

SAUK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

STATEMENT FORM

Number: 04-09446 Title: _____ Date: 8/06/04

Name: Hackon P. Carlson DOB: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Prairie du Sac / [REDACTED]

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: 53578

Phone: (Home) [REDACTED] (Work) _____

State In Your Own Words What Occurred

At about 745 AM/PM on 8/6/04 20 . I saw
 a brown/gray helicopter coming
 from the west dropping down at
 us (I + 3 others were in the middle
 of the cuban's Grove Bug) as the helicopter
 passed over us I saw the helicopter
 tumbling w/ parts flying away from it.
 When I looked back at the high lines
 I saw some of the wires bouncing
 and it was my impression the copter
 went under the wires.

As the copter was tumbling it went
 down behind some of the trees - heard
 a thudding crash and a plume of
 smoke.

Within 3 min I ran to the
 downed copter - I recall seeing a single
 shoe and what I thought was a teddy bear
 lying some 15 feet from the burning cabin.
 It was my assumption that nobody could be
 still be alive in the cockpit.

[Signature] Date: 8-6-04
 Witness Signature

9101 Date: _____
 Investigating Officer
 FORM #: 007F Revised: 12/01/93

Record of Interview

Date: August 9, 2004

Time: 12:05 pm edt

Interview with: Mr. Haakon P. Carlson

Reference: CHI04FA214 – Prairie du Sac, WI



Summary and Factual Information from Interview:

Mr. Carlson reported that he witnessed the helicopter accident at Gruber's Grove near Prairie du Sac, Wisconsin, on August 6, 2004.

Mr. Carlson stated that he noticed the helicopter at a distance to the west. He initially thought that it was a medical evacuation helicopter, but as it approached he realized that it was not. He reported that as the helicopter approached it kept getting lower and he recalled thinking "this guy's buzzing us." He noted that the helicopter came in as fast as a fixed wing aircraft. It did not appear that the pilot was attempting to hover.

Mr. Carlson stated that after the helicopter passed over the power lines near his location were "bouncing." He commented that the power lines were in a direct line between his position and the helicopter. He also noted that he initially thought the helicopter had gone under the wires.

Mr. Carlson reported that the aircraft was not "wavering" as it approached; the flight path was "very direct." He did not observe any smoke and the engine sounded normal to him. He noted that his perception was that the pilot was initiating a low-pass on purpose.

----- *End of entries* -----

I attest that the above summary and factual information was taken on the above stated day and is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signed: _____

Date: 3/23/2005

Timothy N. Sorensen
National Transportation Safety Board
Aerospace Engineer - Field

SAUK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

STATEMENT FORM

Number: 04-09446 Title: _____ Date: 8/06/04

Name: JANICA CARLSON DOB: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

City: Prairie du Sac State: WI Zip: 53578

Phone: (Home) [REDACTED] (Work) _____

State In Your Own Words What Occurred

At about 7:45 AM/PM on August 6, 2004, I saw

We were bringing our boat to our boat house when I saw a helicopter flying very low over our boat. It hit the high line which debris started falling off the helicopter around our boat. It then crashed on Gerald's house.

[Signature] Date: 8/6/04
Witness Signature

9101 Date: _____
Investigating Officer

SAUK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

STATEMENT FORM

Number: 04-09446 Title: Date: 8/06/04

Name: Sheri A Johnson DOB: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

City: Prairie du Sac State: WI Zip: 53578

Phone: (Home) [REDACTED] (Work) [REDACTED]

State In Your Own Words What Occurred

At about 7:45 AM/PM on Aug 6 2004. I saw

a helicopter flying low on Lake Wi. we were in a boat coming into shore on the bay. it was coming towards us coming lower & lower towards us & it hit wires & things were flying off the helicopter it went by or over us & it started flipping around & went once & then hit & we saw fire flames.

Witness Signature: [Signature] Date: 8-6-04

Investigating Officer: 9101 Date: FORM #: 007F Revised: 12/01/93

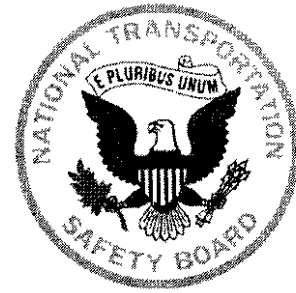
Record of Interview

Date: August 9, 2004

Time: 11:30 pm cdt

Interview with: Ms. Sheri A. Johnson

Reference: CHI04FA214 – Prairie du Sac, WI



Summary and Factual Information from Interview:

Ms. Johnson reported that she witnessed the helicopter accident at Gruber's Grove near Prairie du Sac, Wisconsin, on August 6, 2004.

Ms. Johnson stated that she was in a boat on the lake, approximately 100 feet from the dock. She reported she first saw the helicopter "high up" in the distance. She noted that it approached directly toward her position and that it kept getting lower. She recalled that it sounded normal and that it was traveling in a straight line.

