

## 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 7/12/20121. Place of accident WINSLOW Date 7/11/2012 Hour Approx 1235

2. Type of vehicle \_\_\_\_\_

3. Identification of vehicle \_\_\_\_\_

4. What is your name JERRY SOLLIVAN Age 535. Address [REDACTED] WINSLOW AZ 86047Occupation AIR TANKER BASE MGR. By whom employed US FORESTRY 16 YRS. EXPERIENCE  
IN FIREFIGHTING7. Where were you at the time of the accident IN SECOND FLOOR OF BASE FACING RWY  
IN A NORTHEAST DIRECTION

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

WAS IN OFFICE AT THE TIME THAT THE AIRCRAFT LANDED. HE HEARD THAT A UNIQUE PLANE WAS INBOUND. HE WATCHED AIRCRAFT AS IT TAXIED TO WRONG POSITION FOR FUELING. HE THEN HEARD THE PILOT CALL ON UNICOM AND SPEAK WITH FBO. HE DID NOT HEAR ANYTHING FURTHER AFTER THE CALL TO UNICOM WHERE THERE WAS A DISCUSSION ABOUT FUELING. APPROXIMATELY 45 MINUTES HE DID WITNESS THE AIRCRAFT AS IT DEPARTED RWY 29. 30-45 SECONDS LATER HE HEARD A TRANSMISSION ON UNICOM "YOU MOTHERFUCKER" WHICH WAS A MALE VOICE. HE IMMEDIATELY LOOKED UP AND SAW A DUST CLOUD TO THE NORTHWEST. PRIOR TO DEPARTURE HE DID NOTICE THUNDERSTORMS AROUND THE AIRPORT. HE DID NOTICE WHAT APPEARED TO BE A SLIGHT TAILWIND AT THE TIME OF DEPARTURE. THE WINDSOCK DID SHOW A VARIABLE DIRECTION THROUGHOUT THE DAY. AT THE INTERSECTION OF RWYS 4/22 THE AK WAS APPROX. 20-40 FT. AGL

(Signature)