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Witness Statement From:

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On 13 Sept 2017 I returned to Kelly Airpark (KAP), Elbert, CO. via motorcycle. I was attempting to beat the two Micro cells. One was located due west of KAP over Hwy 83 and the other was south east of KAP. Winds were out of the west with severe gusts that made it difficult to keep bike on center. Light rain was falling.

Arrived at KAP at 1:30PM. Was working in the Hangar located on the west side of the Airpark. Hangar is located just south of the cross wind runway. Just after arrival, a gust of wind hit the west wall of the hangar and I witnessed the wooden structure of the wall move inward.

Within 1 – 2 minutes after gust of wind, I heard the sound of an aircraft at full power passing the hangar in very close proximity. I was near the south door exit and witness an aircraft collide with the embankment of CR 5. The aircraft hit hard, nose first, tail came up and aircraft travelled backwards in a cloud of dust and debris. I sprinted to the scene and assisted the passenger and pilot of the aircraft. I was first on scene. A local driver of Dan's trash Service called 911. He also assisted in elevating right wing to extract pilot. Fuel was pouring out of the right wing. Estimate the time of impact was 1:40 PM. My phone records indicated the first call to Pilot spouse was at 1:50 PM. The winds within two minutes after the impact were near zero, dead calm. The Micro cell that was west of KAP was now south east and dissipating rapidly.

Elbert EMTs were on scene within 15 mins. Local Elbert Law Enforcement and Fire Dept was on the scene shortly after. Worked with Denver FAA (Eric) to secure ELT and Master switch. Verified Acft Paperwork and Flt Control continuity. Marked off touchdown and impact points with yellow markers.

Aircraft was released by the NTSB to me and a family member of passenger. Aircraft was secured in owner/pilot hangar. Present location.

I hereby submit this Witness Report for the record.

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