Ms. Johnson reported that she did not see the helicopter hit the power lines near her location. However, she stated that when she looked at the wires after the aircraft had passed overhead the lines were "bouncing." She noted that things were flying off the aircraft at that time. She reported that it went over some trees. She subsequently heard the impact and saw flames and smoke.

----- *End of entries* -----

I attest that the above summary and factual information was taken on the above stated day and is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signed: _____

Date: 3/25/2005

Timothy N. Sorensen
National Transportation Safety Board
Aerospace Engineer - Field

SAUK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
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STATEMENT FORM

Number: 04-09446 Title: _____ Date: 8-6-04

Name: Michael J. McCormick DOB: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

City: Madison State: WI Zip: 53718

Phone: (Home) [REDACTED] (Work) [REDACTED]
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State In Your Own Words What Occurred
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At about 7:45 AM/PM, on 8-6-04 20____, I saw
a helicopter fly into power lines
over Junber Grove Bay. Debris flew into
the water & the helicopter flew into
a house.

[REDACTED]
Witness Signature

Date: 8-6-04

9101

Investigating Officer

Date: _____

FORM #: 007F Revised: 12/01/93

SAUK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
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STATEMENT FORM

Number: 04-09446 Title: _____ Date: 8-6-04

Name: THOMAS J. TROESTLER DOB: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

City: PRAIRIE DU SAC State: WI Zip: 53578

Phone: (Home) [REDACTED] (Work) RETIRED

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State In Your Own Words What Occurred
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At about 8:00 AM/PM, on 8-6 2004, I ~~SAW~~ HEARD
THE SOUNDS OF A HELICOPTER PASSING CLOSE BY.
LATER I HEARD THE SOUNDS OF THE BLADES HITTING
TREES & THEN A CRASH. WE HAD A CLEAR VIEW
OF THE SOUTH EAST SKY AND SAW NO AIRCRAFT SO
THE AIRCRAFT MUST HAVE APPROACHED FROM ANOTHER
DIRECTION OTHER THAN SOUTHEAST. I HAVE OVER 20,000
HOURS OF JET AIRCRAFT EXPERIENCE AS A PILOT IN
THE USMC & AMERICAN AIRLINES

[Signature]
Witness Signature

Date: 8-6-04

9101
Investigating Officer

Date: _____

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STATEMENT FORM

Number: 04-09446 Title: Date: 8/06/04

Name: ROBERT T SINKLAIR DOB: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

City: PAIGE DE SAE State: WI Zip: 53578

Phone: (Home) [REDACTED] (Work) [REDACTED]

State In Your Own Words What Occurred

At about 7:30/45 AM/PM, on Aug 6th 2004 I saw

HEARD Helicopter Blade Start and Stop, Small Helicopter 2 Blade then heard the ~~the~~ electric High Wire Whistle and Pop - all power went out HEARD a Crash and small explosion - I knew it was an aircraft down so I grabbed Fire Extinguisher get in my car drove to the cottage at the end of circle when I saw the smoke

When we came around the back of the house I saw in the lower porch area a small craft (spot Helicopter) driven into the house - the occupants of the house were out and safe, went back to the fire to try to help could not get close to fire

[REDACTED] Date: 8/6/04

Witness Signature

9101 Date:

Sauk County Sheriff's Department

Supplemental Report

Detective Kim Wasilewski

Death Investigation

04-09446

Witness:

Martina A. Chamberlain

female, white, DOB [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Merrimac, WI 53561

H: [REDACTED]

W: [REDACTED]

Also Visiting the Home That Night:

Tina Hubanks

H: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

When I was conducting my interview with Martina Chamberlain, Tina Hubanks was not at the residence at that time.

Time of Interview Chamberlain: approximately 9:45 p.m.

Interview with Martina Chamberlain:

Martina stated that she arrived home at approximately 6:15 p.m. on 08/06/2004. She's not sure what time Tina Hubanks came to her residence but Tina was in the company of her son Nick and her daughter Tiffany. Martina states the children went outside to play in the backyard with her 6 year old son McKenzie and the children were in the paddle boat. Martina states she and Tina were on the computer in the home when they saw the helicopter "dip" towards the other side of the lake. Martina states that when she saw the helicopter dip, her friend Tina ran out to the back yard to grab the children. Martina states she then called 911. Martina states she saw the helicopter "weave up and down" and she said the helicopter sounded loud but it did not sound like it was sputtering or having engine difficulty. Martina states she saw the helicopter flying low and then she saw the helicopter dip low towards the water and then come back up towards the wires. She states she then saw the tail fly off and then she said she witnessed it go over the trees and into a residence that's located across from her residence. She states she then heard the explosion and saw the large fireball.

McKenzie Chamberlain stated that he believed he saw the helicopter hit a couple of trees before hitting the house at [REDACTED] Gruber's Grove Road. That was the only information offered by Martina and McKenzie Chamberlain.

