

Communication Summary

07/08/2019

Information from: Carl Tallie, UOX Airport



Summary & Factual Information: Mr. Tallie was on duty at the airport and management was asked for a statement from him. His statement, in part, included:

On Saturday, July 6, 2019, in the morning hours, I heard Ms. Little on the Unicom radio notifying the air traffic that she was in the area. I never saw her plane. At approximately 3:15, I heard her on the Unicom radio saying she was landing on runway 9. Her voice sounded panicked. She never finished her sentences. She wasn't responding to the helicopter in the area asking for her location. I saw her approach (with the wind behind her), she did not touch the runway, she lifted her nose back up (too steep) and veered off towards the golf course and then I witnessed her go straight down behind the trees. I kept watching for her to come back up but she never did. Memphis center had called a few minutes prior to her landing attempt looking for her. Mr. Butts hung up with Memphis center to phone 911 notifying them of the crash.

During an interview, Mr. Tallie, in part stated:

A helicopter was heard over the CTAF and it was transitioning the airport area. It sounded like the helicopter was trying to locate the airplane.

The airplane indicated it was inbound for runway 9

The airplane appeared to try and land

Abeam the windsock near midfield the airplane started to climb

The airplane got above the tree top level and turned to the north and descended

Smoke was observed about 3 minutes later above the treeline

Mr. Tallie was asked if there were engine anomaly sounds like backfiring, sputtering, etc. He indicated that there were no engine anomalies heard.

I can attest that the above summary is correct to the best of my knowledge:

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