



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: June 2, 2020
Person Contacted: Angela Anderson
NTSB Accident Number: CEN20LA201 – Carlinville, Illinois

Narrative:

Ms. Anderson was about one-half mile from the accident site when she observed the airplane “going up and down,” doing “dips in the air.” She noted five or six “dips” where the airplane would “come back up” each time. She subsequently observed the airplane enter a “nose dive” and begin “spiraling down.” The airplane was initially heading south when it entered the dive and appeared to be intact at that time. As it descended and neared the ground, the airplane “burst into pieces in the air.” Shortly afterward, she heard it impact the ground.

Ms. Anderson recalled that it was a “beautiful, sunny” day, with “no wind.”

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Date: June 2, 2020
Person Contacted: Paul & Danette Edwards
NTSB Accident Number: CEN20LA201 – Carlinville, Illinois

Narrative:

Mr. and Mrs. Edwards were about one-half mile from the accident site when they heard the airplane. Mrs. Edwards noted the airplane “got really loud” and initially she thought it was doing aerobatics or crop dusting.

Mr. Edwards observed the airplane descending in a 70° to 80° nose down attitude. It appeared to be in a left spin/spiral and may have been inverted. The engine sounded like it was at a “high, extreme rev” as if it had no load against it. As the airplane descended thru about 1,000 feet above ground level, parts started to separate from the airplane. He responded to the accident site. He recalled seeing some light smoke at the site and smell what seemed to be some burning plastic; no fire was visible. There was some paper still in the air, falling at the site.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwards recalled that it was a “very nice” day. The wind was about 5 mph from the south. There were some high clouds and no restrictions to visibility.

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MACOUPIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
VOLUNTARY STATEMENT
(NOT UNDER ARREST)

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I, MARY L. LAUWERENS, AM NOT UNDER ARREST FOR, NOR AM I BEING DETAINED FOR ANY CRIMINAL OFFENSES CONCERNING THE EVENTS I AM ABOUT TO MAKE KNOWN TO MCSO, I VOLUNTEER THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION OF MY OWN FREE WILL, FOR WHATEVER PURPOSE IT MAY SERVE.

I AM 52 YEARS OF AGE, DOB: [REDACTED] I LIVE AT [REDACTED]

I WAS OUTSIDE NEED EATING WHILE MY BROTHER WAS PRESSURE WASHING THE DECK. I STOPPED AND LOOKED UP WHEN I HEARD A LOUD ENGINE. AT FIRST I WASN'T SURE IF IT WAS A MOTORCYCLE OR PLANE. WHEN I LOOKED UP I SAW A WHITE PLANE IN THE SKY. IT WAS LOUD AND COMING STRAIGHT DOWN. AS IT WAS COMING DOWN IT STARTED ROTATING, AND COMING APART. BY THE TIME IT WAS NO LONGER VISIBLE, THE WINGS WERE OFF. AFTER IT WAS OUT OF SIGHT, I ASKED MY BROTHER IF HE SAW IT - HE ONLY HEARD THE ENGINE WHILE IN FLIGHT. BUT NOW AS I LISTENED I ONLY HEARD CRACKLING LIKE SOMETHING GOING THROUGH TREES, THEN NOTHING. I NEVER SAW ANY SMOKE.

I HAVE READ EACH PAGE OF THIS STATEMENT CONSISTING OF 1 PAGE(S), EACH PAGE OF WHICH BEARS MY SIGNATURE AND CORRECTIONS IF ANY, BEAR MY INITIALS, AND I CERTIFY THAT THE FACTS CONTAINED HEREIN ARE TRUE AND CORRECT.

DATED AT [REDACTED], DATE 5/31/2020, TIME 6:35 P.M.

WITNESS [REDACTED] MIS [REDACTED] SIGNATURE OF PERSON GIVING STATEMENT

WITNESS: _____

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I, Philip A. Williams, AM NOT UNDER ARREST FOR, NOR AM I BEING DETAINED FOR ANY CRIMINAL OFFENSES CONCERNING THE EVENTS I AM ABOUT TO MAKE KNOWN TO MCSU, I VOLUNTEER THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION OF MY OWN FREE WILL, FOR WHATEVER PURPOSE IT MAY SERVE.

I AM 62 YEARS OF AGE, DOB: [REDACTED] I LIVE AT [REDACTED] ^{ville} _{IL}

I was on my farm formerly known as Morse Orchard. I heard the plane high in the air. Looked up saw it and watched it dive towards the ground I expected it to pull up but it did not. It just kept going down and parts flew off the plane and it just disappeared below the tree line.

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DATED AT 5/31/20 [REDACTED] DATE 5/31/20, TIME 4:25 pm

WITNESS: _____

[REDACTED] SIGNATURE OF PERSON GIVING STATEMENT
[REDACTED]

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I, Matt Whitley, AM NOT UNDER ARREST FOR, NOR AM I BEING DETAINED FOR ANY CRIMINAL OFFENSES CONCERNING THE EVENTS I AM ABOUT TO MAKE KNOWN TO MCSO, I VOLUNTEER THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION OF MY OWN FREE WILL, FOR WHATEVER PURPOSE IT MAY SERVE.

I AM 57 YEARS OF AGE, DOB: [REDACTED], I LIVE AT [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Carrville IL

Watched for plane to our West pointed straight down to ground in a slow spiral with load engine rev. Heard thump and called 911. Came to scene + saw plane crashed at edge of pond. Happened around 3:45-3:50pm

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DATED AT 5/31/2020, DATE 5/31/20, TIME 4:45

WITNES [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SIGNATURE OF PERSON GIVING STATEMENT
[REDACTED]

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I, [REDACTED] Dillon m wiser, AM NOT UNDER ARREST FOR, NOR AM I BEING DETAINED FOR ANY CRIMINAL OFFENSES CONCERNING THE EVENTS I AM ABOUT TO MAKE KNOWN TO Macoupin, I VOLUNTEER THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION OF MY OWN FREE WILL, FOR WHATEVER PURPOSE IT MAY SERVE.

I AM 24 YEARS OF AGE, DOB: [REDACTED], I LIVE AT [REDACTED] Virden IL 62690 I Dillon wiser seen the plane spiral in the air. I was showing my son a plane in the air. I thought he was doing tricks. It was the loudest thing I have heard in my life. The plane then does a slow spiral straight to the ground. then I heard a loud boom. me and Paul raced over to the scene to witness two decesad under the piked up plane. We waited for police to show up.

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DATED AT 5-31-20 [REDACTED], DATE 5-31-20, TIME 4:15 pm

WITNESS: _____

SIGNATURE OF PERSON GIVING STATEMENT