



MEMORANDUM OF RECORD

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Subject: ERA13LA221 – Witness Email to FAA [Excerpt]

The following is an excerpt from an email sent from an eyewitness to the FAA Inspector in regards to the above accident:

Witness: Stan Brownell Statement below:

I'm sorry it has taken me this long to get back to you. I wanted to describe what I witnessed as the plane came down. Earlier in the day around 11 I believe I saw that plane (YELLOW FROM AFAR) fly to the west of my house flying south along the valley that is across town from my house. My wife and I and our grandson were out working in the yard and around 12:30 we witnessed a plane at the time had decent elevation but sounded like a start/stop exercise and circling north of our home. The plane seemed not in danger and sounded to me like it restarted but continued a large circular motion but as he kept losing altitude he appeared to be flying sideways and getting closer and closer to the ground. The plane clipped the tops of the trees behind our homes and crashed just northeast to my home. Hope this helps and if you need anything else please don't hesitate to call or e-mail.

Regards,
Stan Brownell