

(Interview of Ross Goodner)

I interviewed Ross Goodner on Wednesday, June 8, 2016, beginning at 7:35 p.m., at Jefferson Regional Medical Center in Pine Bluff Arkansas. Mr. Goodner made the following statement.

McCradic: All right, Corporal Billy McCradic with the Arkansas State Police, Criminal Investigation Division, and I'm here with Mr. Ross Goodman. Today's date is - Goodner, Ross Goodner. Today's date is June 8, 2016. The time is 7:35 p.m. . Please state your name and date of birth.

Goodner: My name is Ross Goodner. I was born on [REDACTED]

McCradic: Okay. All right, Mr. Goodner. Tell me what happened, okay?

Goodner: We had been working all day in Star City, um, we got done at the job, so we loaded up in the plane and we took off and we were flying west, northwest, uh. We got up to about 4800 feet about 15 or 20 minutes after takeoff. Everything was going good and the engine started stalling in and out. It was - the RPMs were going up and down and then something was wrong and he messed with it for a little bit and realized he wasn't going to be able to fix it, so we tried to turn around and make it back to Star City to the runway, and we weren't going to make it, so we started looking for a dirt road to land on and we found one. He circled around, came in at a couple hundred feet, tried to land, but it was - we were going too fast and too high, so he was going to try to circle back around. We circled back around. About 150 feet off the ground, the engine cut out and the prop quit, so he tried to set it down in a clear cut and,

uh, we landed and immediate started front flipping.

McCradic: Okay.

Goodner: You want me to keep going?

McCradic: Well, I mean if there is more to it, keep going.

Goodner: I mean -

McCradic: That was about it?

Goodner: Yeah.

McCradic: Who dialed 911?

Goodner: Uh -

McCradic: Somebody who seen it?

Goodner: Yeah a landowner heard it and came over.

McCradic: And what are your injuries right now?

Goodner: I got a stiff left knee and that's it.

McCradic: Okay. All right. This concludes the interview at 0737 p.m.