



## RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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**Date: May 29, 2013**  
**Person Contacted: Mr. John Patton (Eyewitness)**  
**NTSB Accident Number: WPR13FA244**

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### **Narrative:**

The following is a synopsis of the information provided by Mr. Patton in a telephone conversation on this date:

- The witness, his wife Ms. Kristy Patton, and his brother Mr. James Patton were in the front yard of the couple's home under construction, located at [REDACTED] Mountaineer Road
  - The couple was standing beside the brother's truck
  - The brother was seated in his truck, with the engine running
- The witness was a sport pilot
- The noise of the engine was what drew their attention to the airplane
- The engine "didn't sound right" to him
- The engine was making "popping" sounds- it was running at "high revs," but running "irregularly," and "then quit"
- When they first saw the airplane, it was just above Mountaineer Tavern, headed south along Mountaineer Rd, and was about 100-150 feet agl
- The airplane passed directly overhead the three persons, who were situated about 100 feet east of Mountaineer Road
- The wheels/landing gear were retracted (not visible)
- The airplane was originally headed southeast, but then "banked real quick" and then "straightened up" on a heading of south-southwest.
  - The witness said that the plane looked like it was "trying to land"
- He saw the airplane "drop then maybe [climb] back up"
- They all heard the airplane hit the trees
- His wife telephoned 911, while his brother departed to the site in his already-running truck
- The witness and his wife then travelled to the accident site
- By the time they reached the site, there were many persons already there
- They joined most of the others in fire suppression efforts, using shovels of dirt, fire extinguishers, and garden hoses
- He did see two occupants in the airplane; [REDACTED]