

**R.S.T Law Enforcement Services  
Voluntary Witness Statement**

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Name: Kevin B. Sharkey

DOB: [REDACTED]

SS#: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

City, State SD

Zip: 52580

Home Phone: [REDACTED]

Work Phone: [REDACTED]

Employed By: Action Mach

**DATE & LOCATION OF INCIDENT:**

4 mile East of Airport

**EXPLAIN WHAT HAPPENED:**

Plane crashed taking off from Airport  
I watched them for 1 min. then heard a  
loud bang then seen it go down went to  
call police & Ambulance then went to site  
it was all flames I call out But no one  
Answered me I could see them in side the  
Plane but no movement.

Shane Sheasley

Tom Vermillion

Bob ? = The Pilot.

P.S. Explain See Back

Witness

Signature

Date: 8-23-06

A/C departed mission and started making bank to turn (4 turn) then after coming out of the bank the A/C started to lose altitude. It looked like the A/C was about 50 ft. above top of the big ridge. A/C was level, I saw sparks from the left engine - then heard a bang like a shotgun. Then the aircraft banked to left and went down out of sight. Then at about the same time I heard the muffled sound of the crash (like crushing) Then I saw the fire ball & smoke. Then I went to the University & told my brother Tim to call police - ambulance & fire trucks. I went to the crash site. Upon arrival I parked the pick up on top of the ridge & ~~walked~~ ran to the plane. I hollared out - no response. I could see 2 people in the front of the A/C. (I could see the shoulder harness on these 2) They were engulfed in flames & slumped over. I could smell a Kerosene smell. All the fire was at the airplane.

Inspector Wallingford wrote this for me -

Kevin Sharkey 8-25-00

~~Kevin Sharkey~~

## 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 8-23-00
1. Place of accident Northeast Mission, SD Date 8-23-00 Hour 2:00am
2. Type of vehicle Blue Chevy Beretta
3. Identification of vehicle Owner Ruby Laylor
4. What is your name Jody G. Oliver # [REDACTED] Age 24
5. Address [REDACTED], Rosebud, SD, 57570
6. Occupation Police Officer By whom employed Rosebud Sioux Tribe
7. Where were you at the time of the accident 1.5 miles West of Accident site.
8. Tell in your own words what you saw or heard before and at the time the accident occurred.

I saw a Airplane leaving Antelope Airport. I saw the Airplane travel around or near 2 to 3 miles north east of mission, SD. I heard the Airplane sputter like something was wrong with the choke. Air plane dropped down words. I heard a surge of power again in the engine. 2 or 3 seconds later I saw the Airplane drop down words. I saw a cloud of smoke and heard a loud pounding noise. I saw fire coming from where the Airplane went down. I and 2 other off duty officers call the police.

[Signature]  
(Signature)

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## STATEMENT OF WITNESS

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- Date AUGUST 23, 2000
1. Place of accident NORTHEAST OF MISSION AIRPORT Date AUGUST 23, 2000 Hour 0130 AM
2. Type of vehicle 1989 CHEVROLET BERETTA 50A
3. Identification of vehicle \_\_\_\_\_
4. What is your name RUBY L. CAYLOR \_\_\_\_\_ Age 30
5. Address WHITE RIVER, S.D. 57579
6. Occupation POLICE OFFICER By whom employed ROSEBAUD POLICE DEPARTMENT
7. Where were you at the time of the accident APPROX. 3 MI NORTH OF MISSION, S.D.
8. Tell in your own words what you saw or heard before and at the time the accident occurred.

WE WERE PARKED ON A DIRT ROAD STANDING OUTSIDE MY VEHICLE AND NOTICED THAT A PLANE WAS TAKING OFF. THE PLANE SOUNDED LIKE IT WAS SPUTTERING AFTER IT TOOK OFF THEN IT SOUNDED LIKE IT WAS ACCELERATING THEN I HEARD A LOUD BOMB THEN SAW A LARGE BALL OF FIRE.

Ruby L. Caylor  
(Signature)

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## STATEMENT OF WITNESS

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1. Place of accident Northeast of Mission Runway Date 8-23-00  
~~Mile North of Larry Mack's residence~~ Date 8-23-00 Hour
2. Type of vehicle Chevy Beretta
3. Identification of vehicle
4. What is your name Hunter Oliver Age 23
5. Address Rosebud S.D. 57570
6. Occupation Police officer By whom employed Rosebud Sioux Tribe
7. Where were you at the time of the accident Mile North of Larry Mack's residence
8. Tell in your own words what you saw or heard before and at the time the accident occurred.

I heard a plane take off from Mission Airport. I notice the airplane was making an odd noise. This noise sounded like the engine was cutting in and out. I looked ~~to see it~~ towards the direction that I thought the airplane would be. At this time I heard the engine rev up then I heard a big boom and notice a fireball coming from the ground. At this time I responded to the scene. This occurred at about or around 0200 hrs.

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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA )

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SS  
COUNTY OF TODD )

I, Harmond Stewart  
OATH AS FOLLOWS: AFTER BEING FIRST DULY SWORN STATE AND DEPOSE UNDER

I don't know anything. I heard  
A passing rumor from the (see telegraph).  
I don't know who or where I was when  
I heard this rumor. I just don't remember.  
The rumor was about the plane that recently  
crashed, was caused by some kids who supposedly  
put dirt in the gas tanks. I did not  
witness anything or see anything personally.

  
AFFIANT

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31 day of August 2000

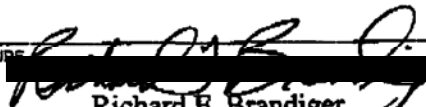
My Commission Expires:

9-21-03

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Margaret Egert

Notary Public, South Dakota

RECORD OF <input type="checkbox"/> VISIT <input type="checkbox"/> CONFERENCE OR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TELEPHONE CALL		TIME 5:30 PM	DATE 08/24/2000
NAME (S) OF PERSON (S) CONTACTED OR IN CONFERENCE AND LOCATION Rod Bliss, Line Attendent and Refueler for Jetstream Aviation		ROUTING	
		SYMBOL	INITIALS
Richard F. Brandiger, FAA Inspector			
SUBJECT Refueling of Cessna 340, N34DD			
<p><b>DIGEST</b></p> <p>Mr. Bliss stated that early on the morning of August 22, 2000, N34DD left for Mission, SD with Bob Bielstein at the controls. He stated the main fuel tanks were full before it left. He went on to say the aircraft returned from Mission at 4:45pm that afternoon. He stated shortly there after he serviced the aircraft with 34.2 gallons of fuel in the main fuel tanks, topping them off. He further stated the aircraft was about to be put away for the night when Bob Bielstein called him and said he was going back out on another trip to Mission. He said that Bob wanted him to put 10 gallons of fuel in each auxillary fuel tank. Mr. Bliss stated that he was only able to service the auailary tanks with a total of 18.5 gallons of fuel. He stated Bob and two passengers departed Rapid City at about 7:30pm. Mr. Bliss reiterated that the two mains and two auxillary fuel tanks were full of fuel before the aircraft left on its last flight.</p> <p>This concluded our conversation.</p>			
CONCLUSION, ACTION TAKEN, OR REQUIRED			
DATE 08/24/2000	TITLE Aviation Safety Inspector	SIGNATURE  Richard F. Brandiger	

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