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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 08, 2015 4:04 PM  
**To:** David.Laycock [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Witness Statement

Hi Dave,

The following is my statement in reference to the plane crash on 9/7/15:

I was in my driveway and happen to look out over the tree line in the backyard (to the west). I saw the plane traveling right to left of vision, in the opposite direction of PTI in a normal flying pattern and the sound of an engine as if everything was normal. Shortly afterwards, the plane turned left, (pilot's left), which would have put him going towards PTI. Before the pilot could level the plane, the left wing dropped downward, then the right wing dropped downward, left wing higher than the right wing - in a swaying motion. As the right wing comes up as if trying to level the plane, the plane started descending below the tree line and out of my line of vision and then I heard what I thought was an impact.

If you have any other questions, please contact me anytime. I hope what I saw and was able to provide will assist with the investigation. My thoughts and prayers are with the families involved. My son is a fireman and happened to be second on the scene. This has truly impacted my family and I hope that we have helped in some way.

Regards,

Steve Sexton

[REDACTED]  
High Point NC 27265  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** David.Laycock [REDACTED]  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Witness Statement  
**Date:** Tue, 8 Sep 2015 15:07:00 +0000

Thank you so much for speaking with me yesterday. Your experiences as a witness are important to our investigation. Please prepare a statement of the facts as you saw them develop. Please be as specific as possible when describing the event. Use descriptive words like left and right, up and down, and words that describe the degree of things such as "high" or "very high" or "extremely high".

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

When your statement is complete, please email it back to me. Time is of the essence so the sooner you can get back to me the better.

Thanks again for your help in finding the root cause of this event.

Regards,

*Dave Laycock*

Aviation Safety Inspector

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 09, 2015 9:41 PM  
**To:** David.Laycock [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Aircraft Accident

Hello, this is the statement of Beth Tucker, [REDACTED] Kernersville NC 27284 Phone [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] On Monday September 7 at noon I was working in my front yard and out of the corner of my eye I saw a plane as I looked I thought oh my Gosh, that plane is making a severe bank to the right, heading toward the southeast. The plane made a sharp right and spiraled downward making 3 to 4 rotations before going out of sight and then black smoke came up from where visibility was obscured by trees. I immediately called forsyth county 911 service and reported what I had witnessed telling the dispatcher I saw a plane go down and it was in the southeastern corner of forsyth county or possibly In guilford county, not knowing how far it actually was, but knowing the vicinity was the High Point area. The call was made at 12:03 pm. I then took a photograph of the smoke and I will attempt to forward that on to you. I want to commend officer Williams of Forsyth County Sherriffs Department for taking my statement, and forwarding it on to you. For any other questions I may be reached at at info provided above.

On Sep 9, 2015 9:14 AM, <David.Laycock [REDACTED]> wrote:

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 09, 2015 8:55 PM  
**To:** David.Laycock [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Aircraft Accident

My family and I were driving west on High Point Road, about an 1/8<sup>th</sup> of a mile before the intersection of Serenity Pointe Drive when a small plane appeared very low in sky just beyond the intersection. It was coming toward us and making a sharp left turn back towards the west. The plane was banking so sharply that the wings appeared to be vertical to the ground. I then lost sight of the plane beyond the tree tops. We continued driving and made a right hand turn onto Serenity Point Drive and then another right turn onto Bear Run Lane. My daughter, who was seated on the left hand side of the vehicle then saw it headed back toward the east with the wings almost vertical and not far above the tree line. She said she saw it over her friend's house which is at the end of Peppermint Lane. My wife then saw the plane out of the passenger side of our car. Her statement to follow:

On Bear Run Lane just after Panther Pointe my other daughter and I saw the plane out the right side of the vehicle. It was flying parallel to the street very low in the sky beneath the low clouds. I would estimate it to be only 2 – 2.5 times higher than the houses. It looked as if it were a trick plane practicing stunts or else someone trying to stabilize the plane but continuing to overcorrect as the nose would go down then up and the wings would go from right to left and back, but it never stabilized. It reminded me of an amusement park ride going over little bumps and tilting back and forth at the same time. It continued to do this as it passed over the 2 houses just after the intersection of Panther Pointe. It was also going very slow as it seemed like we passed it and were able to pull into our driveway at the end of Bear Run Lane as the plane then turned a little more east headed toward Vulcan between our house and our neighbors' house (the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> houses past Panther Pointe). When I got out of the car the plane was starting to fly over the trees and I lost sight of it but I could still hear the engine. The engine sounded like the lawnmower does right before you run out of gas. It revved up and then slowed, revved up and slowed and then about 5-10 seconds later I heard a pop that sounded like a bottle rocket. From the time we last saw it and the time I heard the pop, was about 30 seconds.

Following is the comment from my daughter who saw the plane the same time as my wife:  
Right after we pulled into our driveway I saw it flying side to side back and forth at about a 45 degree angle on each side and then it went over the trees toward Vulcan.

The overall time between when we first saw the plane and the time we heard the pop was approximately 3 minutes. It takes us 2 minutes to pull into our driveway from High Point Road.

If you have any further questions, you may call us at the numbers below.

Jamie Piotrowski [REDACTED]  
Susan Piotrowski [REDACTED]

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**From:** David.Laycock [REDACTED] [mailto:David.Laycock [REDACTED]]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 09, 2015 9:15 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Aircraft Accident

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