

Witness Statement

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On Sunday, October 25, 2015 at approximately 1700 hours I was located in the east yard of my residence located at [REDACTED] Bennington, Ks. 67422 when I observed my neighbor (Delwyn Schmidt) taxiing a white aircraft, with black letters "Experimental" on this side, in the field to the east of my location. This was a weekly occurrence for Delwyn and usually lasted 15-20 minutes. This occurrence was no different than any others that I had witnessed, he completed his taxiing and took the aircraft back to his hanger located at his residence.

At approximately 1735 hours Delwyn returned in the same aircraft to the field, circled the field once, then began to accelerate. He was located in the far North West of the field and was traveling southbound. The aircraft left the ground approximat 90 yard from my residence. He continued to climb in altitude to approximat 100-200 feet and then I heard his engine abruptly stop, he was still traveling southbound. I then observed the aircraft make a sharp turn to the west, then stall. The aircrafts nose faced the ground while losing altitude then quickly collided with the earth.

Upon arrival to the scene Delwyn was unconscious and upside-down. He was breathing, seat belted and pinned in the aircraft. I was able break the side panels away from the seat compartment and unbuckle him. I then removed him from north facing side of the aircraft and attempted to stabilize his head. He had obvious catastrophic injuries to his legs, hips and chest. Approximately 5-10 minutes had past when a first responder arrived on scene followed by a medic unit. I transferred care to them and I remained with Delwyn for the duration of his treatment with medics on scene.

Nothing further was observed.

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