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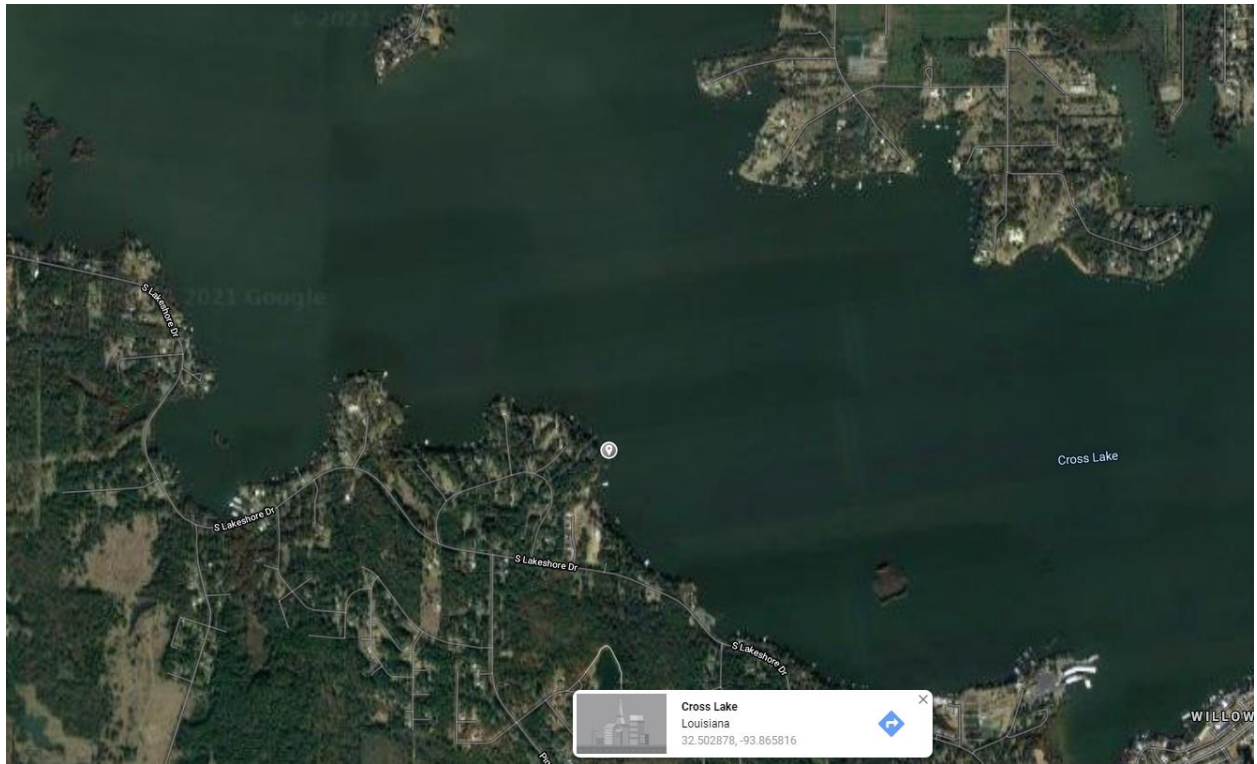
On Sunday, May 23, 2021, I was at Wiley & Amy Pollard's house [REDACTED] on their pier on Cross Lake. I was there with Denise Brossette and the Pollard's grandson Kaleb was with us. The pier is located on the south shore of Cross Lake and oriented to the northeast. We were preparing to board a sailboat boat on the east side of the pier. The wind was from the right.

At that time, we heard a jet plane approach from left and looked in that direction to see the plane at approximately 200-ft above the surface of the lake going from our left to the right. As it approached it began a roll up and to the pilot's right. At the point that the plane was inverted, or very nearly so, the nose began to abruptly pull down toward the surface of the lake, rather than proceeding straight and completing the roll. From the point that the plane was pointing more or less straight down it rotated approximately 90 degrees more and flew essentially straight into the water. The orientation was such that we were looking at the top of the aircraft, nose down/tail up. The tail might have been slightly to the right of the nose, from our perspective. I could not tell if the tail was tilted away from us or toward us, but my sense is that was away from us, which would put the plane moving at a slight angle towards us when it impacted the surface.

