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Subject: CEN24FA220 - Broseley, Missouri
Contact: Travis Parson

Mr. Parson reported that he heard the airplane flying on the morning of the accident; although, he was unsure of the exact time. He has heard airplanes in general, and specifically crop dusters, flying in the area for most of his life and has recently started taking flying lessons.

Mr. Parson noted that he was at his home/farm near the cemetery in Broseley which was about two miles from the accident site. The pilot operated from an airstrip about 1 mile east of his house. He cannot see the airplanes takeoff or land due to an intervening tree line. However, on the day of the accident, he did see the accident airplane flying from the vicinity of the airstrip in the direction of the accident site.

Mr. Parson heard the airplane for a total of about 15 minutes. The pilot seemed to be flying in the vicinity of the accident site, and for most of that time, the sound of the engine seemed normal. However, toward the end of that time the pitch of the engine increased slightly (went higher) for about 3 or 4 seconds before the sound then completely faded away. He did not hear the airplane again after that nor did he hear the impact.

Mr. Parson added that he did not think much more of it until about 0800 - 0830 when he received a phone call that the pilot was overdue and a search for the airplane had begun.

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