



NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD
Central Region

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: CEN21LA030 Witness Statements

The Lubbock Police Department (LPD) produced a report for their activities on-scene. The witness summaries below are excerpts from the LPD report.

Witness 1 and 2: Clifford Kaskie and Lupe Chavez stated that they witnessed the accident. They observed the plane do a loop in the air and then dive down to the ground, nose first.

Witness 3: David Monk stated that he observed the plane flying low in the area. He observed the plane appear to go up as if it were going to do a loop, then crashed into a back-yard area.

Witness 4: James Barnett stated he observed the plane crash. He stated that he heard an engine rev up and then he observed the plane go into a dive and crash near a house.

Witness 5: An LPD officer in the area observed the accident. He stated that the weather was cloudy and icy with mist. A small airplane appeared below the cloud line east of Ave A over a residential area. The plane was very low to the ground and traveling in a north to northwest direction. The plane traveling toward a series of power lines that ran north to south along the east side of Ave A. As the plane got near the power lines, it turned aggressively, almost traveling vertically, back to the east. The turn was extremely slow. The plane traveled east for a short distance then turn back west, in a loop type direction of travel. The plane rapidly lost altitude as it traveled westbound. He lost sight of the plane as it traveled below the houses and buildings in the area. He heard a loud crashing sound in the 200 block of E 37th or E 36th Street. He traveled to the area and located fire and smoke in the backyard of 209 E 37th Street. The plane was fully on fire with eight to ten ft high flames. A few feet east of the plane, a natural gas meter had been struck and natural gas was discharging into the area. He could not get closer than ten feet to the plane due to the heat and smoke from the fire. After a few seconds, Lubbock Fire Rescue personnel arrived on scene. He directed LFR to the crash site where they contained the fire.