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Witness Interview

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Interviewee

Mr. Josh Ramos
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Mr. Ramos and his girlfriend were out for a drive and were eastbound on Harper road (the road just to the north of the Alva airport) when he noticed the accident aircraft flying. He slowed down to watch the plane because of casual interest. Stated that the aircraft was flying in a left bank turn that appeared to be smooth and normal, except that the plane looked "very low".

Mr. Ramos stated that the aircraft rolled wings level momentarily heading roughly south, made one more slight wing dip to the left and then rolled wings level again before disappearing from his line of sight behind the hospital building. Shortly after the plane disappeared Mr. Ramos noticed smoke coming up from the other side of the hospital. He went to look and saw the fire in the trees, saw the pilot, Mr. Washburn, walking up the short hill from the plane, and then went to Mr. Washburn with a blanket to help put out the flames.

Mr. Ramos stated that Mr. Washburn expressed concern that there was still another pilot in the aircraft and mentioned that there was "gas pouring on me".



(Information on this graphic, other than the witness' truck position, was not obtained from the witness.)