



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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National Transportation Safety Board

Date: 05/20/2022

Person Contacted: Robert Husted (Witness – N73670, Cessna 172N)

NTSB Case Number: CEN22FA197

Narrative:

The following is a synopsis of the information provided by Robert Husted to the NTSB investigator-in-charge, via a telephone conversation:

- Robert was at the Interlocken Golf Club (located in Broomfield, Colorado) at the time of the accident on 05/11/2022, which is just to the west of the accident site intersection in Broomfield, Colorado.
 - Robert witnessed the accident sequence with the airplane. Robert is a designated airworthiness representative.
 - The airplane was not in a stall/spin sequence. It appeared the airplane was in a gentle left-hand turn and descent, with about 15-20° of bank.
 - There were no flight control movements the whole time he observed the airplane in flight until impact. It appears the airplane may have been flying by itself.
 - There was no smoke or fire observed coming from the airplane while in flight.
 - There were no abnormal engines noises emitting from the airplane. The engine was making a constant engine noise the whole time.
 - The airplane appeared to be structural intact while in flight.
- **** Nothing Follows ****



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Date: 05/20/2022

Person Contacted: Greg Lund (Witness – N73670, Cessna 172N)

NTSB Case Number: CEN22FA197

Narrative:

The following is a synopsis of the information provided by Greg Lund to the NTSB investigator-in-charge, via a telephone conversation:

- Greg was in his vehicle on Colorado 128, approaching the Simms Street traffic light, at the time of the accident on 05/11/2022.
 - Greg witnessed the accident sequence with the airplane. Greg is a manager and an experienced pilot at Pilatus Aircraft in Broomfield, Colorado.
 - There did not appear to be stall/spin sequence. The airplane was in steep descent. Greg could not tell, but perhaps the airplane was trying to land at the golf course or the road by the intersection.
 - There was no smoke or fire observed coming from the airplane while in flight.
 - Greg could not tell if there were any abnormal noises emitting from the engine, since he was inside of his vehicle.
 - The airplane appeared to be structural intact while in flight.
- **** Nothing Follows ****



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Date: 05/20/2022

Person Contacted: Mark McGivern (Witness – N73670, Cessna 172N)

NTSB Case Number: CEN22FA197

Narrative:

The following is a synopsis of the information provided by Mark McGivern to the NTSB investigator-in-charge, via a telephone conversation:

- Mark was at the Interlocken Golf Club (located in Broomfield, Colorado) at the time of the accident on 05/11/2022, which is just to the west of the accident site intersection in Broomfield, Colorado.
 - Mark witnessed the accident sequence with the airplane. Mark is a FAA Aircraft Certification Specialist. Mark has an aerospace engineer background and is an experienced pilot.
 - The airplane was not in a stall/spin sequence. It appeared there were no flight control movements the whole time he observed the airplane in flight until impact.
 - There was no smoke or fire observed coming from the airplane while in flight.
 - There were no abnormal engines noises emitting from the airplane. The engine was making a constant engine noise the whole time.
 - The airplane appeared to be structural intact while in flight.
- **** Nothing Follows ****



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Date: 05/24/2022

Person Contacted: Jeremy Rowell (Witness – N73670, Cessna 172N)

NTSB Case Number: CEN22FA197

Narrative:

The following is a synopsis of the information provided by Jeremy Rowell to the NTSB investigator-in-charge, via a telephone conversation:

- Jeremy was at the Interlocken Golf Club (located in Broomfield, Colorado) at the time of the accident on 05/11/2022, which is just to the west of the accident site intersection in Broomfield, Colorado.
 - Jeremy witnessed the accident sequence with the airplane. Jeremy is not a pilot.
 - It appeared the airplane was trying to turn, as it was in a left turning position. There appeared to be no flight control inputs. It seemed like no one was behind the flight controls.
 - There was no smoke or fire observed coming from the airplane while in flight.
 - There were no abnormal engines noises emitting from the airplane.
 - The airplane appeared to be structural intact while in flight.
- **** Nothing Follows ****

May 12, 2022

Federal Aviation Administration
Denver FSDO
Attn: Cody Ingemansen
[REDACTED]

