

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 30th July 2006
1. Place of accident Sullivan - MO Date 29th July 2006 Hour 1h 45m
2. Type of vehicle _____
3. Identification of vehicle _____
4. What is your name Viviane Coelho Serralha Age 23
5. Address [REDACTED] DITTMER, MO 63023
6. Occupation CAMP STAFF By whom employed CEC
7. Where were you at the time of the accident Airport

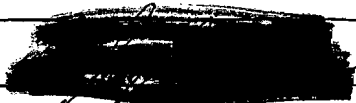

8. Tell in your own words what you saw or heard before and at the time the accident occurred.

the airplane took off and when was about a tree high we ~~heard~~ heard a noise and we saw some smoke coming out the right side of the plane, the plane lost some altitude but after a few seconds recovered it! the plane flew then at the same altitude and we lost eye contact because they were behind the trees! after a sudden silent we heard a ^{loud} ~~noise~~ noise.

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(Signature)

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RECORD OF <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> VISIT <input type="checkbox"/> CONFERENCE OR <input type="checkbox"/> TELEPHONE CALL		TIME 1730	DATE 7-30-06
NAME (S) OF PERSON (S) CONTACTED OR IN CONFERENCE AND LOCATION		ROUTING	
		SYMBOL	INITIALS
SUBJECT Aft Accident, Sullivan, mo 7-29-06			
DIGEST After the plane took off from the runway, at about tree height, the right engine appeared to have stopped working and caught on fire. It was a small "POOF" OF SMALL FLAMES AND SMOKE. THE PLANE LOOKED AS IF IT WOULD LAND, IT DIPPED IN THE AIR AND THEN ROSE BACK UP IN THE AIR ABOUT TREE HEIGHT AGAIN. IT SLOWLY GLIDED TO THE RIGHT AND FLOATED BEHIND THE TREE LINE. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WAS A LOUD "BOOM". NO SMOKE OR FLAMES. LOUISE BOWDEN AND ELLIE HOCK RAN INSIDE TO NOTIFY THE QUANTUM LEAP STAFF.			
CONCLUSION, ACTION TAKEN, OR REQUIRED			
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DIGEST			
<p>The plane took off, at about tree height the right engine (looking from the back) set alight and made a small bang, the plane started to go down, then it went back up, veered to the right and went over the trees. We then heard a 'boom'.</p> <p>during this period, Ellie^{HOCK} and I also ran into skydiving office to inform the staff of the flames which we had seen.</p>			
CONCLUSION, ACTION TAKEN, OR REQUIRED			
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DATE 07/30/06	TITLE LOUISE BOWDEN	SIGNATURE 	

I was riding my bike on AF Highway approximately 1:30 or 1:45 pm on the afternoon of July 29, 2006. I was at the end of the runway and heard the sky diver plane, and as I always do, I stopped and watched it take off. It was about 150 feet in the air and just about at the end of the runway when all of a sudden, there was (Poof) sound and the right engine was engulfed in fire. The plane kept going and was turning to the right. It was not gaining any altitude but staying about the same height, the right engine was just barely turning at that time and then the trees blocked my vision. It looked as if it was turning more to the right but must have changed course because it landed well to the left of where I saw it. I listened for about fifteen seconds and heard a crunching sound and I looked for smoke but there was none. This all happened in about twenty to thirty seconds. In the next thirty seconds, people from the airport were coming and I directed them to where I last saw the plane. It is very unusual for there not to be more people on AF Hwy, but at that very second I think I was the only one on the whole stretch of AF Hwy. This is all I can recall. I hope it is useful.

[REDACTED]
Glenn D. Gilbert

[REDACTED]
Sullivan, Mo. 63080

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NAME (S) OF PERSON (S) CONTACTED OR IN CONFERENCE AND LOCATION			ROUTING
TED NICHOLS [REDACTED]			SYMBOL
[REDACTED]			INITIALS
SULLAWN, MO (FRANKLIN CO.) 63080			
SUBJECT	AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT @N 7-29-06		
DIGEST	MR. NICHOLS APPEARED INTOXICATED AT THE TIME OF THE INTERVIEW. MR NICHOLS STATES - HE HEARD THE ENGINES RUNNING LIKE AN AIRCRAFT THAT IS LANDING. WHEN HE WENT TO HIS BACK DOOR, THE AIRCRAFT WAS IN THE TREE. HE WAS IN HIS LIVING ROOM WATCHING TV AT THE TIME, HE SAID HE WENT UP TO THE AIRCRAFT AND SAW THE BODIES PILED UP. HE STATES HE HEARD A WOMAN MOANING IN THE AIRCRAFT.		
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CONCLUSION, ACTION TAKEN, OR REQUIRED			
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NAME (S) OF PERSON (S) CONTACTED OR IN CONFERENCE AND LOCATION LISA Whitaker, [REDACTED]			ROUTING SYMBOL INITIALS
SUBJECT Aircraft Accident, Sullivan, MD 7-29-06			
DIGEST			
<p>Ms Whitaker was in pool in backyard adjacent to crash site. Ms. Whitaker indicated prior to crash she heard the engines "go quiet". She then saw the plane approaching towards her flying straight & level but excessively low. It flew this way until it nosed over and crashed.</p> <p>Ms Whitaker and her Father (Larry James) were first on scene and also called "911". They indicated they were reluctant to get too close to the plane due to leaking fuel. Local EMS arrived within minutes. Fire Dept was several minutes later.</p>			
CONCLUSION, ACTION TAKEN, OR REQUIRED			
Advised MS Whitaker and her Father they may be contacted in the immediate future.			
DATE 7-29-06	TITLE Aviation Safety Inspector	SIGNATURE [REDACTED]	