

Statement of Doreen Grace typed from hand written statement (DXH).

I heard engine noise and got out of my chair. I went to the window and saw a plane coming down. The plane was not coming down steeply it was relatively flat. It hit the ground and I heard a crash. We exited our garage and look at the house next to us. The plane was in the house and on fire.

Doreen L. Grace

01/03/2021

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Hanger Number 64
Oakland Southwest Airport
New Hudson, MI.

On January 02, 2021, I was in my hanger at Oakland Southwest Airport, New Hudson, MI. My hanger (number 64) is in the 1st row of hangers across from the runway. I was inside my hanger with the doors closed - thus I had no view of the outside. However, I can hear the planes quite clearly when they take off and when they land.

It was approximately 3:15 pm as I was preparing to leave my hanger, when I was surprised to hear incoming traffic. The weather conditions were not favorable for flying - fairly low ceiling, heavy clouds, light mist and rain with low temperatures.

The airplane sounded like it was quite high for landing. My guess would be 50 to 100 feet off the runway. I then heard a full power to do a go-around and to try another approach.

My thoughts were he was too high for landing and could not get it down fast enough. He made a second approach, but then again gave it full throttle. I assumed he would be doing a go-around to attempt a third approach. However, he did not return. That was the last I heard of the plane.

Very shortly thereafter, I depart the airport via my vehicle, and headed north on Milford Road. That is when I heard a lot of heavy sirens. It sounded more like the fire department.

I had been a pilot for approximately 12 years. I have not flown for the last 10 years. I owned two plane - both at the same time - Stearman and Citabria - both tail draggers. So, I do feel that I do have the ability to understand the sounds of an airplane when it's approaching the landing strip and going around.

Thinking that this may be some information that would be helpful, I spoke with Mika the manager at New Hudson Airport, January 5, and told him what I had heard and shared my thoughts.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact me.

Jan 06, 2021

Statement of Gene K Grace typed from hand written statement (DXH).

I heard a plane close to our house. Then it hit the ground. I ran outside thru the garage to see where it landed. It hit the south East corner of the house next doors. Plane was on fire.

Gene K Grace

January 3, 2021

My statement regarding the plane crash in New Hudson on January 2, 2021

At approximately 3:42pm, I was sitting in my kitchen eating lunch. I looked up to see a VERY LOW plane (just above the roof lines) heading west and falling from the sky. I saw the plane was flying very erratically, rocking side to side and then it was gone. I yelled to my family, "Oh my God, that plane is coming right at us! It's going to hit the Dunneback's house!" [REDACTED]. My husband, two daughters, and myself literally ran out the door towards the crash.

Any other questions, please let me know.

Linda Vermillion

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