

NTSB RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Person Contacted: Brian Harrison (Witness)
NTSB Accident Number: ERA18FA114

Narrative:

The following is a summary of a conversation that occurred with Mr. Harrison, an individual that reported that he witnessed the accident airplane shortly before impact:

Mr. Harrison reported that on Sunday, March 25th, 2018, he and his wife were driving home, which was near the accident site, from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He reported about 9:30PM local central daylight time, while traveling southbound on highway 58, about 1/4 mile north of county road 1080, he observed a "steady red light" and a "steady white light" travel over his car. He continued observing the lights out of the driver's side window, looking eastward, for about 10 to 15 seconds and saw them getting lower. At the conclusion of these 10 to 15 seconds, he observed a bright yellow glow ignite. Mr. Harrison reported that he believed the lights were a "low flying airplane."

Mr. Harrison added that the steady lights he observed did not move abruptly up or down, but rather, continued steady until he saw the bright yellow glow. He reported that the red light looked like a steady "brake light" and did not notice any of the lights blinking or flashing. He added that the light appeared to be about 50 to 75 ft above the ground. Mr. Harrison reported that the windows were up in his vehicle and the radio was on, and he did not hear the airplane. After he saw the glowing yellow light, he drove his vehicle on a county road closer to the light, but as he was driving, the glowing light extinguished. After the light extinguished, he reported that the field was "pitch black." He added that he called the Sheriff's Office and reported what he observed and added that he told the Sheriff's Office he wasn't exactly sure what he had saw.

Mr. Harrison reported that it was windy, and it was not raining. He reported that he did not encounter any precipitation at any point from his drive from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma to the accident area. He reported that it was a darker than normal night, and "the moon was not visible." He reported that other than a farm house light, there were no other cars that past him near the time of the accident, the road was not lit, and the field was "pitch black."