

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
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Hello Mr. Rayner,

It was sure a pleasure meeting with you just wished it could have been under different circumstances. With that being said here is my account of the Christopher Lord accident.

My wife and I were driving south on U.S. highway 27 after leaving the Lakeshore Mall when I observed west of U.S. 27 a small aircraft with very little airspeed at approximately three hundred feet. I immediately realized it was a gyrocopter blue in color. The aircraft was in a north north - western heading and appeared to be trying to turn to the east, I then seen the aircraft enter into a autorotation saying to my wife, Look, Look, Look. At about one hundred fifty feet the nose of the aircraft dropped immediately turning toward east then back toward the north and as the aircraft dropped behind the Pinch a Penny, I immediately saw a big black fireball. I then told my wife to call 911 which she did at 2:47 pm. At the same time I made a right hand turn into the Pinch a Penny and proceeded to the back of the building where another witness had just kicked a hole in the privacy fence. I stepped out of my truck and proceeded to the hole he had just kicked thru the fence when he stopped to tell me what he thought were live power lines lying on the ground. I looked through the hole of the fence to see the back of a mobile home consumed in flames. I asked the man who kicked the fence down..."where is the pilot" he pointed and said, "in there" which was the fire. Knowing that it was to late and there was nothing I could do we left the area to make way for first responders. From the time I first observed the aircraft until the explosion was approximately six seconds.

Mr. Rayner please feel free to call me anytime if you need to my cell number is [REDACTED]

Thank you & God Bless,
Mike Damboise