

NAME Johnny Armstrong - passenger in N367FS during accident
ADDRESS _____
PHONE NUMBER [REDACTED]
EMPLOYER Self OCCUPATION _____
LOCATION OF INTERVIEW phone - 4/27/2016

STATEMENT

Mr. Armstrong and his son James were passengers in the aircraft piloted by Mr. Paul Heaton Jr. They took off for a flight 6-7 miles south on Lake Gaston, NC for the purpose of taking photographs. Mr. Armstrong stated the water conditions were smooth and the flight had "a couple of bumps". Mr. Armstrong stated he had been a passenger in many flights and familiar enough to make this statement. Mr. Armstrong stated that the aircraft slowed to a good speed to land, about 70 knots, the rear of the floats touched followed by a "small" hop. The aircraft ~~settled~~ settled on the right float when it touched down again and as soon as the left float touched down, the plane yanked hard to the left. The right wing tip hit the water and the aircraft nosed into the water, coming to rest with the engine in the water & tail up. Mr. Armstrong noticed water coming in around the pedals, released his seat belt causing him to fall onto the control yoke. The aircraft seemed to slowly roll over onto it's roof (upside down) in about 10-15 seconds, could have been longer. All 3 of them got out without any substantial injury and boarded a boat that had pulled up. They hooked a rope to the aircraft and towed it to shore.

The account stated above is true and factual.

Benny Blomquist A.S.F.

Signature [REDACTED] Date 4/27/2016

WITNESSES: [REDACTED]