Typed by: wc

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Detective Kim Wasilewski/#9131

**SAUK COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
INITIAL REPORT**

REPORTING OFFICER:	INCIDENT TITLE:	INCIDENT NUMBER:
DETECTIVE FORBES-MILLER		04-09446

SUBJECTS INTERVIEWED:

MARILYN A. GREIMEL
F/W DOB [REDACTED]

JOHN H. HOEZLHAMMER
M/W DOB [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
PRAIRIE DU SAC, WI 53578

OTHER SUBJECT :

TYLER M. GREIMEL
M/W DOB [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
LODI, WI 53555
[REDACTED]

**ALL OF THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS WERE OCCUPYING THE HOME AT THE
CRASH SITE AT THE TIME OF THIS INCIDENT:**

INTERVIEW WITH MARILYN GREIMEL:

On 08/13/2004, I spoke with Marilyn at the Cederberry Inn where she and her significant other John Hoezlhammer are residing since the incident at their Gruber's Grove home. Marilyn said at the time of the incident on 08/06/2004, she was at the kitchen sink in their home, the kitchen is in the middle of this residence. While standing at the kitchen sink Marilyn said she would have been facing the wall that the aircraft crashed into (there is a half wall at the sink area between the kitchen and the TV room). Marilyn said that her son Mitch and her Grandson Tyler were in the TV room, directly in front of her, just north of her sitting on the sofa petting the new puppy Tyler had just received for his birthday. Marilyn said while standing at the kitchen sink she heard "a horrendous noise I can't really describe it."

Marilyn than said she heard her son Mitch yell "hit the floor we're being bombed." Marilyn said at that time plaster started coming down from the ceiling. Mitch then yelled for her to call 911. Marilyn said she went for the phone in the kitchen, however it had gone dead. She then heard her son Mitchell yell "were not being bombed, get out, get out, get out of the house." Marilyn said Mitchell and Tyler exited the east patio door that goes out onto a deck. Marilyn exited the front door, the south exit near the driveway. As she was leaving the house, she said she saw a rosy orange glow from the fire, to the north of the home. Marilyn said she never actually saw the aircraft coming

in. The first time she realized something was wrong was when she heard the horrendous noise. Marilyn said after exiting the house, she went around the corner of the house looking to the north where the aircraft had hit, seeing a fiery orange rosy glow in the sky. Marilyn said at this point or at any point from being in the home or exiting the house she felt no heat from this blaze. The first time that she actually realized something was wrong was when she heard the noise and heard her son yelling hit the floor we're being bombed.

INTERVIEW WITH JOHN H. HOZELHAMMER

I spoke with John at the Cederberry Inn at Sauk City Wisconsin on 08/13/2004. John said that at the time of the impact of the aircraft of their home he was in the bathroom of their residence, on the south side of the home. He said he was looking out the window as he stood in the bathroom. He then heard Mitch yell "we're being boomed hit the deck." At this point John said he heard a plane engine and then a very loud "kaboom". John said he exited the bathroom looked to the north and saw a red and orange ball of flame. John exited the house from the south exit that goes out into the driveway of the home. He then reentered the home, went down into the basement of the house to shut off the gas, came back up the basement stairs and exited the house again through the south door. At this point he said there were Sheriff's personnel on scene and they told him to leave the area which he did.

John said he and Marilyn then went to Marilyn's daughter Jenny's house, next door, however Jenny and her husband were in Indiana at the time.

INTERVIEW WITH TYLER GREMIEL:

On 08/13/2004, I spoke with Tyler in the presence of his mother at their home in Lodi. Tyler said on 08/06/2004 he was in the TV room at his Grandma's house with his dad. They were sitting on a couch that would be on the north wall of this residence petting a new puppy he had just received for his birthday. Tyler said he heard a plane coming in really low. Tyler said his dad yelled we're being bombed. He and his dad then went down to the floor. Tyler said he was lying face down on the floor in a "egg position". Tyler said about three seconds after he hit the floor he heard three big crashes that sounded like "kabooms". He then said he saw "a huge thing of pink smoke". He said his dad was on the floor beside him, his grandma was in the kitchen and John was in the bathroom when this impact started.

Tyler said the three bangs were the aircraft hitting the ground, the propellers hitting the house, and the third bang he thinks was the plaster ceiling falling on top of him. Tyler said the plaster was holding him down, so his dad pulled him out by his left arm. He and his dad then ran out through the patio door (this door was blown out by the explosion), onto the deck, this would be to the northeast side of the home. Tyler said he then ran to the front yard, which would be to the south, yelling "911". At this time John went back into the house to turn off the gas and then saw his dad in the TV room with a garden hose trying to put out the flames. Tyler said after exiting the house the main thing he remembers about the crash is a lot of black smoke, orange red and

yellow flames and horrible smell. Tyler said he never did see the aircraft he only heard the engine of the aircraft and it sounded like it was coming in low and then the explosions.

Tyler's mother Terry Jiran, as mentioned earlier was sitting with Tyler and I during the interview. Terry said that Tyler has been seeing a therapist off and on for ADD problems, and they will continue to see the therapist to help Tyler work through the trauma of this incident.



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