

WEST JORDAN POLICE DEPARTMENT  
WITNESS STATEMENT

Case # [REDACTED]

NAME Drew Rawles AGE 25

DATE OF BIRTH [REDACTED] 1986 DRIVERS LICENSE OR I.D. # [REDACTED]

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**READ CAREFULLY:** I hereby certify that all statements made in this witness statement are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and I understand and agree that any false statements will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

**STATEMENT**

Around 1240 local time my student and I were taxiing onto runway 16 at South Valley Regional Airport. The aircraft taking off prior to us seemed to be experiencing trouble taking off. Once airborne, this airplane seemed unable to climb higher than 50'. I turned to my student and said "We are going to see an airplane crash." I then got onto the radio and called the pilot saying "Experimental on upwind, are you experiencing technical issues?" to see if I could offer assistance. He replied "No, it's just a weak airplane." About 10 seconds after this, the aircraft stall/spun into the ground with a slow (about 5 degree) right turn away from the wind. The left wing flipped over the right indicating a heavier stall on the right wing.

This statement was completed at 14:35 .m. on the 4th day of October, 2011

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Once inverted, the aircraft nosed over from about 50' above the ground and exploded (no fire or combustion) into a cloud of foam and composites. At this point, I took the controls from my student, made a radio call telling my company to call emergency crews, and took off to find the site of the crash from the air so I could tell everybody where to send emergency assistance.

Weather conditions at time of crash: (Reported)

Wind: 150 @ 12 kts gusting 18

Visibility: 10+ miles

Sectored clouds @ 10,000 ft

Temp: 23°C dew point: 7°C

Pressure: 29.88 in Hg.

This crash had nothing to do with weather. While I was flying, there wasn't a single bump or downdraft.

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