

MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

Accident Number: CEN19LA049
Location: Sioux Falls, South Dakota
Date: December 27, 2018

Subject: Interview with Mr. Gideon Carlisle, eyewitness to the crash of a Beech 58, N6745V, that crashed in a neighborhood in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, on December 25, 2018.

Mr. Gideon said it was about 5:00 pm CST and he was outside his house taking the trash out. That is when he heard the airplane approaching. He said his house was on the approach path to runway 33 at the Joe Foss Field Airport, Sioux Falls, SD. He said the weather outside was overcast with light mist. The airplane sounded okay. Then he heard the engines power pitch increase as if the pilot had put the power levers to full forward. He said he then saw the airplane pop out of the clouds at about 1,000 ft. agl. The airplane was heading straight down toward his house. He said he then saw the airplane try to pull out of the dive, but then it struck the ground about a block away from where he was. He saw the fireball and ran to the scene. The airplane had come down between houses and was on fire. He said he got to within 20 ft. but couldn't do anything. The fire department arrived about three minutes later.

Mr. Gideon said the temperature was about 32-33 degrees (F). He said his home is about 7 miles from the airport. Mr. Gideon has some flying experience but did not elaborate on how much. He said the sun was probably setting at the time but that there was a lot of ambient light to see the airplane. He said the engines sounded okay, like "two Lycomings turning fine."

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