



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

All persons listed were interviewed by Zoë Keliher:

The following is a summary of conversation:

CLIFF CARPENTER (FAA FLIGHT STANDARDS DISTRICT OFFICE -FSDO INSPECTOR)

Mr. Carpenter stated:

I talked with the pilot. He is going to be in the hospital for a couple of months. He doesn't remember what happened or how. The aircraft was intact when I looked at it. Flight control systems were good. Engine was free and appeared to be in good condition, fuel and oil good.

LESLIE MARTIN (SPOUSE)

The pilot's spouse stated that they received the accident forms I sent. The pilot "doesn't recall anything about accident... he also doesn't remember anything until several days later here in the burn center."

JIM HOFER (LIBERTY COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF)

On January 19 2018 @ 15:05 our office received a 911 call saying Jerry Martin had crashed his Ultra -Lite Plane just south of Chester a half mile into some power lines. I told the dispatcher that less than 3 minutes ago I watched Martin flying just west of HWY 223 over top of the Water Treatment Plant. I quickly took off and headed down I-17W223. I was roughly three quarters of a mile south of Chester where there is a larger power line that crosses the HWY.

There was a small hill and as I went over it I could see the accident, and Martin's aircraft hanging from the wires. I radioed dispatch to let the ambulance know of the exact location. Just as I pulled up to the accident John Kleinsasser who works for the city arrived at the same time. We both parked 35 yards to the north of the power lines and we could see Martin lying on the ground just to the west of his aircraft. We both approached up to Martin slowly to within approximately 20 feet.

Martin was lying on his back and conscious. He was able to speak and understand what I was saying to him, though he was confused as to what just happened. I told him we needed to get him away from the aircraft that was hanging just above him, and that gas was dripping from it. I could see burns all over his chest and on his left shoulder. Martin said that his left leg was hurting. I told Martin that we were going to help him roll towards us. He understood the directions and with the help of Kleinsasser we managed to have him get 15 feet away.

I followed the ambulance to the hospital. I helped unload Martin and take him into the emergency room.. Scott Marshal who is friends with the Martin's stopped by and wanted to know what we were going to do with the ultra-Lite. I told him that FAA said we could remove it. Marshal and I went up to where Martin kept his trailer. We hooked on to it and along with Vinson's help we were able to load the ultra-Lite into it. We then parked the trailer back into the spot where it was besides Martin's workshop.

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