

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20594

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

The purpose of this statement is intended solely for use in determining the facts, conditions and circumstances, and the probable cause of the subject accident.

Date: 11-15-071. Place of accident IH 20 & 16 Hwy Date 11-15-07 Hour 3:00 - 3:302. Type of vehicle plane

3. Identification of vehicle _____

4. What is your name Todd Spakes Age 385. Address [REDACTED] Strawn, TX 764756. Occupation Ranch Foreman By whom employed Strawn Valley Ranch7. Where were you at the time of the accident about 2 miles away

8. Tell in your own words what you saw or heard before and at the time the accident occurred:

I was working at my truck. I heard a plane and a matter of minutes heard the engine stall ~~once~~ once for a couple of seconds. It came back on then went off again came back on and went off. The third time it went off it didn't come back on. The time the engine stalled was a matter of 1 to 2 seconds before it came back on. The last time it was a little louder and stronger when it went off. I couldn't find it in the sky. I got my binoculars and found it. When I saw it, it was in a spin (belly down). It looked like it was in whole. I followed it until the trees and hill got between me and the plane. That's when I called 911. I saw no smoke or other parts from the plane falling.

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(Signature)