

VOLUNTARY STATEMENT

(Not under arrest)

I, Joseph Ruston, am not under arrest for, nor am I being detained for any criminal offenses concerning the events I am about to make known to _____.

Without being accused of or questioned about any criminal offenses regarding the facts I am about state, I volunteer the following information of my own free will, for whatever purposes it may serve.

I am _____ years of age, and I live at _____

On Sunday May 31st, Bill Blackburn and I watched a piper cheerokee takeoff on runway 36 at 1:05 P.M. @ JLD.
The airplane seemed to struggle to make any altitude to clear the trees at the end of the runway. It ~~it~~ then made a hard left turn at low altitude approximately 400 feet AGL to a heading of 270°. Then banked again to a heading of 180° with wings vertical in an apparent stall/spin situation. It dropped below the tree line and I immediately called 911 at 1:09 P.M.

I have read each page of this statement consisting of _____ page(s), each page of which bears my signature, and corrections, if any, bear my initials, and I certify that all the facts contained herein are true and correct.

Dated at 3:48 P.M. this 31st day of May.

WITNESS: _____

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(Bill)

I, William C. Blackburn, am not under arrest for, nor am I being detained for any criminal offenses concerning the events I am about to make known to _____.

Without being accused of or questioned about any criminal offenses regarding the facts I am about state, I volunteer the following information of my own free will, for whatever purposes it may serve.

I am _____ years of age, and I live at _____

PM

On 5-31-20 @ 1:05 we (I) witnessed a Piper Cherokee 180 take off runway 36 @ 260 Pineville, La. Aircraft was struggling to climb. At approximately 400 feet agl, the aircraft made a left turn with about a 60°-75° bank angle. Aircraft entered a heading of about 270, holding a very steep bank angle, then continued the left bank to a easterly heading then disappeared behind the tree line. Aircraft hit ground at about 1:07 P.M.

Joe Ruston also witnessed this accident.

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Dated at 5-31-20 this 31 day of May

WITNESS _____

WITNESS: _____

Signature of person
giving voluntary statement