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AS-CEN

Date: February 27, 2024

Subject: CEN24LA119

Contact: Jill Kinyon - Witness

Mrs. Kinyon stated that she was traveling north in her vehicle on county road BA near the Richland Airport (93C) entrance when she first noticed the airplane. The airplane was about at the departure end of runway 35 flying at about 60 feet above ground level when first witnessed. Mrs. Kinyon stated that it was getting dark, but it was light enough to notice the airplane was white. She said lights were not immediately visible, however, she later noticed a blue or green light on the right side of the airplane. Mrs. Kinyon said she observed the airplane climb about 40 feet and then made a descending gradual left turn. She noted that she did not hear any airplane noise and thought that maybe the propeller was not spinning. Mrs. Kinyon stated that the airplane was traveling very slow and then dropped straight down. She did not observe the airplane impacting the ground. Mrs. Kinyon stopped her car and notified emergency services while rendering aid to the pilot. She noted that she could smell fuel. Mrs. Kinyon remained on scene with the pilot until first responders arrived.

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