



NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

Eastern Region – Ashburn, Virginia

WHO: Mr. James Rodgers

WHEN: September 25, 2018

RE: ERA18LA249

In a telephone conversation, Mr. Rodgers stated that he was standing in his backyard about 1/4-mile away from the accident, when he first heard the airplane's engine. He said it sounded like it had "...a whole lot of power." Mr. Rodgers thought the airplane was a crop duster because it was low to the ground and had climbed straight up then dove straight down as if it was going to "make a pass." But the airplane continued straight toward the ground and there was no attempt by the pilot to "pull out" of the dive. The airplane descended behind a tree line and the witness heard it impact the ground. Mr. Rodgers thought the pilot might have had a heart attack or another medical issue.

Mr. Rodgers responded immediately to the where he last saw the airplane. He said there was no post-impact fire.

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