

TIME: 1444L

DATE: 08/26/20

SUBJ: WITNESS STATEMENT(S); BECCA [REDACTED]/JOSELIN [REDACTED]/THEY WERE SITTING ON THE MAIN/LARGE DOCK AT WHITE IRON BEACH RESORT

These two friends had gone out to sit on the end of the dock for the evening and star gaze. They had been out on the dock for about an hour and a half. When they first sat down the sky was clear and they could see the stars. However, a cloud layer began to develop and they could not see the stars anymore. They continued to have very good lateral visibility and could see the island out in front of them from the dock. All was quiet sitting on the dock. Then they heard the noise of a plane, looking out past the island and to the left of it, they saw a plane diving down towards the water, they could see lights and the aircraft silhouette. The aircraft then climbed up and disappeared into the clouds. There was a visibility pause, not minutes as the whole evolution took less than 3 minutes, but the plane then came back down through the clouds, the noise had been loud the entire time, now it was aiming right at them on the dock. They thought it was going to hit the water in front of the dock, but one wing was lower than the other, and the aircraft pulled up just in front of them turning left and climbed back into the clouds disappearing. It was a steep, straight up climb. Seconds later, a good bit past the island, the aircraft came down in a straight down nosedive. There was a boom followed by immediate silence, kind of like the lake absorbed all noise. They immediately called 911. Their phones logged the call at 1106L/2306L time. From the first time they heard and saw the first dive, to the third impact dive, less than three minutes had passed. They did not have time to get their phones out prior to the 911 call. The aircraft was loud through the whole evolution, no popping or sputtering, it was just loud.