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3/27/2016 Robinson R-44

Witness Statement

Robert Coolbaugh

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[REDACTED] phone with voice mail.

Witness stated he was outside his house on Easter Sunday, 3/27/16, sometime between 1100 and 1200.

Witness heard what sounded like an airplane engine. It sounded very close to his house. He looked up towards the sound, but was unable to see aircraft due to low clouds. He estimated clouds to be 200 feet above his trees. Visibility was also low.

Witness heard a loud boom/sound crash similar to a car running off a road and hitting a tree. A few seconds later he heard a loud boom. About 30 seconds later he heard gunfire from a local shooting range. At this point he assumed all the noise was related to shooting range.

2230 First responders came to witness's house looking for a helicopter. It was this point he realized it might have been the aircraft he heard earlier in the day.

Mr. Coolbaugh's house is located at [REDACTED] 1760ft elevation. This was measured by iPhone 6 compass and the Theolite app.

The location of the crash is approximately 2000ft South East of his House.

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