



OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
OHIO STATE HIGHWAY PATROL

STATEMENT

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17-090083-0478

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10/16/2017

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I, BENJAMIN T MILNER, hereby make this voluntary statement to
Sgt. PJ ROBINSON at [REDACTED]

on

Q: WHERE WERE YOU WHEN THE PLANE CRASH OCCURRED?

A: IN THE DRAWING OF [REDACTED] WAITING FOR THE
PLANE TO LAND.

Q: DID YOU HAVE CONTACT WITH THE PILOT PRIOR TO THE CRASH?

A: NO. I WAS IN CONTACT WITH THE PASSENGER. HE CAME TO SEE IF
I COULD TURN OUR RUNWAY LIGHTS ON BECAUSE HE COULDN'T
GET THE RUNWAY LIGHTS TO COME ON AT ASHTABULA COUNTY
AIRPORT.

Q: DO YOU OWN THE AIRPORT HOME?

A: MY FAMILY DOES. PRIVATE AIR STRIP CALLED BOSTON AIRPORT.

Q: DID YOU ACTUALLY SEE THE PLANE GO DOWN?

A: YES.

Q: CAN YOU DESCRIBE WHAT HAPPENED?

A: HE APPEARED TO BE CLIMBING IN LOW AND WHEN HE STAYED LOW, I
STARTED TO THINK SOMETHING WAS WRONG. I'M FROM HERE AND
EVEN THOUGH IT WAS EARLY, I KNOW WHERE THE TREE LINE IS.

INFORMANT'S SIGNATURE

X

STREET ADDRESS

PRINT NAME

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

WITNESS SIGNATURE

X

REPORTING OFFICER SIGNATURE

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I, BENJAMIN I. MILLER, hereby make this voluntary statement to
SGT. PJ ROBINSON at [REDACTED]

on _____

A(CUST): I HEARD A BOOM AND THEN ABOUT 1-2 SECONDS LATER, I
HEARD WHAT SOUNDED LIKE IMPACT WITH THE GROUND AND THE
ENGINE STOPPED. INITIALLY, IT SOUNDED LIKE HE REALIZED HE
WAS LOW AND STARTED TO TILT UP. THAT'S WHEN I HEARD
THE FIRST BOOM.

Q: HAS THIS PLANE EVER LANDED HERE BEFORE?

A: YES. HE'S NOT A REGULAR HERE BUT HE HAS LANDED HERE QUITE
A FEW TIMES. HE USUALLY LANDS AT ASHTABULA.

[REDACTED]

INFORMANT'S SIGNATURE X		STREET ADDRESS	
PRINT NAME		CITY	STATE ZIP CODE
WITNESS SIGNATURE X [REDACTED]			
REPORTING OFFICER SIGNATURE X [REDACTED]		UNIT [REDACTED]	DATE 10/16/17

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I, <u>ROBERT J. GALE</u> HEREBY MAKE THIS VOLUNTARY STATEMENT TO	
PRINTED	
<u>TRC. CUSTAS</u> AT <u>ST. ELIZABETH HEALTH CENTER</u>	
OFFICER'S NAME	LOCATION
doing an approach to land, I was lower than I thought, hit the tree Q) WHERE WERE YOU FLYING FROM? A) DES MOINES, IOWA. MADE A FUEL STOP ABOUT HALFWAY BACK Q) HOW MUCH FUEL WAS IN THE PLANE? A) SEVEN IN ONE SIDE AND 12 OR 13 IN THE OTHER SIDE Q) WHAT HAPPENED AT THE ASTORIA AIRPORT? A) I COULD NOT GET THE LIGHTS TO TURN ON. I WENT TO THE OTHER RUNWAY AND LINED UP THE DITCH FOR ABOUT FIVE MINUTES UNTIL THE LIGHTS CAME ON. I GOT DISORIENTED AND THOUGHT I WAS APPROXIMATING THE RUNWAY FROM THE SOUTH Q) DID YOU NOTICE THE TOWERS BEFORE YOU STRUCK THEM? A) NO Q) DO PART OF THE AIRCRAFT HIT THE TOWER FIRST? A) HIT THE PROP FIRST AND MESSED UP THE CONTROLS SO I JUST TRIED TO KEEP THE NOSE UP Q) WERE YOU TRAPPED? A) NO Q) WERE YOU EJECTED? A) NO Q) INJURIES? A) FRACTURED VERTEBRAE, CUT ON FOREHEAD, STIFF ALL OVER Q) HOW LONG WAS THE FLIGHT? A) NOT COUNTING FUEL STOP FOUR AND A HALF HOURS	
ADDRESS OF WITNESS <u>JEFFERSON, OH 44047</u>	PHONE <u>[REDACTED]</u>
SIGNATURE OF WITNESS X <u>[REDACTED]</u>	OFFICER'S SIGNATURE X <u>[REDACTED]</u>



TRAFFIC CRASH WITNESS STATEMENT

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1. Lewis Gale HEREBY MAKE THIS VOLUNTARY STATEMENT TO
PRINTED
TRC COSTAS AT SCENE
OFFICER'S NAME LOCATION

I was a passenger in an airplane and when making approach to runway was too low and clipped the top of a tree. We then landed in a wheat field.

Q: ARE YOU INJURED? A: NO, CUTS TO RIGHT HAND / FINGER

Q: DO YOU KNOW THE ALTITUDE AT THE TIME OF THE CRASH? A: ABOUT 350 FT

Q: WERE YOU WEARING YOUR SEATBELTS? A: YES

Q: WHAT TIME DID THE CRASH OCCUR? A: CALLED MOM AT 10:08 PM

Q: WHERE WERE YOU SEEN? A: FRONT PASSENGER

Q: WERE YOU TRAPPED? A: NO

Q: WERE YOU EJECTED? A: NO

Q: WHERE WERE YOU COMING FROM? A: WINDYBET IOWA

Q: HOW LONG WAS THE FLIGHT? A: ABOUT 4 1/2 HOURS

Q: WHO WAS THE PILOT? A: MR. FRANK, ROBERT GALE

ADDRESS OF WITNESS
[REDACTED] Jefferson OH 44047

PHONE
[REDACTED]

SIGNATURE OF WITNESS
X [REDACTED]

OFFICER'S SIGNATURE
X [REDACTED]