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Date: September 7, 2023
Subject: WPR23FA044, Airplane Accident
Contact: Jordan Trejo, Witness

On November 22, 2022, at 6:20-6:21 In Cabazon I saw the plane as it encountered its problem the first thing, I saw was sparks coming from under the nose of the plane. The sparks shot at a downward direction but slightly in the direction the prop was moving and then a fire erupted. From my vantage point it looked like he was fighting to keep the plane from nose diving maybe trying to keep it from crashing into the mall nearby because right when the plane cleared the mall and highway, I saw the plane just drop. I saw no mention of sparks in the report so I hope this helps I have 2 bad pictures and a coworker who might have it on video.



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Date: November 26, 2022
Subject: WPR23FA044, Airplane Accident
Contact: Jeff Berreman, Witness

To Whom it may concern,

I was at the Banning Premium Outlet mall, waiting in line at The North Face Tuesday night when I saw an aircraft approaching from the east. It looked like it was dropping fireworks, and I thought it was maybe putting on a show for the casino or holidays. As it got closer, I realized it was on fire. It flew directly overhead, and it looked like it was burning from the wheel wells. After reading that it was a pusher design, it may have been burning from the engine compartment. The airplane was in complete control, and I figured he was simply going to make an emergency landing at Banning Municipal airport. I didn't think much of it until I recently saw the articles. I am so sorry for the loss. I hope this helps with the investigation.



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Date: November 23, 2022

Subject: WPR23FA044, Airplane Accident

Contact: Samantha Palmer, Witness

I am writing to let you know that I saw the plane falling from the sky prior to crashing in Banning yesterday. It appeared to already be on fire, as I saw a red ball in the sky. It was descending at an approx. 20-30-degree angle. It looked like he was trying for an emergency landing.



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Date: November 23, 2022
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Contact: Nick Knoll, Witness

My name is Nicholas Knoll and I'm an ATC at Denver ARTCC. I caught the final minute or so of flight and crash on my car dash cam. In the first video (30 seconds) the plane is on fire in the top right and the second video (40seconds) it's in the top left. I have attached the videos below.



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Date: November 23, 2022
Subject: WPR23FA044, Airplane Accident
Contact: Robert Norte, Witness

Hello,

I'm reaching out in response to the plane crash in this article

<https://www.pressenterprise.com/2022/11/22/aircraft-crashes-in-banning-small-brush-fire-contained/amp/>

While I did not witness the impact, I was witness to its last few minutes in the air prior to impact. I live in Cabazon, CA (town next to impact) and noticed a bright orange light gradually descending not far up in the sky. I was able to see glimpses of smoke and what looked like electrical sparks, but these may have been flares meant as a distress signal. I unfortunately did not record a video, but I would be happy to give a statement and go into a few more details.