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This is a copy of a witness statement received on May 1, 2023:

My husband and I arrived home after a trip to Texarkana around 4:45-4:55 p.m. I could hear plane engines starting up and decided to stay outside to watch them take off. My husband was inside while planes were taking off.

Plane 1 flew straight on the runway headed west (Picture for reference). Plane 2 flew over a patch of woods and turned the airplane to head southeast. The Third plane did the same as the second but had wings tilted more (left wing down). Plane was nearing impact with a pine tree in the yard. Plane narrowly missed that pine tree in our yard. Picture indicated purple path for plane 3. I included the yellow lines for plane 3 as the point I believe the plane struck a tree. At this point, the plane lost power and crashed. Plane crashed around 5:05-5:10 p.m. Wind was gusting all afternoon. My estimation as the day went on the wind gusts increased. Wind was coming out of the west/northwest by my approximation.

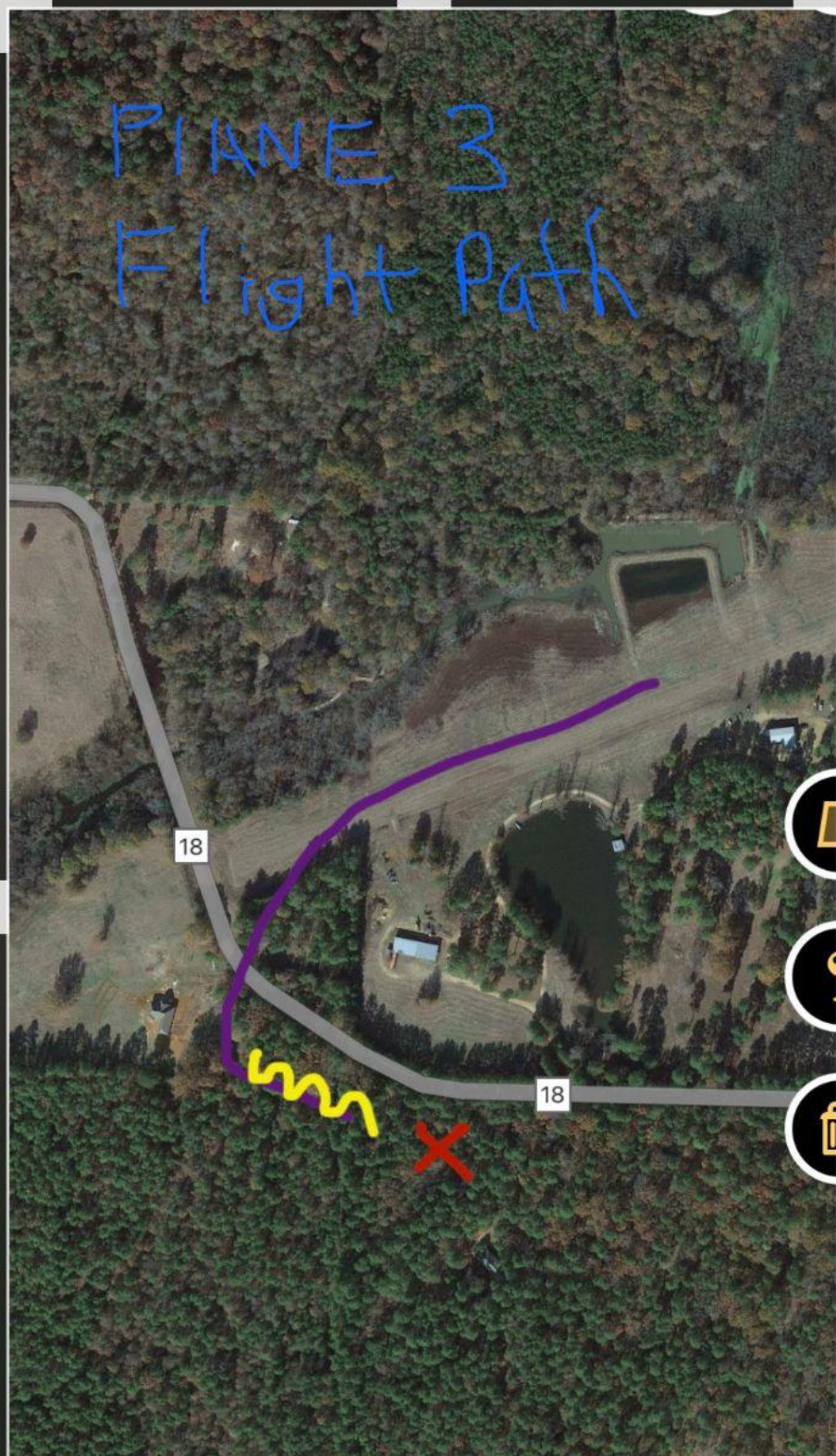
After the crash, I noticed two men running over to the crash site. At that point, I drove to the plane crash site. I noticed when arriving, two men were standing where the plane crashed/deceased laid. Jerry Estes was on a golf cart with a lady (said to be the first plane driver's wife). My father (Terry Lee) got to the scene of the accident the same time as I did. My father went to the crash site/deceased and approximately 1 minute later the state trooper arrived.

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PLANE 1
Flight
PATH



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PLANE 2
Flight



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