Overview of Witness Statements from Victoria Minnesota Mooney Crash 8/7/21

Julian Rose Determan

Was in garage when she heard a popping sound and loud noise and then looked up and saw pieces fall from the sky. Had debris by her house.

Amy Celeste Jensen

Inside her house and heard a noise that sounded like an airplane that was low and close and reported her house vibrated and then she felt and heard two thuds. Had debris in her yard.

Jane Elizabeth McGowan

Was in her front yard and heard a plane go overheard and then heard three pops and saw debris falling. She advised the plane then went silent and she heard the crash.

Katelyn Marie Tovsen

Was at her sister's house (Determan above) on the driveway and heard a loud popping noise and looked up and saw a plane going low, close to the ground, and then looked up again and saw parts coming off the plane. She stated the plane then began to do tight spirals and then it crashed.

Jeffrey James Chapman

In his garage with the door open and heard a loud noise and looked up and saw "things" falling from the sky and then heard the crash.

Timothy Ray Gould

Was at Floyd's Bar outside and heard the sound of an engine revving and then saw the plane with what looked like a wing folded back and then it hit the ground

Emerald Garrett Frey

Heard sounds that did not sound normal for an airplane and described the sounds as being very loud and fast.

Mary Margaret Moore

Was at Church, ST Victoria just south of scene, and heard a noise that she thought was a helicopter. When she got home she had debris in her yard.

James William Frey

Heard a loud motor noise that he said sounded like a semi-truck jake braking. He then had debris in his yard.

Carly Rae Wartman

Was inside her house and heard what sounded like a low plane and then a rumble.

Lauren Meg Dehn

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Was sitting outside on her deck and heard a pop pop sound coming from the area near St Victoria Church and then a powering down sound and advised the plane was flying north, nose down by straight, and then went behind trees and she heard a crash.

Christopher Michael Lock

Retired corporate jet aircraft pilot

Was at the Holiday gas station (across Hwy 5 from crash site) when he heard an engine revving sound that sounded like it was descending at a high speed. He described the aircraft as a single engine low wing aircraft that appeared to be in a steep left bank about 200 feet above the ground at a high rate of descent. He stated the nose then pitched up and he saw at least one of the wings folded up and then the aircraft began to spiral and tumble and then impacted the ground. He stated it appeared the aircraft sustained a major structural failure.

Kyle Allan Mortenson

Was near Lions Park (South and slightly east of crash site) when he heard a sound and saw a plane spiraling fast and missing a wing and then heard the crash.

Bruce Dorian Shoger

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Was at his daughter's house (3rd house south of intersection of 5 & Victoria Drive on the west side) in the back yard when he heard a loud airplane engine noise coming from the south or southwest. He stated he looked up and saw a plane "Glancing" off trees and heard the engine revving and sounding very rough. He stated he watched the plane go over Hwy 5 and then nosedive and crash but that it looked intact to him.

Gavin Eugene Hanson

Was fishing on Steiger Lake (North of crash site) when he heard a noise and saw a plane coming out of the clouds initially appearing normal but then saw a wing or tail come off the plane and which time the plane began to spin, or slowly cork screw, and then heard a pop and the plane then went straight down.

Anthony Fillmore Van Haften

Was working at Floyd's Bar when he heard a loud noise and then the crash

Evan Donald Meeker

Was going west on Hwy 5 and stopped at the light when he saw an aircraft go over just a second before the impact. He stated the aircraft did not look like it was right side up and perhaps was tilted to the side and nose down.

John Albert Zimmer

Was driving east on Hwy 5 at the bridge coming into DT Victoria when he and his wife saw a plane falling from the sky, nose down, that appeared to be missing a wing and had debris falling from the plane. He did not see the impact but did see the smoke cloud.