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The following is an excerpt from the Independence County Sheriffs Department Incident Report # 25-00051, that covers events that took place after the airplane came to rest in the powerline.

Upon arrival at the crash site, the airplane was being held by (1) one power line and was nose down, with Steve Carpenter still inside. Steve began to ask several times to help get him down and advised that at the time the only injury that he had was a broken wrist. At this point, Sheriff Stephens asked dispatch to contact the Arkansas National Guard and see if they would be willing to perform an air rescue.

While waiting for confirmation from the National Guard, members of Steve's family began to attempt to place a rope over the power line and were able to do so. Once the rope was over the line they hosted [hoisted] a harness up to Steve and began to explain how to put it on. By this time a member of the Rescue Task Force was on the scene along with members of the Batesville Fire Department rope rescue team.

Once Steve advised that he had the harness on he exited the plane and members of the rope rescue team began to lower him down. Steve then slipped out of the harness and fell approximately (100) one hundred feet and made an impact on the ground. Emergency medical personnel immediately began to render first aid to Steve. Steve was then placed onto a litter and transported out to the woods to a waiting ambulance at Dylan's

residence. Once Steve was loaded into the ambulance he was transported to White River Medical Center.

Once at the hospital, emergency medical personnel began performing life-saving measures but were unable to revive him. Steve was pronounced deceased at Whit River Medical Center.