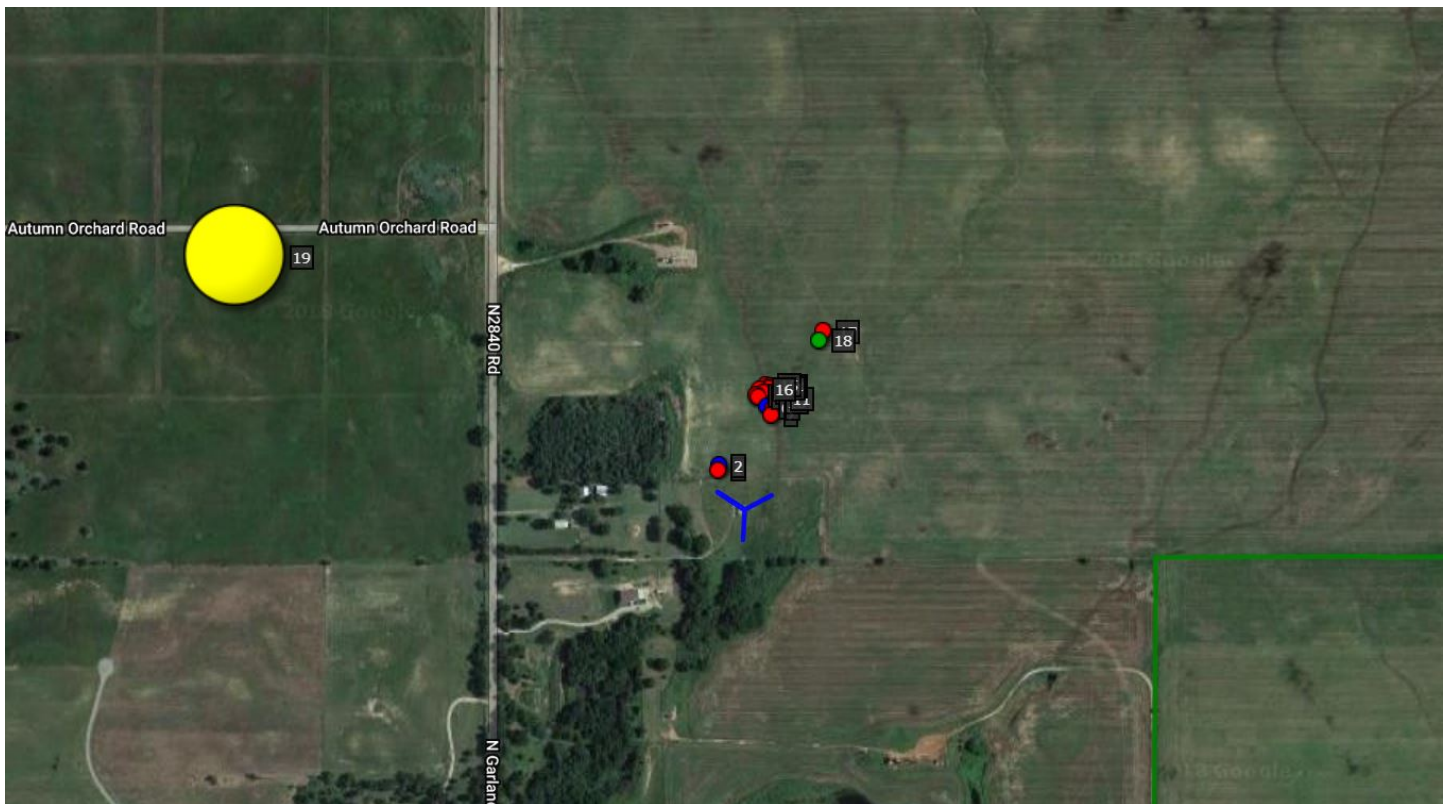




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Witness Summaries and
Locations in Proximity to
Accident Site
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The following information are summaries of witness observations and their locations in proximity to the accident site. The tower is marked in blue and wreckage is marked in red:



Location of Witnesses #1 thru #4 (Yellow Circle)

Witness #1
James Buss [REDACTED]

6/19/2018. At approximately 0715 he was watching the aircraft flying back and forth “doing what crop dusters do”. He was flying pretty conservatively not making loops or anything. He was flying ENE then WSW. Mr. Buss observed the aircraft make 8 or 10 passes. He would fly low to spray then pop up to turn. The aircraft made a turn to the east north east, ran right into the guy wire of the tower. Caught the left wing and the plane twisted violently. Yellow cloud sprayed out when the plane hit and then the plane dropped straight down. He and his coworkers called 911 and drove to the scene which was about ¼ mile away. Pilot expired at the scene while they were trying to talk to him and tell him to hang on. Police arrived and had him leave the area.

