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Eyewitness Account of Helicopter Crash 8/31, 9:30pm

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We live in the cabin 50 yards away from the crash site. There were five (5) of us in the cabin, having a rainy day, Labor Day, BBQ. We were in the middle of an Uno game when we heard the helicopter sound. At first it sounded normal, a little close and loud, but not necessarily out of the ordinary. Then in the next couple seconds it got a lot louder. I heard the engine get louder and said, "that doesn't sound right, that's a wrong sound", and then there were sounds of branches breaking and the engine revving. Then it must have hit the ground because the sounds stopped abruptly. At this time, my husband, Hudson, and Mace, the landowner, had exited the front door and were standing on the front step and witnessed the helicopter crashing to the ground in the trees. The other three of us, Robert, Tiffany, and myself, were still inside, heading towards the front door. Mace yelled that a helicopter had just crashed, and someone needed to call 911. Hudson called immediately while Mace, Robert, and Tiffany ran towards the crash site. I drove down to our gate to open it for emergency services then headed back to the cabin. As I drove up, Mace was walking with the pilot, Chris, who had climbed out of the copter with help from Mace and Robert. He was bleeding badly with a head wound and a little disoriented and shocked. We took him into the cabin and laid him down on our bed. I got gauze, towels, and water for him. Chris called his boss (I think his name was Al) from his phone to let him know what happened. He asked about their passenger Steve, which Chris said was still trapped in the helicopter along with the other pilot. I overheard Chris tell Al that the other pilot said they "saw a landing pad", when there was none. He wanted to call his wife, Wendy, to let her know what had happened. I told her what was going on. I wrapped up his head, gave him some water to drink, and told him to stay awake. I stayed with him during most of the commotion. EMS started arriving and they carried Chris out on a stretcher.