

WITNESS STATEMENT

NAME: FREEMAN MONTY W. [REDACTED]
LAST NAME FIRST NAME MIDDLE AREA CODE TELEPHONE
ADDRESS: [REDACTED] 6415
STREET CITY STATE ZIP
DATE OF BIRTH: [REDACTED] HEIGHT: [REDACTED] WEIGHT: [REDACTED] HAIR COLOR: [REDACTED] EYE COLOR: [REDACTED]
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: [REDACTED] DRIVERS LICENSE NUMBER: [REDACTED] STATE: MO
EMPLOYED BY: MESA AIRLINES ADDRESS: [REDACTED] DEPT: [REDACTED]
LOCATION: PHOENIX AZ 85008 DATE: 06/14/2008 TIME: 1200 ☐ AM ☒ PM

I, MONTY W. FREEMAN DESIRE TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING VOLUNTARY STATEMENT.

I MAKE THIS STATEMENT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITH NO THREATS OR PROMISE HAVING BEEN MADE TO ME.

I WAS WATCHING THE AIRCRAFT TAKE OFF AND THINGS
LOOKED NORMAL UNTIL THE AIRCRAFT REACHED
200'. IT THEN LOOK LIKE POWER WAS LOST AND
STOPPED CLIMBING. AT THAT POINT HE TRIED TO
TURN LEFT AND RETURN TO LAND. NOT ENOUGH ALT
TO RETURN.

PILOT INFORMATION: MARLYN ATKINSON
[REDACTED]

6/15/18

In regards to accident at SWF in Eureka Springs, AR on 6/14/18:

We sold Aeronca L-16 N9098C to Marlin Atkinson on this date. Mr. Atkinson started and taxied said aircraft to the south end of runway 16/34 at Silver Wings Field located on the Aviation Cadet Museum, Inc. property. He did a short runup, followed by applying power for take off. Takeoff was normal lifting off in about 400-500 feet. Aircraft climbed fine, about two thirds down the runway at approximately 100-150' of altitude, the nose pitched up and a left turn was initiated. The aircraft stalled, continuing it's left turn hitting the ground about 100' from the runway centerline. The engine was running.

Errol D. Severe



Name LAVERN (BATCH) WALLER

Address [REDACTED]

Address [REDACTED]

City EAGLE ROCK

State MISSOURI

Zip 65041

Phone [REDACTED]

Date 15 JUNE 2018

Time 10:45 AM

Where were you at the time of the accident?

STANDING MID FIELD ABOUT 150 FROM RUNWAY
WATCHING TAKE OFF.

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

PILOT SEEMED NERVOUS BEFORE TAKE OFF. DID NOT DO
PREFLIGHT CHECK AND NO WARM UP. TAXIED TO END OF
RUNWAY. SEAT BELT BUT DID NOT USE SHOULDER HARNESS.
TURNED PLANE NORTH FOR TAKEOFF. LIFT OFF HALF WAY.
FOUR HUNDRED FEET FROM END DID A SHARP LEFT TURN.
ALTITUDE ABOUT 75-80 FT. HE WAS TAKING OFF CROSS WIND.
DID A STALL IN MID AIR AND SLIPED LEFT AND WENT DOWN
WING (LEFT) FIRST INTO FIELD. NOSE SEMI DOWN. PROP
PUG INTO GROUND AND SPUNG THE PLANE AROUND.
ENGINE STILL RUNNING WHEN THE PLANE HIT BUT STOPPED
AFTER IMPACT. WIND SHIELD BROKE. BOTH LANDING (MAIN) GEARS
COLLASED. PILOT BLEEDING FACE AND FOREHEAD.

Signature [REDACTED]

Date 15 JUNE 2018