



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Person Contacted: Justin Silvers
NTSB Accident Number: CEN16FA278

Narrative:

During the conversation Mr. Silvers stated the following:

Multiple aerobatic airplanes had been flying in the area all afternoon. Specifically, he recalled seeing the accident airplane in that area several times over the course of the afternoon.

Mr. Silvers was at home – [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] – about ½ mile north of the accident location. He was standing outside with his son, on top of a building.

They observed the accident airplane flying for 20 to 30 seconds prior to the accident. He stated that the airplane flew over their house at a high altitude and performed a barrel roll. The airplane continued south and then pitched to climb straight up. The nose of the airplane came down through the horizon and the airplane started “tumbling” similar to what he had seen other aerobatic airplanes do. He stated that 1/3 of the way through the tumble the airplane rolled over on its back and entered an inverted flat spin. The airplane went behind the trees and he did not see the collision.

Mr. Silvers stated that he heard the engine of the airplane running the entire time – all through the maneuvers until the sound of the airplane hitting the ground.