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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE

STATEMENT

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5 Statement Of (Last, First, Middle, Suffix) Murray, III Paul J. "Joey"	6 DOB [REDACTED]	7 SEX ☒ Male ☐ Female	8 RACE ☒ White ☐ Black ☐ Indian ☐ Asian
10 Street Address [REDACTED]	City Destrobach	State LA	Zip 70047
11 DL#/ST [REDACTED] LA	12 SOC# [REDACTED]	13 Home Phone [REDACTED]	9 ETHNICITY ☐ Hispanic ☒ Non Hisp
14 Statement taken by Dpy. Brian Koretzky	Officer Name - ID Number [REDACTED]	I declare that the following voluntary statement is made of my own free will without promise or of hope or reward without fear of threat of physical harm, without coercion, favor or offer of favor, without leniency or offer of leniency, by any person or persons whomsoever.	

523 AT 5:18^{PM} I watched A GYRO copter TAXI to Runway
S 35 (south end). He (Pilot) appeared to do a Ruck up
T And then He Lined up to take off on Runway
A 35 to the north. He accelerated to a point he
T became Airborn, Lifting About 30-40 feet
A off the Ground TRAVELING north Bound on the
T Runway For About 1,000 Feet, He began
E climbing to An Altitude of About 200-300'
M Above the Runway. At A position NEARING
E the threshold of Runway 12, I then watched
N the GYRO copter start a turn to the west
T (LEFT). At that point the Roto BLADES
5:34 FOLDED UPWARD. pieces of the CRAFT came off,
the GYRO CRAFT Fell RAPIDLY with SLIGHT
Forward motions striking the WEST CANAL
next to the north south Levee. I called
911 at 5:23 pm to Report the crash And to Ask
For Ambulance And Rescue. I called FAA
Baton Rouge CONTROL tower KBTR to Ask
that the Runway be closed due to
the Emergency Vehicle(s) on the Runway near

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Lt. BRADY and I TRAVELED down the runway to the accident site. The 6400 copter was in the canal on the levee side of the we could not see anyone in the CRAFT which was submerged! We then Drove to the south end of the AIRPORT to Drive Along the west airport levee to try to Reach the occupants. the Rescue personnel, Fire Dept and Sheriff's office helped Retrieve the Bodies.

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AT APPROXIMATELY 10:00 TO DAY MYSELF & JOEY MURRAY WERE LEAVING OUR HANGER AND OBSERVED A GYROCOPTER TAKING OUT TO RUNWAY 35 AT THE ST. JOHN AIRPORT. WE DECIDED TO WATCH THE GYROCOPTER TAKE OFF. EVERYTHING APPEARED TO BE GOING FINE - THE GYROCOPTER ACCELERATED AND LIFTED OFF THE RUNWAY AND MAINTAINED AN ALTITUDE OF APPROXIMATELY 30+ FEET FOR A DISTANCE OF APPROXIMATELY 1000 FEET DOWN THE RUNWAY. THE GYROCOPTER THEN BEGAN TO CLIMB TO APPROXIMATELY 200 TO 300 FEET AND INITIATE A TURN TO THE WEST AT WHICH TIME THE ROTOR BLADES APPEARED TO FOLD AND THE GYROCOPTER FELL TO THE GROUND OR SO IT APPEARED. MR. MURRAY AND MYSELF TOOK OFF DOWN THE RUNWAY AND FOUND THE GYROCOPTER HAD CRASHED INTO THE CANAL ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE RUNWAY RIGHT ACROSS FROM THE THRESHOLD OF RUNWAY 17. WE DID NOT SEE ANY BODIES OR ANY MOVEMENT AT THE CRASH SITE.

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ON OUR WAY TO THE CRASH SITE MR. MURRAY
CALLED 911 AT 5:23 PM AND REQUESTED AMBULANCE
& SHERIFF'S DEPT. HE ALSO CONTACTED THE BATON
ROUGE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL AS THE NEW ORLEANS
NUMBER WAS BUSY. I PLACED A CALL TO
MR. GEORGE WANDER OF THE BATON ROUGE
FISDO OFFICE, AS HE IS A PERSONAL FRIEND,
TO ASK WHAT INFORMATION WOULD BE REQUIRED
BY US. WE MADE OUR WAY TO THE WEST SIDE
OF THE CANAL AND ASSISTED THE SHERIFF'S DEPT
AND FIRE DEPARTMENT IN RETRIEVING THE BODIES
OF THE PILOT AND HIS PASSENGER

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