



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: May 29, 2013
Person Contacted: Ms. Kristy Patton (Eyewitness)
NTSB Accident Number: WPR13FA244

Narrative:

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

- The witness, her husband Mr. John Patton, and her brother-in-law 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-in-law's truck
 - The brother-in-law was seated in his truck, with the engine running
- The home was located north of the "General Store," on a lot located where Mountaineer Rd makes a "sharp turn"
- The witness estimated that the home was located about 1/4 mile north of the accident site
- The "popping" noise of the engine was what drew their attention to the airplane
- When her husband heard the airplane engine, he remarked that the situation was "no good"
- When they first saw the airplane, it was headed south along Mountaineer Rd, and was about 100-150 feet agl
- The airplane passed directly overhead the three persons
- The engine popping noise was "audible, but not overwhelming"
- The popping sounded as if the engine was "missing"
- She imitated the popping frequency and rhythm
 - Based on her re-creation, the popping noise was arrhythmic, with an approximate frequency between 1/2 to 3 pops per second
- The witness saw "the red light" operating on the airplane
- She did not see any wheels/landing gear
- The airplane did not look to be abnormally nose up or nose down
- The wings were "not shaking"
- The airplane continued to descend during the period that it was in view
- She estimated that the airplane disappeared from view "fairly quickly," which was a period she estimated to be about "30 to 60 seconds."

- They all heard the tree strike and then the ground impact, and saw the smoke from the impact explosion
- She telephoned 911, while her brother-in-law departed to the site in his already-running truck
- She and her husband then travelled to the accident site
- By the time they reached the site, there were "lots of people around"
- They joined most of the others in fire suppression efforts, using shovels of dirt, fire extinguishers, and garden hoses
- The witness also provided a joint written statement to the Coconino County Sheriff's personnel