



Memo for Record

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NTSB Accident Number: CEN19FA279, Sherriff Witness Interviews

Narrative: The following information was extracted from the Livingston Country Sherriff's Office Report:

The first witness, who was in an airplane preparing for departure, made the following points:

- Initially it appeared to be a normal take-off by N200HS; it departed and began to climb, but only climbed to about 300-400 feet AGL then stopped climbing.
- He observed the aircraft make a turn to the south and he thought it was too low for a normal turnout. The aircraft turned to the back to the east.
- The left wing and nose dropped, and the aircraft disappeared out of view.
- He saw the dust plume and knew that the aircraft had crashed.

The second witness, who was in delivery van, made the following points:

- The witness believed the airplane to be about 200ft off the ground.
- The aircraft turned to the west, then the left wing dropped, and the aircraft dove into the ground. It appeared the dive as near 90 degrees at first, with the left wing down.
- Just before impact the plane pulled out and the wings were nearly level with the angle of the dive, much less as it hit the ground. The witness added that it looked like they were trying some sort of maneuver, but just ran out of room.
- The witness did not hear the engine running. He believed he would have heard the engine if it had been running. Adding that he could not remember if he propeller was turning or not.