



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Shortly after the accident, Hanna Luce, passenger and survivor from the accident involving N9DM provided a handwritten statement of the accident sequence. Below is a typed version of her statement.

The pilot turned on the heater—terrible smell—he said that’s how some smell. When he finally turned off, it {illegible} something. A rise of smoke from pilots. He was descending fast. But we all thought we were going to crash. He tried pulling up but the tip hit first ground.

The [plane] must have rolled but as soon as it hit the ground, the plane had set on fire. We were all heavily passed out from the smoke. Tried opening [emergency] window (as were descended, Garrett did). When we hit the ground I honestly thought we were dead.

Subsequent information relayed to her attorney, Mr. David Katzman, added the following information.

One of the other passengers stated that they were a cold. Hanna saw the pilot moved something on the control panel and hot air began to come out of the vents. The hot air then increased in temperature. Black, hot air began to come out of the vents and they couldn’t see very well. They began trying to pour bottled water in the vents to stop the smoke. The water did not change the smoke entering the airplane.