Denver Colorado, 80249

Dear Mr. Ingemansen

Subject: Cessna 172 Accident

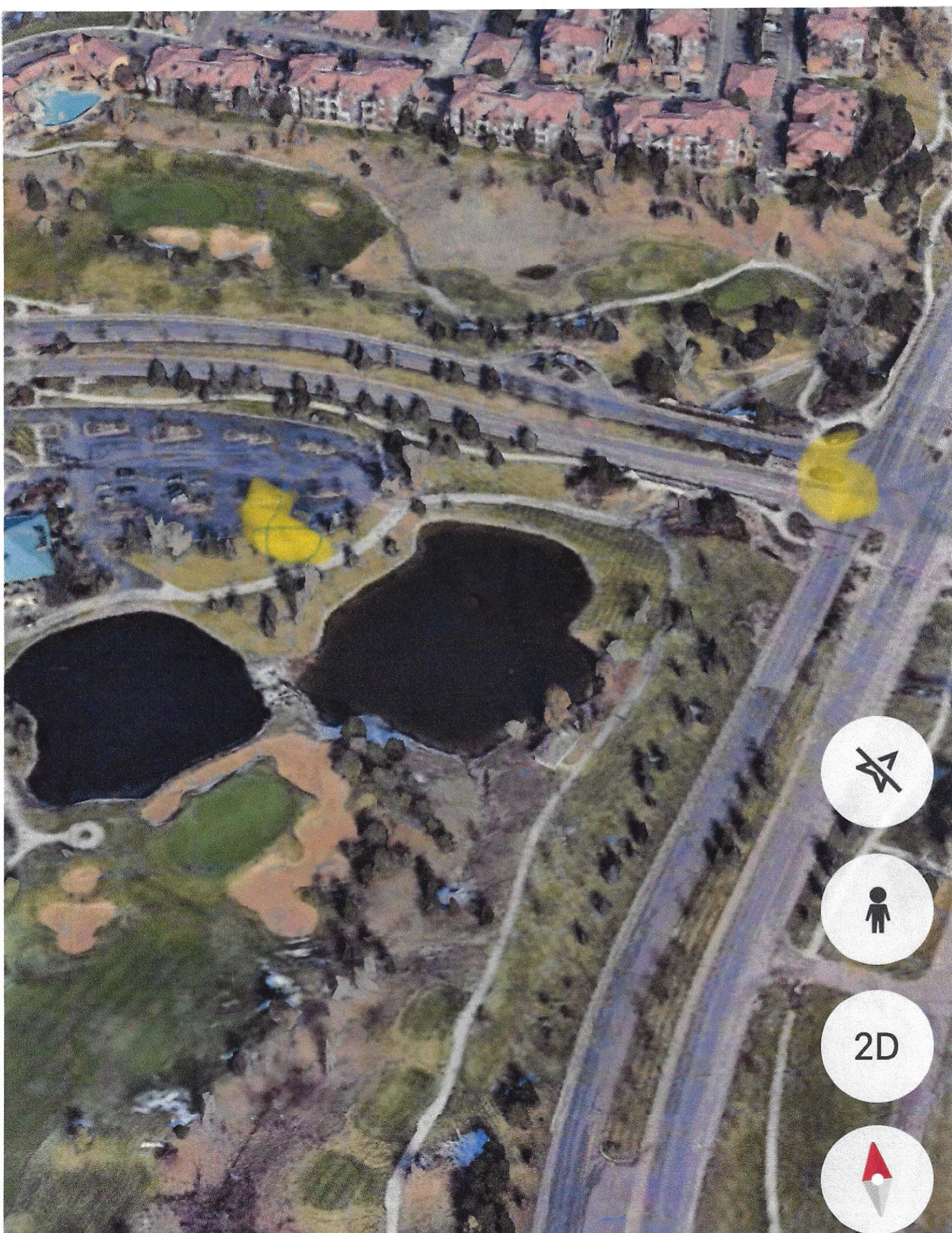
On May 11, 2022, I was on the patio of the Omni Interlocken Golf Club restaurant when I noticed a Cessna 172 flying low over the golf course in a descending left turn south of the restaurant. The aircraft was between 100 and 150 yards away. I mentioned to the people I was having lunch with that this aircraft is going to crash. The engine was running at low power, but above idle speed. They turned around to watch and we were able to watch it descend lower and disappear behind the trees. We then heard the crash. There were no movements of the flight controls or change in engine power as the aircraft flew past us. No corrective action to avoid a crash was observed.

Please contact me if you require any other information at [REDACTED] or email at [REDACTED] or the address below.

Thank you.

[REDACTED]
Robert P. Husted
[REDACTED]

Byers Colorado 80103.



From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: witness
Date: Monday, May 16, 2022 6:54:44 AM

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Regards,
Erik

Erik R Grosf
Senior Advisor
Special Operations

From: Charles Rogers [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2022 00:19
To: eyewitnessreport [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: witness

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Hi,
Thanks. I hope I was helpful. I still feel awful about seeing this in front of me.
This plane just went front sharp turns tu having one wing dipped to one side and then
wenit got about street light height or telephone pole height it just dropped like a rock and
crumpled into many pieces. I first thought, well I wonder if he can crawl out and then boom
into a ball of fire like a James Bond movie.

