

## Statement of Witness

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Name/Signature Juan F. Cortez 11/11/18 Date 3-8-2018  
Contact phone/email [REDACTED]

Tell in your own words what you saw or heard before and at the time the accident occurred.

At approximately 10:38am while exiting the parking  
lot of my doctors clinic (Dr. Jorge Gomez-Vasquez) I saw  
a small plane appear out of nowhere traveling  
roughly due south. From the first time I saw the  
plane it was approximately 2 seconds later when  
the aircraft made a violent 90° nose dive straight  
into the ground at the north end area of the  
Laredo Int'l airport. Immediately after impact  
there was a large fire ball, then a black smoke  
cloud. I proceeded to dial 911 but lines  
were tied up from multiple calls. I then drove  
the north gate of the airport grounds on  
Tacaman Road where I met Laredo Police Dept  
Units and other emergency units.

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Name/Signature Mrs Walter G Date 03/08/2018

Contact phone/en [REDACTED]

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I was standing on #10 hole Casa Blanca golf course when the plane  
flew in my direction -> to the airport passenger building.  
Smoke came from the left engine no flames could be seen.  
Plane was slightly sinking. Motor noises were strong and regular  
up any interruptions. When I followed the flight path the engine  
was still smoking.

It was a strange flight direction coming from N.S -> N all other  
planes I saw landed in the opposite direction N -> S. I thought  
that the plane will then take into the landing direction,  
flight above the ground was appr. 2-300 meters from my  
position.

I didn't see the landing wheels.

**From:** RICCARDI, CHRIS  
**To:** [Morales, Christian \(FAA\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Statement  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 20, 2018 11:15:15 AM  
**Importance:** High

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**From:** SANABRIA, HIRAM  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 08, 2018 10:47 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
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**Importance:** High

On 3/18/2018 at about 1045 local time AIA C. Riccardi and I BPA H. Sanabria were onboard Omaha 87C (AS-350 B2 N6087C) on the northwest ramp in front of the AMO hangar. While preparing for a flight, I observed a multi engine aircraft take off from one of the runways. The aircraft was smoking from the left engine on rollout. I observed the airplane level off at about 400 to 500 ft. AGL. The aircraft then turn left for left downwind for runway 18L. While on the downwind for runway 18L the aircraft seems to be slowing down with a wing lower than the other but the smoking has already stopped. The winds were around 10 to 15 kts at 140 (almost tail wind). The aircraft had already passed mid field and suddenly turned sharp to the left (it look like an unintentional turn) 180 degrees and down and crash almost upside-down.

*Hiram Sanabria*  
U.S. Border Patrol Agent  
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