

RECORD OF ☐ VISIT ☐ CONFERENCE OR ☐ TELEPHONE CALL		TIME 3:30 PM	DATE 09/18/2016
NAME (S) OF PERSON (S) CONTACTED OR IN CONFERENCE AND LOCATION Jerry R. Voorhees [REDACTED]		ROUTING	
		SYMBOL	INITIALS
[REDACTED] Alexandria MN 56308			
ASI Thilmany			
SUBJECT Witness interview for N91NM accident			
DIGEST 17 Sep 2016 - Upon arrival at crash site, Sheriff's deputy gave me contact information for Mr. Voorhees stating he may have some information.			
18 Sep 2016 - I meet Mr. Voorhees at his residence and performed the interview. His residence is near final approach for Runway 22.			
He said the noise woke him up with it loud motor. He said he glanced at his clock and it showed 2:04 am. He thought it was having power issues and it shook the house. About 1-2 minutes after it passed the house the motor stopped and he heard a swishing sound. He heard 3 or 4 banks and then it went quiet. He stated when the aircraft came by he looked outside to see it and did not see anything. He normally sees lights of aircraft flying by and did not this time. He also stated that he normally hears if it is a helicopter and this did not sound like a helicopter and it did not sound right. He stated the weather was good since he noticed the moon after the event. The normal helicopter 'whooping' sound was not evident and he normally hears helicopters doing night training and wasn't sure if that was what they were doing.			
The interview was terminated and he has the NTSB IIC card and FAA card if he has anything additional.			
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RECORD OF ☒ VISIT ☐ CONFERENCE OR ☐ TELEPHONE CALL		TIME 4:00 PM	DATE 09/18/2016
NAME (S) OF PERSON (S) CONTACTED OR IN CONFERENCE AND LOCATION Daylon Faber [REDACTED]		ROUTING	
		SYMBOL	INITIALS
[REDACTED] Alexandria, MN			
ASI Thilmany			
SUBJECT Witness statement for N91NM accident			
DIGEST 18 Sep 2016 - Received note from Sheriff's office that the witness has some information. Mr. Fabar called 911 Sat in the am. I meet Daylon on 18 Sep 2016 for interview at his residence. His house is very close to the approach end of runway 22. He stated that he is normally a light sleeper and normally hears aircraft but treats it as white noise. This evening he woke up because he heard the aircraft "rear up". It said it was loud and used extra throttle and it was louder than normal. He heard a Sploosh and it did not sound right. He initially stated that he thought it went into the water. He wasn't quite sure what it was so he called the non-emergency line. Him and his wife got some items together and left the house and went to the fence line that leads to the crash site. He stated they saw emergency response vehicles and elected not to go any closer. He said he glanced at his clock and he thinks it said 2:00 am exactly when he woke up. He stated again that it sounded like it went into the trees but looking back, it was probably when it went into the trees. He did not realize it was a helicopter but it sounded like normal airplane traffic. cont...			
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He stated when he ran out of the house and down the road (toward the runway) that it was extremely foggy and he could hardly see the runway lights. He again reiterated the loud throttle burst that he heard while the aircraft was on approach. The interview was terminated and he has my information if he has any further.

RECORD OF ☐ VISIT ☐ CONFERENCE OR ☐ TELEPHONE CALL		TIME 2:00 PM	DATE 09/17/2016
NAME (S) OF PERSON (S) CONTACTED OR IN CONFERENCE AND LOCATION Austin Hanson [REDACTED]		ROUTING	
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John Messer [REDACTED]			
[REDACTED], Alexandria MN			
SUBJECT Witness interview for N91NM accident			
DIGEST Interviewed Austin and John at their residence and also the crash site.			
Austin is a student and lives with John Messer and his wife. Austin was up playing video			
game at the time of the event. He heard the helicopter approaching and looked out his			
window since it was something different. He stated he saw sparks in the sky and saw a			
green light. He pointed to where he saw this and it was over Fred Townsend's house and			
directly at the tops of the trees that were cut off. He thought it hit the house. He ran			
out of the house and saw Mr. Townsend and he was using a flashlight looking at his house.			
They soon realized where the helicopter went down and went to it to provide assistance.			
