

Aaron McCarter ASI IIC Aviation, Eastern Region

Date: August 17, 2023

Subject: Eyewitness e-mail to FAA

Contact: Bobbie Walker @

This is Bobbie, I just spoke with you on the phone.

As we were driving up the lake, I pointed out to my husband that there was a plane coming our way, way lower than I would have expected. We immediately turned our heads as it flew above us, I was thinking that we were going to be seeing a plane land on the lake, it looked to us like he was going to be landing. We saw him hit the power lines and an immediate explosion. I didn't notice any strange sounds or anything out of the ordinary beforehand. I would say it happened at 11:27 or 11:28. My first call to 911 was 11:29 but I had originally tried calling from my husband's phone but in my panic, I wasn't getting his phone to work so I had to find and use mine.

Michael turned the boat around and I was immediately grabbing our lifejackets out as we slowly rode around the crash area, looking for any sign of life. Feel free to reach out should you have any questions.

Bobbie Walker



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Date: August 14, 2023

Subject: Eyewitness Phone Call

Contact: Michael Morton @

He (Morton) stated that he was an eyewitness of the accident as it happened right in front of his dock. Mr. Morton also knew the pilot on board.

The airplane was "unusually low" and that it was flying a southwesterly heading before turning on a southern heading where the lake bends, and where the powerlines were located.

He was on his boat dock located about 100 yards northeast of powerlines that spanned the lake. The airplane was flying level about 100 to 200 ft above ground level.

As the airplane approached the powerlines, it appeared to take a "sudden" nose down attitude, almost like he was attempting to evade the lines at the last second. It impacted the middle of the electrical transmission lines. There was a large "explosion" and the airplane then tumbled or cartwheeled into the water.

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