

Todd Fox

From: Todd Fox
Sent: Saturday, May 18, 2024 6:44 AM
To: Bayer, Fritz (FAA)
Cc: Todd Fox; Hershberger, Tony
Subject: RE: N1701Q Witness - L.Reed

Importance: High

Inspector Bayer,

Thank you for providing your interview summary with Lindsey Reed... I will include this information with our public docket materials.

Sincerely,
Andrew Todd Fox
NTSB, Air Safety Investigator

From: Bayer, Fritz (FAA) [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, May 17, 2024 2:32 PM
To: Todd Fox [REDACTED]
Subject: N1701Q Witness - L.Reed

Todd,

At approx 1130 CST today, I spoke with witness Lindsey Reed. She stated she lives less than a mile north of the crash site, near the intersection of FM 2231 and FM 4, and was driving out their driveway in her diesel pickup truck with her daughter, as it was nearly dark. Neither could hear the plane due to their vehicle's noise, but it caught their attention because it was lower than planes were normally seen in that area, approximately a bit lower than she has seen planes around airports, with its lights on, and it was flying so slowly it seemed to be "hovering" briefly, she thought pointing towards Granbury. As they watched, it suddenly began, a "spiraling nose dive" and quickly dropped behind the treeline and smoke and fire could be instantly seen. She quickly drove south on FM4 toward the crash site and could see the burning plane a few hundred yards out to the east in a green field, and there was nothing she could do other than call 911. She stated that the weather was clear, and did not notice any surface winds.

She is emailing me a written statement that may contain more details, which I will forward to you.

Fritz

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From: Todd Fox
Sent: Monday, May 20, 2024 10:29 AM
To: Bayer, Fritz (FAA)
Cc: Fitzgerald, Edward N (FAA); Todd Fox; Hershberger, Tony
Subject: RE: Plane crash May 15-Witness statement - L. Reed

Importance: High

Inspector Bayer,

Thank you for forwarding the witness statement from Mrs. Lindsey Reed.

Sincerely,
Andrew Todd Fox
NTSB, Air Safety Investigator

From: Bayer, Fritz (FAA) [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 20, 2024 9:51 AM
To: Todd Fox [REDACTED]
Cc: Fitzgerald, Edward N (FAA) [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Plane crash May 15-Witness statement - L. Reed

FYI

Respectfully,

Fritz C Bayer

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From: LINDSEY REED [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, May 17, 2024 3:19 PM
To: Bayer, Fritz (FAA) [REDACTED]
Subject: Plane crash May 15

My daughter and I were heading south on 2331 that meets 4 from Godley at about 8:30-8:40. I had noticed without a lot of thought something did not seem right about a plane southeast of us. It seemed lower than it should be. I was coming to a stop sign so I looked back at the road with intentions to look back up again. My daughter then noticed that something was hovering in the sky lower than what a plane normally is and said it did not look right. It looked as if it was just hovering from the sky for a second before we realized that it was a small white plane with its lights on and it was in trouble. Once we said it was in trouble we noticed the nose was already straight down and the plane was spiraling around at least 6-8 times if not more. Enough times we could discuss this plane is fixing to crash and where it is going to

crash at. We were at the stop sign on 2331 and 4 and lost sight of the last second it took to hit the ground because of a hill. No cars were on the road so I quickly turned left on highway 4 heading southeast to Cleburne. Just around the corner on 4 on the left we saw the plane engulfed in flames. It all happened in front of us less than a quarter of a mile away. I immediately called 911 once we saw the aircraft down. We pulled over and were watching the scene to see how I could help or see movement while on the phone with 911. It was right off the road where it crashed. It was in a wide open field. Another car was pulling over as we were pulling off the road. Neighbors also came from down the road to check the scene while I finished the phone call.

Lindsey Reed