Witness #2

Bryan Buss [REDACTED]

Saw plane make a sharp bank above the tree line moving from south to north. Wings leveled out about halfway up the tree line and was climbing (not rapidly). Looked like he was a hundred feet over the trees and the plane just stopped. There was a puff of red smoke and it looked like a hand just pulled it straight down. The day was clear and sunny. It was beautiful. Mr. Buss said the plane looked further away, far side of tower (east) approximately halfway up like in the middle section when the plane stopped in midair and dropped and saw a big plume of dirt. Went with coworkers to the scene. [REDACTED]

Witness #3

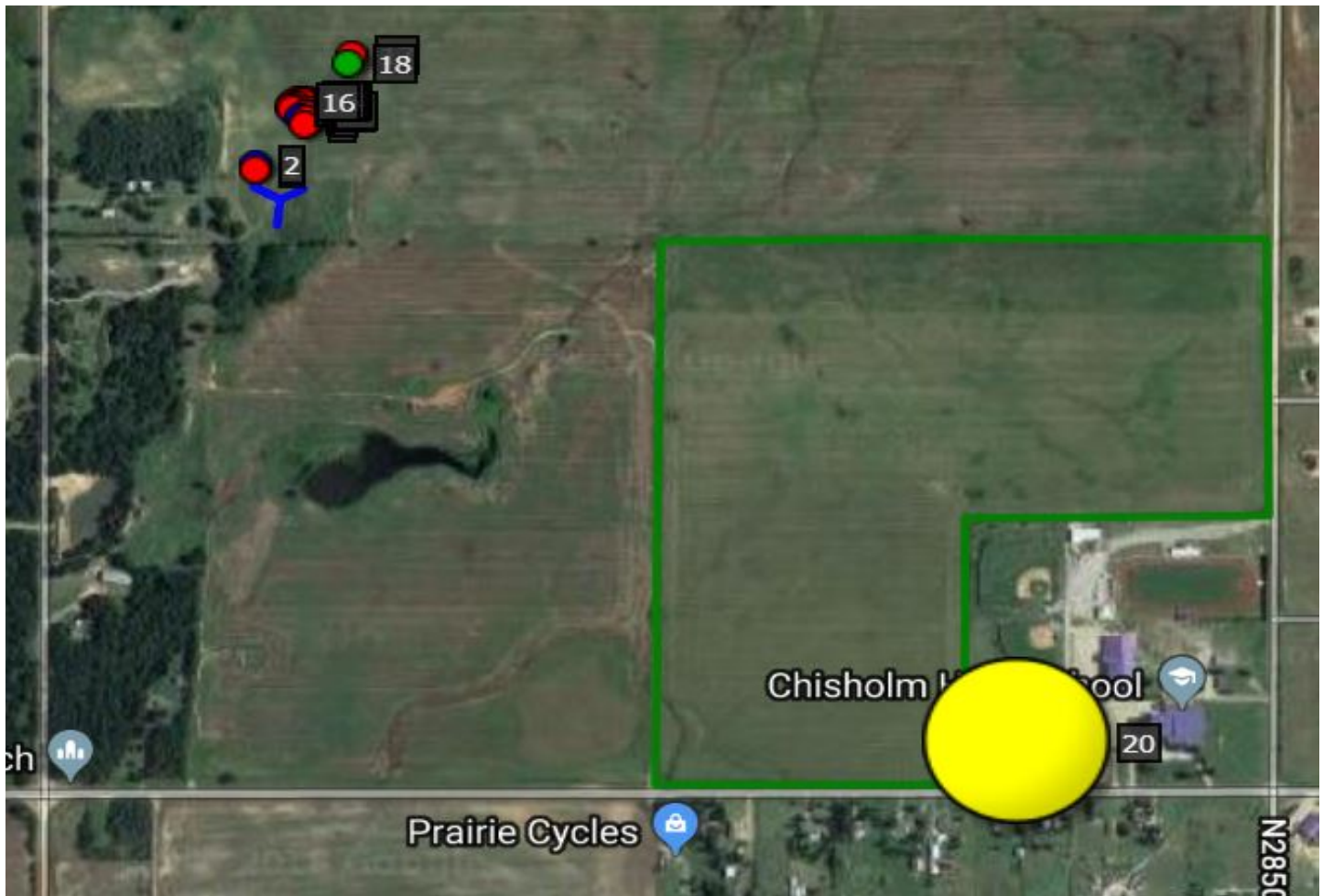
Doug Buss [REDACTED]

Saw aircraft go straight down. Went to scene. [REDACTED]

Witness #4

Mitchell Buss [REDACTED]

Did not see crash. Heard a “zing” and saw a yellow cloud and heard his brother say the was a plane crash. Dialed *55 and notified the state police.



Location of Witness #5 (Yellow Circle)

Witness #5

Dave Ruffin Retired AF pilot with ATP [REDACTED]

About 0705 Mr. Ruffin was east bound on Carrier Road. The aircraft was traveling north to south. The weather was as clear and no clouds. What got his attention was he thought the aircraft was going to hit the power lines on Carrier Road. The aircraft looked to be a few feet above the lines. The airplane turned 15 degrees off to the right then turned left back around to the north.

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