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Mr. Obregon,

Herewith is my observation of what occurred surrounding the airplane crash on Coley Road in Tupelo, MS.

As is common practice with my job, I frequently travel up and down Coley Road which parallels the North and South runway of Tupelo Regional Airport. At approximately 8:00 a.m. on August 17, 2011, I was Southbound on Coley Road when something highly unusual caught my attention. It is not unusual to see aircraft ascending and descending. However, on this particular morning the loud noise of an aircraft engine caught my attention and I only had to look out my driver's door window to see an aircraft which appeared to have taken off and was slightly banking to the left as it appeared before me at a distance of approximately 100-150 yards. I immediately determined that said aircraft was too close to the ground for it to be in complete controlled flight at this location.

At this point the aircraft was slightly above and beyond the utility lines which parallel Coley Road. It was very obvious that the aircraft was about to crash, and I was in the direct path of the aircraft. I immediately accelerated past the point of possible impact and was less than 50 feet and five seconds ahead of the crash. Upon hearing the impact of the aircraft with the ground, I looked out my rearview mirror and saw a wheel with partial landing gear still attached trailing no more than 50 feet behind my vehicle. In fact I had to take quick evasive action to keep the wheel from hitting my truck. Once the wheel stopped running behind me I turned around and returned to the crash sight. Based on the number of people who had already gotten to the aircraft I decided it was in my best interest to take no further action regarding said crash. I was in no way harmed nor was the truck I was in damaged.

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