



MEMORANDUM OF RECORD

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NTSB Case Number: ERA19FA283

Telephone correspondence: (Mr.
Robert O'Brien (Homeowner is the
vicinity of the accident)

Interview date: 10/1/2019

Subject: Witness statement

In a telephone conversation with Mr. O'Brien, he stated that he was in his backyard when he saws the airplane fly over his house at about 2,000 ft.. He said that the engine sounded "rough." About 10 minutes later he saw the airplane coming back over over his house at about 1,000 ft., and the engine was "sputtering and backfiring." I asked Mr. O'Brien to identify the airplane that flew over his house and he said it was a twin engine Cessna 421, white in color. He went on to say that he did not see any smoke or fire, just that the engines were backfiring.



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In a telephone conversation with Mr. Robert Thomas, he stated that he was working in his garage, when he heard the airplane flying very low. He walked out of his garage and down the driveway when he saw the airplane banking to the left. He said it was at low idle with the landing gear and flaps retracted. He said the airplane rolled to the left "3 times" before descending below the treeline. He said he heard "two pops" from the engines while descending. Mr. Thomas said he did not see any smoke coming from the airplane but did confirm that the landing gear and the flaps was retracted at the time of the accident.