

Due to my 80-year-old hands, I am no longer able to write legibly and therefore I am attaching this statement to my signed form.

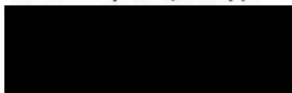
But let me first introduce myself...My name is Anthony G. Crandell and I am 80 years old. I am Chairman of the Lamoni Airport Commission and am a licensed private pilot since 1978. I was a Chief of Police and a Chief Deputy Sheriff from 1969 to 1978

The Airport Commission had assembled at 0745 to view some fencing changes that needed to be made. About 0753, we three Commission members, and another private pilot were in my van near the fuel point...pointed west towards the runway waiting for the airport manager who was coming up the road to join us. At that instant we all observed a low wing aircraft on final to runway 35. It seemed a normal approach albeit a little fast. The pilot touched down and bounced a couple three times about a foot to a foot and a half in the air and the gunned the engine as if just making a "touch and go. At that instant the wing went vertical, and the plane veered left (west). The left-wing tip struck the ground just short of the west airport fence and the plane cart-wheeled over the fence about 50 feet farther west and burst into flames. By the time we left the fuel point and arrived at the point the plane had left the runway, (about 90 secs or so) the plane was totally engulfed to the point we couldn't tell whether it was right side up or upside down. 911 was called while we were in transit that 90 secs. About 5 minutes into the conflagration, the Cirrus explosive charge went off and went into the air. No parachute was observed at that time. Based on that incident I assumed that the plane was a Cirrus. At no time did I observe any movement of anyone in the plane. I could not get any closer than 150 feet due to the flames and heat, nor at 80, could I safely transverse the fence.

There was debris on the east side of the fence and a deep gouge by the left-wing tip. I can only speculate the pilot tried to take off with full flaps and with the Cirrus being a performance plane did not counter the torque.

The volunteer fire department was there in about 10 minutes, but there was no hope of saving anybody after the first minute. The cockpit was instantly engulfed in flames.

Contact Information:
Anthony G. (Tony) Crandell



This is a true copy of my witness statement.... dated 1 July 2021



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VOLUNTARY STATEMENT

DATE July 1, 2021 TIME 755 AM PLACE Lamoni IA airport

I, Franklyn Finnes, am 24 years old and I live at

[Redacted address]

I am giving this statement to BARNEY, JOHN I.D. [Redacted], who has identified

himself as a POLICE OFFICER

and he has duly warned me that I have the following right: that I have the right to remain silent and not make any statement at all; that any statement I make may be used against me at my trial; that any statement I make may be used as evidence against me in court; that I have the right to have a lawyer present to advise me prior to and during any questioning; that if I am unable to employ a lawyer, I have the right to have a lawyer appointed to advise me prior to and during any questioning and that I have the right to terminate the interview at any time

Prior to and during the making of the statement, I have and do hereby knowingly, intelligently, and voluntarily waive the above explained rights and I do make the following voluntary statement to the aforementioned person of my own free will and without any promises or offers of leniency or favors, and without compulsion or persuasion by any person persons whomsoever:

I WAS AT THE Lamoni IA airport TO MEET WITH THE OTHER A/P COMMISSIONERS & THE A/P MANAGER TO REVIEW SOME FENCING CHANGES

I WAS SITTING IN A VAN ON THE RAMP. AT APPROX 755 AM I HEARD AN AIRCRAFT APPROACHING FROM THE SOUTH FOR LANDING. I HEARD WHAT SOUNDED LIKE A HARD TOUCHDOWN AND THEN HEARD THE ENGINE REV UP TO WHAT SOUNDED LIKE FULL POWER. I LOOKED OVER AND SAW THE WING OF THE PLANE TO BE VERTICAL. THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY THE SOUND OF THE PLANE IMPACTING. I & THE OTHER 2 COMMISSION MEMBERS WERE THE SECOND VEHICLE TO ARRIVE AT THE CRASH. WHEN WE GOT THERE THE FIRST INDIVIDUAL TO ARRIVE WAS RUNNING TO HIS TRUCK TO GET A SHOVEL TO TRY AND OPEN THE PLANE'S DOOR. HE SAID HE HEARD AT LEAST 1 PERSON SCREAMING FOR HELP. THE FIRE WAS TOO HOT TO ALLOW APPROACH TO THE PLANE THE VICTIMS APPARENTLY PERISHED QUICKLY. I HEARD NO CALLS FOR HELP. THE PLANE WAS COMPLETELY ENGLUFGED IN FLAMES WITH →

I have read this statement consisting of 1 543 page(s), each page of which bears my signature, and I do affirm that all facts and statements contained herein are true and correct

[Redacted signature]

Signature of person making voluntary statement

The above warnings were given by this voluntary statement was taken by

Witness _____ (This must be one and the same person as named above)



Billowing black smoke. The FD arrived and put out the fire with water and foam.

I have several pictures of the fire before the first responders arrived.



The fire started in the kitchen area of the house. It spread quickly and was very intense. The fire department arrived within 10 minutes and extinguished the fire.

The fire was caused by a gas leak from the stove. The gas ignited and caused a large fire. The fire department arrived and used water and foam to extinguish the fire. The fire was very intense and caused a lot of damage to the house. The fire department was very professional and efficient. They arrived quickly and did a great job of extinguishing the fire. The fire was very scary and I was very lucky to be safe. The fire department is a very important part of our community. They save lives and property every day. I am very grateful to the fire department for their service. The fire was a very scary experience and I will never forget it. The fire department is a very brave and hardworking group of people. They are always ready to help and protect us. I am very proud to live in a community with such a great fire department. The fire was a very scary experience and I will never forget it. The fire department is a very brave and hardworking group of people. They are always ready to help and protect us. I am very proud to live in a community with such a great fire department.

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VOLUNTARY STATEMENT

DATE July 1 2021 TIME 9:45 AM PLACE Lamoni Iowa
I, Lloyd White, am 73 years old and I live at [redacted]

I am giving this statement to John Barney I.D. [redacted], who has identified

himself as a Lamoni Police Chief

and he has duly warned me that I have the following right: that I have the right to remain silent and not make any statement at all; that any statement I make may be used against me at my trial; that any statement I make may be used as evidence against me in court; that I have the right to have a lawyer present to advise me prior to and during any questioning; that if I am unable to employ a lawyer, I have the right to have a lawyer appointed to advise me prior to and during any questioning and that I have the right to terminate the interview at any time

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I was at Lamoni Airport in a vehicle with Tony Craudall and Frank Finkes, parked in front of Airport pilot lounge on Taxiway. At approx 7:55 am I heard an aircraft engine power-up, I looked left and saw a white, low wing airplane go vertical just off (10ft?) runway, wing over to the left, then crash. Left wing hit about 50 ft left of runway, then the plane cartwheeled once and burst into flame. We drove to the site, but plane totally engulfed in flame and we could not approach. Plane came from south to runway 36.

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