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Contact: Juan Munoz, witness

Mr. Munoz provided the following statement:

10pm Piper Seminole PA-44 6500 FT VFR back to Honolulu. Location east of Maui heading west bound. Traffic call 2 o clock king air. Traffic identified. King air states lost VOR navigation. He received a vector from ATC. I looked at the king air whenever I heard lost VOR navigation. He turned right down towards me initially then continued making a right lazy turn, turned into a right spiral, then turned left on the spiral, almost recovered hit the water 10 degrees pitch down wings level. Navigation lights disappeared. ATC lost king air transponder; I told ATC I saw an aircraft go down. Realized it was the same aircraft. Asked ATC if he wants me to circle, he said yes if you can. Made right turn, then straight and then circled once. Did not see anything at night. It was clear night no clouds VFR, dark side of the east Maui. Continued back to Honolulu because of fuel.