I feel bad and pray the pilot's soul went to heaven for not involving anyone else in this deadly
crash.

Sincerely,

Chuck Rogers

On Thu, May 12, 2022 at 5:43 AM eyewitnessreport [REDACTED] wrote:

Hi Charles,

I have sent your information to the team in IL for review. Should they need more
information, they will contact you directly.

Regards,
Erik

Erik R Grosf
Senior Advisor

Special Operations (MD-5)

From: Charles Rogers [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2022 11:09 PM
To: eyewitnessreport [REDACTED]
Subject: witness

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Dear Sirs,

I was a witness at the aircraft crash in Broomfield today, 05/11/2022.
I was traveling back from lunch to my job at 20/20 Tax Resolution.
I was behind another car just before the right turn into the golf course.
Suddenly, I saw a small single engine plane come from the landing field of the Rocky Mountain Airport. It came out of nowhere very low and went up at a sharp angle and came back down, with the wings turned sharply to the right. It looked as if the plane was having trouble flying level. The pilot tried to make his plane go up but it suddenly took a sharp angle, and at that moment I thought that thing was really going to crash! Sure enough, it did. I stopped in time on the west side of the road, behind another car to see the plane crash hard, fall apart and see the front part of the engine on the ground a moment later the plane exploded in a fireball.
I made a quick left U-turn and left the scene, thinking there were enough witnesses, I don't want to see what happened to the occupants.

I'm praying for the pilot to be forgiven for his sins and Jesus let him into Heaven.

Sincerely,

Charles Rogers
[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Witness of Crash of N73670 May 11 Broomfield Colorado
Date: Thursday, May 12, 2022 12:28:45 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image3ca2b5.PNG](#)
[imagec648f3.PNG](#)
[imageeee290e.PNG](#)
[image360ed6.PNG](#)
[imagef74292.PNG](#)
[image98a126.PNG](#)
[image002.png](#)

Hi Mike and Ryan,

This came in from a witness who is employed by Pilatus.

Regards,

Erik



From: Lund, Greg [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2022 1:25 PM
To: eyewitnessreport [REDACTED]
Subject: Witness of Crash of N73670 May 11 Broomfield Colorado

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Dear Sir,

On May 11th at approximately 12:35pm MDT, I was a witness to the crash of the above

mentioned aircraft near to the Broomfield Airport (KBJC)

I was in my vehicle on Colorado 128, approaching the Simms street traffic light. I noticed a high winged aircraft in an extremely nose low attitude headed towards Interlocken Loop. My impressions were; the aircraft fuselage was dark in color, the aircraft was in distress, it appeared to me to be under the control of the pilot trying to land on either the golf course or the road, I immediately proceeded to the crash site, I made a 911 call at 12:36pm MDT to report the crash. Debris was spread through the intersection of Interlocken Loop and El Dorado Blvd. The aircraft was completely in flames with the only recognizable piece being one of the wings, (white in color). Emergency vehicles were arriving as I arrived on scene. There appeared to be nothing that could be done, so I departed the scene.

I am employed at Pilatus aircraft, and am an 11,000+ hour pilot. I can be reached on my personal phone [REDACTED] or the phone numbers below.

Greg

Greg Lund
Manager of Government / Fleet Sales

[REDACTED]

Pilatus Business Aircraft Ltd
[REDACTED] Broomfield, CO 80021, USA

Phone: [REDACTED]
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Date: 06/28/2022

Person Contacted: Bill Watkins (Father of the accident pilot, Justin Watkins)

NTSB Case Number: CEN22FA197

Narrative:

The following is a synopsis of the information provided by Bill Watkins to the NTSB investigator-in-charge, via a telephone conversation:

- Justin lived in Colorado; however, Bill lives out of the state in Ohio.
 - Justin was single, with no wife or children.
 - Justin worked as a transportation professional, driving a commercial truck.
 - Justin was very passionate about aviation, and he was always studying aviation.
 - Justin had a flight simulator he used at his home.
 - Justin was using his Department of Veterans Affairs educational benefits from serving in the U.S. Marine Corps for his flight training.
 - Justin eventually aspired to become a commercial airline pilot.
 - On the day of the accident, 05/11/2022, Justin was off from work that day.
 - On 05/10/2022, Justin was working that day.
 - On 05/09/2022, Justin was working that day.
 - On 05/08/2022, Justin was off from work that day.
 - Justin did not use any legal or illegal drugs.
 - Justin would drink alcohol occasionally.
 - Justin had no issues with sleeping or fatigue.
 - Justin did not utilize tobacco.
 - Justin would drink coffee a few times a week.
 - Justin had no major stress events in his life.
 - Justin never reported any concerns with flying.
- **** Nothing Follows ****