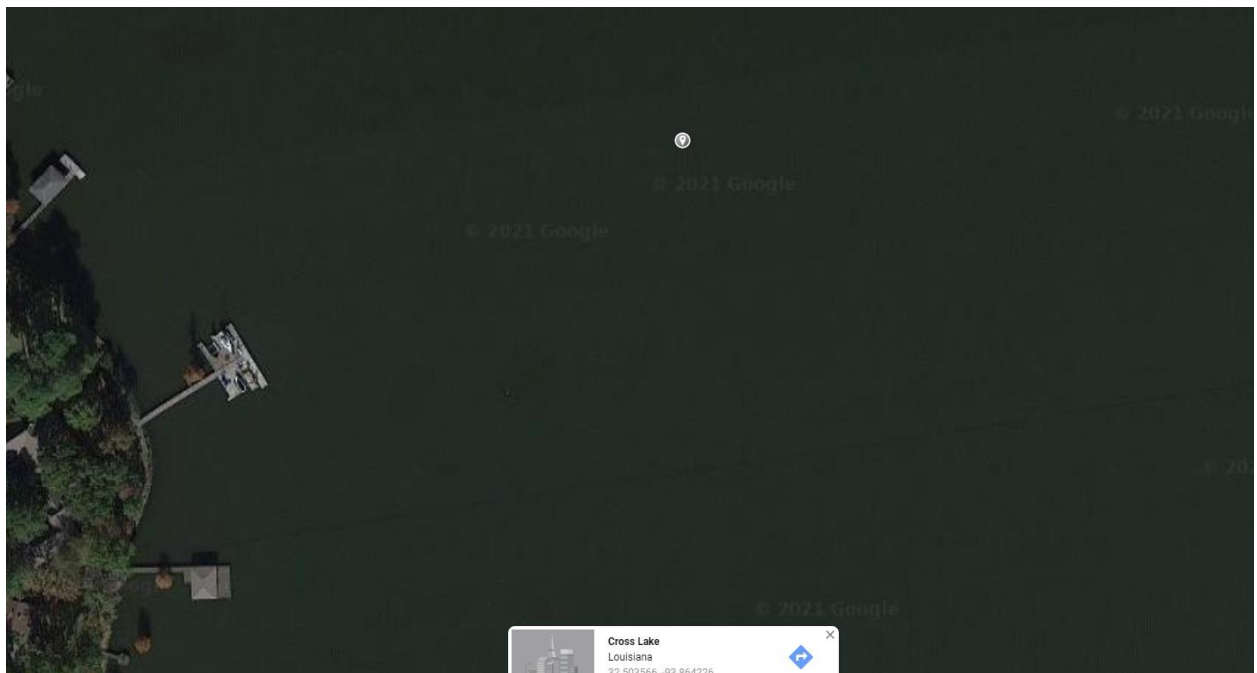
We were approximately 250 yards from the point of impact. When the plane hit the water it sliced into the surface cleanly; there was very little splash or noise, as I remember it. There was a boat on the lake very near the impact. There was an opaque plastic, partially inflated bag that remained on the surface and floated away to the left, driven by the wind. Wiley Pollard said that he saw a small red object on the surface, but it did not remain there. I did not see that myself.

Of the five of us, only myself and Amy Pollard were able to see the plane's path all the way to the surface. I called 911 at 2:46pm, according to the call log on my phone. Shortly thereafter, I called the Shreveport Yacht Club to get Sherriff Steve Pator's cell phone number and called him directly to report it as well. I informed the Sherriff that we believed it was Freddy Phillips, based on the Pollard's knowledge of him.

We remained on the pier and watched the site and subsequent recovery activity. A few boats or jet skis that were in the immediate area came to the site. Several boats that came by the pier asked what has happened or if we had seen it happen. One person asked what has happened and, when we told him, he asked if it was the little red jet, or some description like that, and we indicated that it was. He told us that he and his wife had been on the lake the previous Sunday and had seen the plane flying over the lake and doing a barrel roll.



Witness location.



Approximate impact location.