

Witness Statement

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Saturday Feb 23, 2013

Taken by Pete Wentz – NTSB AS-60

Mark George – NTSB AS-60 present

Witness: Jimmy Williams Volunteer Fire Fighter/Rescue

Jimmy Williams was a Volunteer Fire Fighter for the McDuffie County Fire/Rescue in the town of Thomson, GA. He was a 33 year old male and had volunteered for McDuffie County for 15 years as a fire fighter. Mr. Williams was driving northbound on Washington road near the I-20 overpass when he noticed a blue flash north of town followed by the street lights going out at approximately 8:10pm the night of the accident (Feb 20, 2013). Mr. Williams continued north towards the blue flash when he noticed flashing police lights heading east down Edmonds road. Mr. Williams turned east on Edmonds road and found Sheriff Deputy Travis Whitaker on foot around Edmonds road and power lines. Mr. Williams stopped and asked Deputy Whitaker if he would like a ride, but Deputy Whitaker declined and told Mr. Williams for continue down toward the crash site. Mr. Williams drove his 4 wheel drive truck down a dirt road until he located the crash site. He got out of his truck to assess for fire conditions when a male walked up to him from the southeast side of the crash site. Mr. Williams assessed the male and found him bleeding from the forehead and complaining of pain in his left arm. Mr. Williams loaded the male he referred to as Jeremy into his truck and drove him up to Edmonds Road. While in the truck the injured male asked if he could use Mr. William's cell phone to call his wife. She did not answer and the male left a voice message. By the time Mr. Williams got back to Edmonds Road other Police, Fire and Ambulance vehicles had arrived. It was established that this was the staging area. Mr. Williams got the male out of his truck and removed his jacket. He completed a full body assessment and asked the male three questions, 1) What year it was? 2) Who was the President? 3) What had just happened? The male did not know what years it was, he did know the name of the President and he did know he was in an accident. While getting ready to load the male into the ambulance Mr. Williams stated the injured male repeated to him three times "I over shot, I over shot, I over shot". Mr. Williams helped load the male into the ambulance and then reported to Captain Perry for instructions. Mr. Williams was then told to drive his truck down the road toward the crash site to assist in removing a vehicle that became stuck. Mr. Williams found an ambulance that needed assistance getting up the road in the mud. Instead of pulling the ambulance up the road they transferred the patient to the back of Mr. Williams's truck in a Stokes basket. Mr. Williams drove the patient from the ambulance and transferred them to an awaiting ambulance on Edmonds road. Mr. Williams estimates that he left the staging area around 12:00am.