



MEMORANDUM for RECORD

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Date: July 28, 2022
Witness Statement: Clay Gibson [REDACTED]
NTSB Accident Number: ERA22FA338 – Portland, AR

The following witness statement was provided by Mr. Gibson via telephone.

- Mr. Gibson is a crop scout. He was on a road next to a cotton field at the time. He did not see the collision. He heard a low “whoof” sound and thought a power unit (irrigation well motor) had blown up.
- He then saw smoke and a yellow airplane on fire.
- Proceeded north as fast as he could.
- He looked to his right and saw the wreckage of the other airplane and then knew that there was two of them and they had collided.
- He arrived at the scene to assist at Robbie’s airplane; Nelson Wells was there also to help.



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Witness Statement: Nelson Wells ([REDACTED])
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The following witness statement was provided by Mr. Wells via telephone.

- Mr. Wells provided a written statement at the accident site. This investigator reviewed the statement with Mr. Wells and he confirmed the statement was still correct.
- Mr. Wells was on a tractor on one of his sod farms. He saw the collision. He stated that Robbie Lassiter was above the tree line, heading southeast, back to his airport. Rusty (Johnson) was spraying at the time, heading south, and pulled up at the same time Robbie flew over.
- They collided. Rusty's airplane started spinning and broke into several pieces. Robbie's airplane came spinning straight down and was still mostly intact but on fire. He rendered aid to Robbie and helped him out of the airplane and called 911.

Nelson Wells

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Lake Village, AR 71653
DOB - [REDACTED]

I was head east of Hwy. 160. I saw Rusty Johnson spraying and Robbie Lassiter flying above the tree line heading back to his airport. Rusty pulled up at the tree line at the same time Robbie was flying over and they collided. I saw Rusty's airplane spinning and broke into several pieces. I drove to the wreckage and saw that Robbie's airplane was still somewhat intact ~~and~~ and on fire so I ran to him first and pulled him out. He was conscious and alive. I also called 911 when I first observed the accident.

[REDACTED]



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Date: July 28, 2022
Witness Statement: Eddie Wooten [REDACTED]
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The following witness statement was provided by Mr. Wooten via telephone.

- Mr. Wooten provided a written statement at the accident site. This investigator reviewed the statement with Mr. Wooten and he confirmed the statement was still correct.
- He was on Highway 160, westbound, at the time of the accident. About one mile away from the accident site.
- He looked to his right and saw one of the airplanes pitch up and collide with the other airplane. One went into a spin (Robbie's), and the other banked to the left very hard, then straight down.
- They were very low when they hit; there was no way to pull out before the crash.



ASHLEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

STATEMENT FORM

Name: José Guadalupe Torres Torres

D.O.B.: [REDACTED] SSN: [REDACTED] D.L.: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] City/State: Portland AR 71663

Phone Number: [REDACTED] Cell Number: [REDACTED]

Work Number: [REDACTED] Other: [REDACTED]

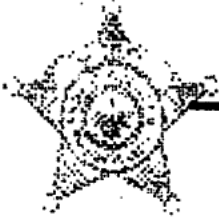
STATEMENT

They were at shop across street Heard
the impact came out seen the plains
going down.

[REDACTED]
(SUSPECT'S SIGNATURE)

DATE: [REDACTED] TIME: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
(OFFICER'S SIGNATURE)



ASHLEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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STATEMENT FORM

Name: JOSE ANDRES SOLAS

D.O.B.: [REDACTED]

SSN: [REDACTED]

D.L.: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

City/State: PORTLAND

(State)

(Number)

ARK 71663

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Cell Number: [REDACTED]

Work Number: [REDACTED]

Other: [REDACTED]

STATEMENT

They were at the shop across the street
they heard the impact that's
when they seen them going down.
the car's air was rolling.

[REDACTED]

(SUBJECTS SIGNATURE)

DATE: [REDACTED]

TIME: [REDACTED]

(OFFICERS SIGNATURE)



ASHLEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

STATEMENT FORM

Name: JOHN HAWKINS

D.O.B.: [REDACTED]

SSN: _____

D.L.: _____

Address: [REDACTED]

City/State: PORTLAND ALA

(State)

(Number)

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Cell Number: _____

Work Number: [REDACTED]

Other: _____

STATEMENT

Was contacted and arrived after
Officer's already on scene,

[REDACTED SIGNATURE]
(SUBJECT'S SIGNATURE)

DATE: _____

TIME: _____

(OFFICER'S SIGNATURE)



ASHLEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

STATEMENT FORM

Name: MAUEL FABIAN GARRILLO NAVARRO

D.O.B.:

SSN:

D.L.:

Address:

City/State:

(State)

(Number)

ADK 71663

Phone Number:

Cell Number:

Work Number:

Other:

STATEMENT

Was at shop across the Street when they heard impact came out some phones going down

Sath. P. M.

(SUBJECTS SIGNATURE)

DATE:**TIME:**

(OFFICERS SIGNATURE)



ASHLEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

STATEMENT FORM

Name: Zack Spillefs

D.O.B.: [REDACTED]

SSN: _____

D.L.: LA

(State)

(Number)

Address: [REDACTED]

City/State: Monroe LA, 71203

Phone Number: _____

Cell Number: [REDACTED]

Work Number: _____

Other: Pro Med Ambulance

STATEMENT

802 arrived on scene of a reported Crop Duster incident, Directed by bystanders to patient, Patient was found on the tailgate of a Pick-up truck, Patient ~~as~~ AAOX4, GCS 15, Patient moved to stretcher via back board.

-SO contacted to notify helicopter services while unit 802 was enroute to scene.-

Once pt in ambulance, SO informed to launch helicopter LZ could be determined later. A 16 doing comms for Helicopter.

Patient placed in Ambulance, Bilateral lower extremities deformed, fractured, (2) Arm fracture, Head laceration,

Trauma Comm contacted -

informed that Survival would be landing on scene, Patient stabilized and awaited arrival of air.

Contact for any further patient condition.

[REDACTED]
(SUBJECTS SIGNATURE)

DATE: 7-26-22

TIME: 2008

[REDACTED]
(OFFICERS SIGNATURE)



ASHLEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

STATEMENT FORM

Name: Jason Brisby
D.O.B.: [REDACTED] SSN: [REDACTED] D.L.: [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED] City/State: Crossett, AR 71635
Phone Number: [REDACTED] Cell Number: [REDACTED]
Work Number: [REDACTED] Other: [REDACTED]

STATEMENT

Unit 802 was called for an Airplane crash involving 2 Airplanes. While enroute to scene Unit 802 called Ashford Direct and was told they have no Pilot. 802 then called and asked for Airplane to be called and was told it was a bad long time so we told to call Service Flight and to get in stand by. Once en-scene and w/ PT called ACSO and to let them in through several Pts. Once they were en route we were told 801 CK the helicopter & we told AC 16 to put them back enroute once Pts was on back of Ambulance. Medic ZACK started his assessment. Several Pts landed and PT was given to helicopter Medics.

DATE: ⁰²⁸ ~~2022~~ 10-26-2022 TIME: 2001

(OFFICER'S SIGNATURE)