

National Transportation Safety Board

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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

Daniel Blachno, Witness

December 2, 2020

Interviewee: Daniel Blachno (Witness)
Date/Time: December 2, 2020 / 1042 CST
Location: Telephone Call
Investigator: Andrew Todd Fox, NTSB Air Safety Investigator

Mr. Blachno is employed as a driver for Telluride Express. He was present at the Telluride Regional Airport waiting for customers to arrive when he saw a small airplane to the east of the airport in a "weird maneuver." Mr. Blachno stated that the airplane was descending toward the ground, but he did not hear a crash or see an explosion, and that he thought the airplane was okay and it was just flying in the valley lower than the airport elevation.

Investigator Fox told Mr. Blachno that he was visible on the airport surveillance camera footage that also captured the airplane crash. Investigator Fox noted that Mr. Blachno was walking toward the FBO building when he stopped, turned, and looked toward the east. Investigator Fox asked Mr. Blachno what drew his attention toward the east, and he replied that he was simply looking for his customer's airplane because it was late arriving at the airport.