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The following is information extracted from the Yankton County Sheriff's Office, report #202202415SO. Darren Moser was the responding officer who interviewed two witnesses. The witness information is:

I then spoke with two witnesses that saw the aircraft crash in the field. Witness #1. (Seth Fuhrer). Seth stated he works over at Dakota Plains Elevator. The elevator is approximately 1 mile west of the crash site. Seth stated he was with Cody Bruggemann (employee) and Delmar Nelson unloading a semi. Seth stated Delmar said, " holy smokes look at that". Seth stated he observed the aircraft approximately 400-430 feet in the air with heavy black smoke coming from the aircraft. Seth stated the aircraft appeared to be flying west but then made a quick turn toward the south and then it went straight down nose first to the ground. Seth stated he didn't see any fire until the aircraft hit the ground. Seth stated the reason he believes the aircraft was that high in air was due to the height of the elevator. Seth stated the elevator is 217 feet to the top. Seth felt the aircraft was approximately double the distance. Seth stated they went to the crash but knew there was nothing more that could be done. Seth provided me with his personal information and this ended my contact.

I then spoke to Delmar Nelson. Delmar told me he saw the aircraft flying in the air toward the west. Delmar stated there was alot of black smoke coming from the aircraft but didn't see any fire until it hit the ground. Delmar stated the plane turned toward the south like the pilot was trying to go back to the airport. Delmar stated once the aircraft turned toward the south it went straight down nose first into the ground. Delmar stated he thinks the aircraft was approximately 300-400 feet in the air when he saw it flying and making the turn. Delmar stated once they arrived at the

crash site he knew there was nothing they could do. Delmar provided me with his information and this ended my contact.

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