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**Date:** June 21, 2021  
**Subject:** WPR21FA233  
**Contact:** Brad Belknap, Witness

My name is Brad Belknap and I live approx. 5 to 7 minutes from yesterday's crash site here in Sam's Valley, OR. This may or may not be relevant, but my wife and I saw an aircraft in the immediate area about 10 minutes before we saw the plume of smoke from the impact. To me, it appeared to be an older tricycle geared Piper Tri-Pacer"ish" type of aircraft. I made the comment to my wife that the flaps were fully extended, and it appeared to be having trouble climbing/gaining altitude. Our line-of sight was approx. 1 mile.

Mr. Belknap further stated that he believes the airplane was 1,500 – 2,000 ft AGL with an unusually nose high attitude. From his experience and without any knowledge of the characteristics of this particular airplane, it appeared to be on the verge of a stall.

Respectfully,

Brad Belknap