I thought that our pilot did an amazing job straightening the plane up. He swerved, but brought us to the middle; he did turn around to go back. I heard Angie say, "it was a plane." To be honest, I did not look out the window for fear of what I might see. I remember Dick shutting the plane down. Angie said call 911. I picked up my phone and called 911. When I spoke to them, emergency vehicles were already dispatched. I assumed someone had already seen it, glad to know rescue people were on the way. Dick left the plane. Angie went after him. The 3 of us stayed where we were and prayed together. Then they came back. Andy brought car up next to plane. There was a lot of smoke. I didn't realize the tail was off until we got to the car, then I could see it was missing. I could also see a couple gentlemen standing by an empty gurney. And then I thought the best thing we could probably do was leave, but had a moment like "should we stay here", but Angie encouraged us to go, said we can call you. In my heart, I was reluctant to leave them there but thought best thing to do was get out of the way.

**Did you see anything from right side of airplane?**

I did not see anything, until we had completely stopped, after the bump. I didn't look out window, first reaction was afraid what I would see. At some point, I did turn to see out my window. I did not see anything on approach or landing.

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