

VOLUNTARY STATEMENT

(NOT UNDER ARREST)

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I, Benjamin Hoffman

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 to state, I volunteer the following information of my own free will, for whatever purposes it may serve.

Ph. _____

I am _____ years of age, D.O.B. _____

and I live at _____

Benedict NE 6836-9008

Multiple Aircraft came to Grant from the East to help out with some aerial spraying. While working for Aurora Coop in grantt pilot Alex and myself were spraying 2 fields South of grant. We started Around 1130 mtn and were spraying parallel to each other. Before we began Alex and I had talked to each other on the radio about our aircraft since they were same model + engine. All our engine parameters matched during take off prior to the accident and Alex reported the aircraft was flying well.

Approximately 11:40 am - 11:50 I lost sight of Alex's aircraft, I ~~attempt~~ attempted to reach him by radio multiple times while I worked. After failing to reach Alex I circled the field he ~~was~~ was spraying twice and saw no sign of him, I called Andy at Grant on the phone to ask about Alex and his whereabouts. He stated he would call Alex's ~~his~~ phone and check. ~~so I did~~. Since I saw no sign of Alex I went ~~back~~ back to spraying.

I finished ~~the~~ ^{my} field around noon mountain time and while turning toward Grant I spotted the aircraft inside a field of corn off the West end of the one Alex was working. I made low passes to check on the pilot then climbed to call Andy. I asked Andy to call 911 while I remained on ~~sight~~ location to relay info.

I could tell from the debris + damage the airplane hit very hard vertical with little to no forward motion. The aircraft was flat with no impact trail and the pilot seemed unresponsive.

I remained on scene guiding EMS + trying to gather help until EMS arrived on ~~same~~ location. After EMS arrived I remained about 20 minutes until Andy instructed me to return to base.

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 the facts contained herein are true and correct.

Dated at _____, this _____ day of _____.

WITNESS: _____

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Signature of person giving voluntary statement