

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20594

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

The purpose of this statement is intended solely for use in determining the facts, conditions and circumstances, and the probable cause of the subject accident.

Date: 8-19-2015

1. Place of accident KMDD Date 8-10-15 Hour 13:00
2. Type of vehicle Gyrocopter
3. Identification of vehicle _____
4. What is your name MIKE L. MASSEY Age 55
5. Address [REDACTED] MIDLAND, TX 79705
6. Occupation SELF EMP By whom employed SELF
7. Where were you at the time of the accident at KMDD

8. Tell in your own words what you saw or heard before and at the time the accident occurred:

WAS @ KMDD WITH MY DAUGHTER (KEEP 2 AIRCRAFT THERE)
Went over to see gyrocopter & show my daughter.
The pilot showed us the aircraft. The passenger showed up
(Sheriff Gary Painter) and introduced himself. Got in
back of gyrocopter. The passenger ~~was~~ appeared to
me to weigh in excess of 250 pounds and it was
95°F at the time. I asked the pilot about the
heat and weight and he told me the aircraft had
a Turbo-Charged 130HP Rotax engine and could
handle it. I videoed them taxiing to the intersection
of the runway & take off. [REDACTED]
(Signature)
Sign @ intersection says (No intersection take off)

NTSB FORM 6120.11 (REV. 10/94) (Use reverse side of sheet for diagram and additional statement)

I will send copy of iPhone Video.