Mr. Messer came out the house and he was woken up by the accident. All three assisted at			
the scene until emergency response arrived. He said the pilot was in front of the aircraft			
and was breathing wrong. He pointed to the area well out in front of the aircraft. The			
person immediately in front near the nose cone was yelling for help. Mr. Messer threw the			
seat that was immediately in front of the aircraft out of the way to assist the person at			
the nose cone. They were not able to get the person that was still in the aircraft and in			
the the other seat out. They attempted to make the crew comfortable until the emergency			
response arrived.			
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RECORD OF ☒ VISIT ☐ CONFERENCE OR ☐ TELEPHONE CALL		TIME 1:00 PM	DATE 09/17/2016
NAME (S) OF PERSON (S) CONTACTED OR IN CONFERENCE AND LOCATION Ginny Summer [REDACTED]		ROUTING	
		SYMBOL	INITIALS
SUBJECT N91NM Helicopter Accident of 09/17/2016 in Alexandria, MN.			
DIGEST Ginny Summer was identified as a witness to the helicopter accident involving N91NM that occurred on 09/17/2016 in Alexandria MN. Ms. Summer resides at [REDACTED], Alexandria, MN. This residence is located approximately 55 feet directly east of where the accident aircraft ended up. Ms. Summer's spouse was present for the interview. According to Ms. Summer, she was awake and sitting in a chair in the living area in the center of the house. She stated that she heard what she thought sounded like a plane coming really fast. She then stated she heard a loud noise and then a second loud noise. She Stated that the house shook with the second noise and it sounded like something had hit the house. She stated that she then heard what sounded like someone yelling. Ms. Summer stated that due to a medical condition, she was unable to get up to look and called for Mr. Summer who was sleeping in the adjacent bedroom. Mr. Summer then went out to look, and there were others from the neighborhood running to the accident scene, so he did not go. Ms. Summer stated she then heard several sirens and several emergency vehicles showed up in just a few minutes.			
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RECORD OF ☐ VISIT ☒ CONFERENCE OR ☐ TELEPHONE CALL		TIME 1:30 PM	DATE 09/17/2016
NAME (S) OF PERSON (S) CONTACTED OR IN CONFERENCE AND LOCATION Fred Townsend [REDACTED]		ROUTING SYMBOL INITIALS	
SUBJECT N91NM Helicopter accident of 09/17/2016 at Alexandria, MN			
DIGEST Fred Townsend was identified as a witness to the helicopter accident that occurred on 09/17/2016 at Alexandria, MN. Mr. Townsend's address is [REDACTED], Alexandria, MN and is located approximately 100 feet northwest of the final resting point of the accident aircraft. Mr. Townsend stated that he and his wife had been up since about 1:30 or so due to they had recently came back from a trip to Europe and were still trying to adjust to the time change. Mr. Townsend stated that they heard a loud noise come over their house that sounded like a helicopter due to what he described as the "vibratory" noise. He stated it sounded like it was right over their roof. Mr. Townsend stated that there was a pause in the noise and then it appeared to come back louder than the first time. He stated there was then a loud boom and then quiet. When asked, Mr. Townsend stated there was probably about 10 to 15 seconds between the second noise and when it became quiet. Mr. Townsend stated that he took a flashlight and went out to the south side of their house to see what had occurred. At first he did not see the helicopter. He then shined the light to the south east and saw the helicopter on the ground in the trees. (CONTINUED ON BACK)			
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Mr. Townsend then stated he went towards the helicopter and was the first on the scene followed a few seconds later by a couple of the neighbors. Mr. Townsend then walked with us to the accident scene and showed us the locations of the occupants of the helicopter. Mr. Townsend stated one of the occupants that was still in helicopter appeared to be conscious and was yelling for help. The occupant that was located on the ground in front of the helicopter was making heavy breathing noises but did not appear to be conscious. Mr. Townsend stated that he and the other neighbors that showed up on scene attempted to get the occupants away from the helicopter in case it caught fire. He stated that the occupant that was still in the helicopter had his leg under the wreckage. Emergency personnel showed up on scene within a few minutes. According to Mr. Townsend, the emergency personnel had to use the jaws of life to lift the helicopter to free the occupant that was still in the helicopter.