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Statement reference light aircraft accident landing in Lake Down July 8, 2016

My name is Terry "TJ" Klungseth and I live at [REDACTED] Windermere, FL 34786 in [REDACTED]. Our house is approximately ½ mile east of the east side of Lake Down. I am a former USAF fighter pilot with over 4000 hours flight time. I also have approximately 30 hours of light aircraft time.

On 8 July about 6:15 PM I was watching the news on TV and heard a light aircraft fly over my house. I estimate the aircraft was no higher than 1000'. The sound of the engine was that it was running smoothly, but at reduced power. Then I heard the engine shutoff for 4-5 seconds and then run again, but also at a reduced power output. At no time did I hear the engine running with a sputtering or surging sound, always smooth sounding but with limited power output. Several seconds later I could not hear the engine running. I did not get outside in time to see actually see the aircraft. I learned from the news later that night that this aircraft had gone down into Lake Down. From what I had heard I knew that this aircraft was not going to be able to continue flying for very long.

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