



MEMORANDUM of RECORD

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Person Contacted: Mr. Bill Davison (Cell [REDACTED]) – Witness to Accident

NTSB Accident Number: ERA15FA099 – New Smyrna Beach, FL

This investigator interviewed Mr. Davison at the accident site (New Smyrna Beach, FL). He reported the following:

- He was on the boardwalk at the time of the accident, just north of the life guard tower.
- It was dark at the time, the fog was “pretty thick” and the wind was strong.
- He heard the airplane approaching, then saw a red light on it. He heard the engine “sputtering.” The engine then “revved up” and the airplane “nose-dived.” The airplane made a “smack” sound when it hit the water.
- The engine was running the entire time, until it hit the water.
- He was on the phone with his mother at the time and told her to call 911.