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Contact: Randy Heimgartner, Witness

Randy witnessed the accident with N8225N (Piper PA-28-140 airplane) that occurred on July 13, 2023, in Osage Beach, Missouri.

Randy owns a restaurant, and he was providing catering services to the Lake Regional Hospital at the time of the accident. He was in the parking lot getting food ready, about noon local time, when he observed the accident airplane.

While observing the airplane in flight, he noticed the airplane seemed low and the left wing was straight up toward the sky and the right wing was down toward the ground. He heard the engine revving up, the airplane disappeared into the trees, and he then heard a boom noise.

He did not hear any sputtering or coughing like noises emit from the airplane.

He did not see any smoke or fire emit from the airplane.

Nothing Follows



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Contact: Timothy Philp, Witness

Timothy witnessed the accident with N8225N (Piper PA-28-140 airplane) that occurred on July 13, 2023, in Osage Beach, Missouri.

While observing the airplane in flight, he noticed the nose of the airplane was higher than it would normally be expected. The nose was higher than the tail of the airplane. He thought this flight profile looked odd as the airplane was flying forward with the nose so high like this. The airplane then banked to the right. He momentarily lost sight of the airplane due to the trees, the airplane then nosedived, the airplane went into a wooded area, and he heard a loud impact noise.

He did not hear any sputtering or coughing like noises emit from the airplane.

He did not see any smoke or fire emit from the airplane.

Nothing Follows