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Date: October 25, 2023

Subject: CEN24FA021

Contact: Alyssa Brown

Alyssa Brown was interviewed by personnel from Concordia Parish Sheriff's Office. She stated that she had observed the airplane as it was flying low from the field, which then flew over the highway 131. The airplane then made a right hand turn towards the south. She saw the airplane just miss a tree and then saw debris falling from the airplane. She thought that the airplane would have flown further towards the east before making the turn to the south.

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Contact: Larry Davis

Larry Davis was interviewed by personnel from Concordia Parish Sheriff's Office. He stated he saw the airplane come from the west and flew east towards the levee when the airplane made "a turn around." Mr. Davis thought the airplane hit either a guy wire or the power line. He saw the wing fall off the airplane and the airplane descended and impacted into the woods.

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Contact: Cecil Parker and Burt Rogillio

Cecil Parker and Burt Rogillio were interviewed together by personnel from Concordia Parish Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Parker's field was the field the accident pilot, Casey Novak, was applying seed for the application flight. They saw Casey's airplane pass over them and the field which then flew towards the levee or the Mississippi River. Mr. Rogillio commented that he thought the Casey was going to crash. When Mr. Parker looked and observed the airplane, in saw the airplane "spinning" and one of the wings "was gone." He saw the airplane descend at a near 85° nose low angle and the airplane collided with the ground. Mr. Parker then called law enforcement about 0910.

Mr. Parker knew the accident pilot well and Casey had performed "a lot" aerial application work for him,

The interviewing sheriff remarked that the Casey would often call him while he was flying. That the detective would ask Casey if he was flying because he could hear the wind noise and the pilot would jokingly lie to him that he was not flying. Mr. Parker remarked that Casey would stay on the phone a lot when flying and Mr. Parker would see Casey making "steady passes" as he was talking on the phone with him. The sheriff remarked that Casey flying his airplane was like a second nature and would talk on the phone much like people would in an automobile.

Mr. Rogillio saw the airplane when Casey made his first "A to B line." He saw the airplane overfly the Vidalia Energy Power Station and continue towards the east. He then saw the left wing "flapping" and heard the motor making a surging sound. The

left wing then "broke" and the airplane began a corkscrew spiral dive towards the ground. When asked if he saw any pieces fall off the airplane, Mr. Rogillio replied no.

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Contact: Raymond Smith

Raymond Smith was interviewed by personnel from Concordia Parish Sheriff's Office. He stated that he saw airplane flew from a nearby field towards the levee when the airplane went to turn. He saw the airplane hit the power line, and the wing separated from the airplane. The airplane then "went down".

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