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Hi Josh,

Hope you are doing well. FYI this came into the witness email today

Regards,

Erik

From: MICHAEL LONG [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2020 4:58 PM
To: eyewitnessreport <eyewitnessreport@ntsb.gov>
Subject: Beechcraft Bonanza Crash in Slidell, LA on October 21, 2020.

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

I think I might have limited information concerning the crash on 10/21/20 at Slidell Municipal Airport. I was parked in the parking lot of the airport, eating my lunch from approximately 2:30pm until 3:06pm. During that time, I would guess around 2:35pm to 2:45pm local time, I heard the sound of a piston aircraft and looked towards the terminal building, where I could see a tan colored V tail Bonanza taxiing near the terminal building. At my parked location I only had a brief glimpse between buildings but my assumption was that it was leaving the self-service pumps and was taxiing towards runway 36, but it could have just been parked where I could not see it and not at the fuel pumps. Eventually it cleared the hangers and I could see it briefly taxiing down the parallel runway and then turning left towards runway 36.

The only potentially significant information I can provide is as follows:

- 1:) I expected that when the aircraft reached the end of the taxiway the pilot would perform a runup. The aircraft I saw did not; it continued taxiing all the way to his take off roll.
- 2:) As I normally do while at the airport, when an aircraft is active I roll down my windows to listen to the engine. Nothing that I heard during the takeoff roll sounded odd.
- 3:) During the takeoff roll I can't see the aircraft until it passes between the terminal building and the hangers and then only briefly, and then again after it passes the hangers.
- 4:) Once it passed the hangers I could see it the best. I did not notice any anomalies in sound or any difficulty with the aircraft as it slowly gained altitude.
- 5:) As is normal, I eventually lost sight of the aircraft as my view is blocked by the T-hangers and trees to the northwest of the runway.
- 6:) Moments later I looked to the north to see if I could see the aircraft as it gained altitude but did not see anything. I just assumed that I either looked too late, or perhaps it had turned west where I could not see it anymore.
- 7:) I did not hear any explosion or sound of any impact nor did I see any smoke before I left the parking lot.

The aircraft I saw may not even be the aircraft that crashed. When I heard today that it was now believed that the crash took place earlier in the day, approximately around the time I was at the airport, I figured

what little information I could provide may be helpful. I sit at the airport often eating lunch and watching planes. The most remarkable thing about the aircraft I saw was that it did not perform a runup. That is what stuck out to me the most.

I should also note that I am a private pilot.

Below are 2 photos with some additional information.

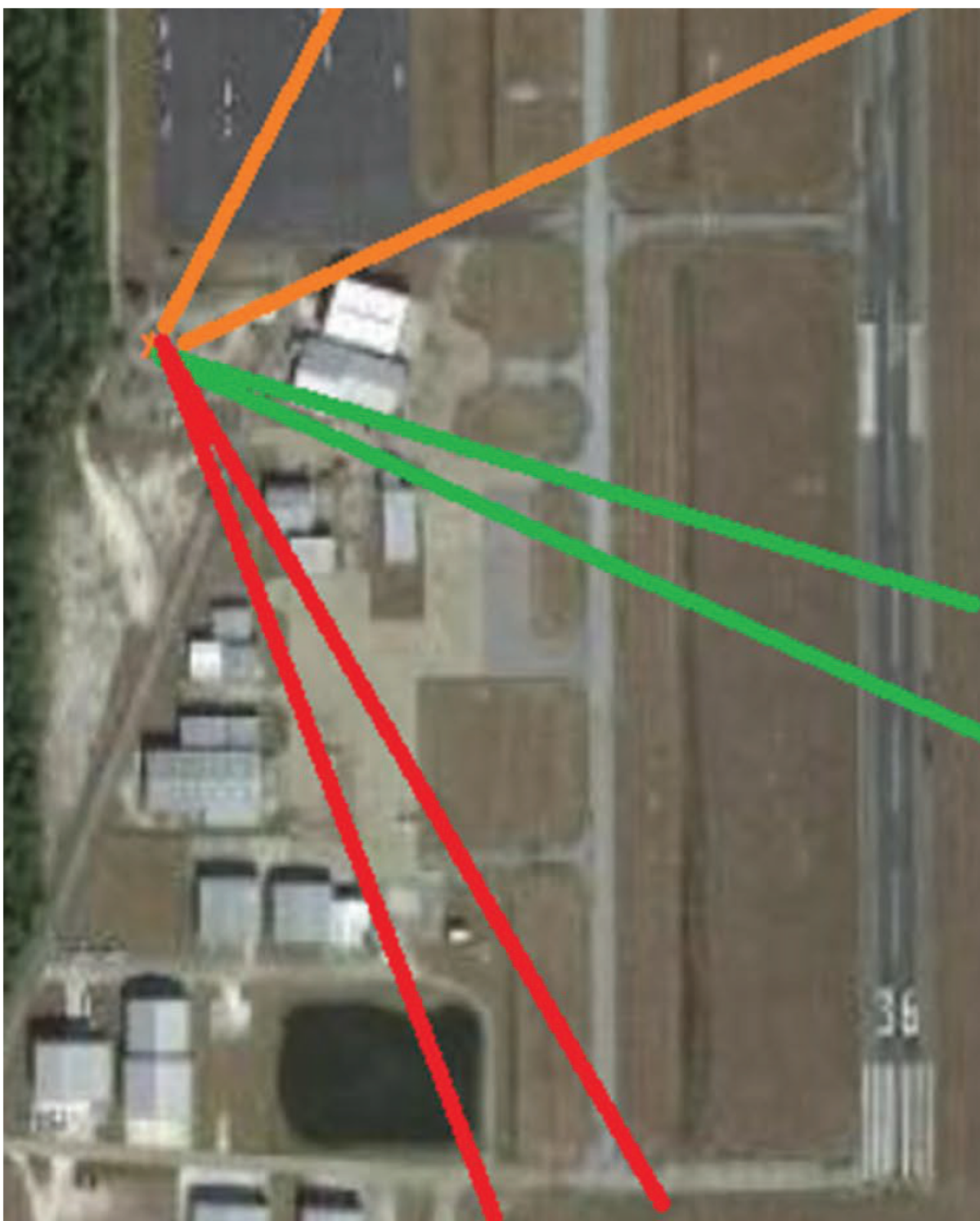




Here are my approximate fields of view:







Please let me know if there are any question you might have.

Thanks,

Michael Long

