

NAME H [REDACTED] B [REDACTED] (would like to remain anonymous)
ADDRESS _____
PHONE NUMBER [REDACTED]
EMPLOYER _____ OCCUPATION _____
LOCATION OF INTERVIEW Phone

STATEMENT

Mr. B [REDACTED] witnessed the landing of the blue/white float plane and subsequent "sinking" on Lake Gaston. Mr. B [REDACTED] was on a jet-ski in the lake and was an estimated 1/4-1/2 mile from the landing site. He stated the lake was smooth with very little wind. The aircraft was landing from his left to the right. Mr. B [REDACTED] stated he had seen a red float plane land earlier that week and he had also seen this blue one land earlier that week and both of those landings seemed normal.

Mr. B [REDACTED] stated that on this landing the aircraft came in hot. I asked him if that meant a rapid or 'steep' descent rate and he said yes. Mr. B [REDACTED] stated the aircraft came in relatively flat and hit the water hard. The aircraft bounced back out of the water and went up an estimated 10-15 feet and about 30 feet forward. The aircraft hit the water again, the right wing tip hit and it went up on it's nose. He said it hopped back up out of water like a rabbit after the first touch down.

The account stated above is true and factual.

Signature [REDACTED] Barry Blumquist FAA-ASE. Date 5/16/2016

WITNESSES: