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Date: August 16, 2023

Subject: CEN23FA353

Contact: John Lollar, Witness

On August 8, 2023, about 1150 CDT, an Air Tractor AT-802, N804AA, was destroyed when it was involved in an accident near Gilman City, Missouri. The pilot was fatally injured. The flight was conducted under 14 *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 137 as an aerial application flight.

In a phone conversation with Mr. Lollar, he stated that he was driving south on K blacktop near the water tower. The airplane was flying above him near the intersection of K and B. The airplane appeared to be flying southbound, then turned east, and back to the north. Right before he turned right on B, the airplane started to turn pretty aggressively. Airplane turned right over him when he was at the intersection of K and B. Mr. Lollar continued his turn and drove west on B when the airplane flipped and tumbled to the ground. He immediately called 911. He noticed there was another car behind him. When he got to the airplane in the field, it was sitting at a downward angle toward the nose and the smoke and fire were heavy near the front. He did not observe any smoke or fire from the airplane before it hit the ground. He never heard the sound of the engine at any point in the flight.



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Date: August 11, 2023

Subject: CEN23FA353

Contact: Wilma Marshall, Witness

On August 8, 2023, about 1150 CDT, an Air Tractor AT-802, N804AA, was destroyed when it was involved in an accident near Gilman City, Missouri. The pilot was fatally injured. The flight was conducted under 14 *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 137 as an aerial application flight.

In a phone conversation with Ms. Marshall, she stated that she was driving south on [State Highway] K adjacent to the accident site. She said she saw the accident airplane "flip sideways" and wasn't sure if it was a crop duster or performing aerobatics. Ms. Marshall stated that her daughter, who was with her in the vehicle, said she saw the airplane rapidly spinning like a corkscrew toward the ground. Ms. Marshall stated she could not see the ground impact because of her position, but saw smoke, and shortly after, saw the accident airplane burning at the scene. She stated a fire was burning 15-20 minutes before the entire airplane was engulfed in flames. Ms. Marshall was not able to hear any engine noise from inside her vehicle.