



NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

Central Region

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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: CEN18FA235 Witness statement summary

Two witnesses came forward and gave statements about their experience. The statements from the accident day were taken by the local Sheriff's Office and are summarized here. The witnesses were located one house north of the accident address and were situated on top of a pavilion. Since they live near this airport they are very used to hearing normal engine sounds and this engine did not sound normal. The engine was puffing, sputtering, backfiring, etc. The airplane was traveling east to west and flew very low over their house. The airplane continued west and made a hard left bank; the left wing was 45° to 90° down. The airplane descended into the ground and then exploded. They both ran to the accident site to provide assistance but were unable due to the fire and extreme heat. One occupant was alive when they arrived and they were unable to extract him. They used small fire extinguishers to control the fire to no avail.