



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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July 25, 2019

Subject: ERA19FA234
Who: James Holloway - Witness

In a conversation, Mr. Holloway stated following:

- He heard something around 5:30-5:45 in the morning of July 24.
- It was still dark at that time.
- He heard a loud boom and thought a tree had fallen.
- He thought, "wow, what was that?"
- He didn't hear anything before the "boom."



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Subject: ERA19FA234
Who: Edd P. Anthony – Pilot's Son

In a conversation, Mr. Anthony stated following:

- The airplane propeller was recently taken off to test on another airplane. It was put back on the airplane a few days before the accident.
- His dad took the accident airplane out for a test flight the night before the accident but didn't take it out flying long because it was "almost raining outside."
- His father was very familiar with the area because he was a local crop dusting pilot. He was in the business a long time.
- His father would take the "ag plane out at night and fly around with no lights." That's how well he knew the area.

In a telephone conversation with Mr. Anthony on August 2, 2019, he stated the following:

- The plan was for his dad to leave at 5:30 am on the day of the accident.
- He was not able to locate any of his father's flight logbooks.
- His dad was headed for EAA Airventure in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.
- He was not sure where the airplane was going to stop for fuel, but they were going to stop on their way out to Oshkosh.



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Subject: ERA19FA234
Who: Bobby Walls - Witness

In a conversation, Mr. Walls stated following:

- Mr. Walls lives across the road from the pecan farm.
- He heard a loud whining on the morning of July 24 before he heard an explosion.
- He heard an airplane takeoff, then didn't hear anything, then heard the airplane again.
- It was about 5:45am – 5:50am when he heard it.
- The engine was just screaming.
- He walked out on his porch and thought it might be a train.
- The engine was whining really loud.
- It was cloudy that morning, but not foggy, maybe a little hazy, but it wasn't bad.
- It was still dark out.
- The impact shook the house, which is probably 1,000 yards from the accident location.
- He used to work around crop dusters and wanted to be a pilot, so he's familiar with the sounds of engines. He really enjoys listening to the engines.
- When an agriculture airplane goes to turn around and the engine whines because of the propeller "grabbing more air," that is what the engine sounded like that morning, but higher pitch noise.
- The engine sounded like it was high rpms.



Federal Aviation Administration

Memorandum – Inspector Statement

Date: July 29, 2019

To: NTSB Inspector Heidi Kemner

From: Danny A. Cox, Airworthiness Inspector, ATL/FSDO/SO11/ [REDACTED]

Subject: Phone Interviews with two people

Inspector Kemner,

As per your request, two conversations to the best of my memory with Ms. Stephanie Williams, Airport Manager and owner of Souther Field Aviation, Inc. at Jimmy Carter Airport in Americus, Georgia and Mr. John Lott Mechanic with Souther Field Aviation, Inc. on July 26, 2019. The first question to Ms. Williams if she knew anything about the removal of the propeller from the aircraft. Mr. Williams's response was I would have to talk to her mechanic. The second question was about the time and weather on the day the aircraft departed from the airport. Ms. Williams thinks the aircraft left about 5:50am and the weather was approximately 500 feet over cast.

My Second conversation was with Mr. John Lott, the mechanic for Souther Field Aviation, Inc. The question was to confirm whether maintenance on the propeller had been performed or not. Mr. Lott confirm that the propeller on N921CD was removed and installed on another Cirrus aircraft that was located on the field for trouble shooting an oil leak. The propeller was re-installed back on N921CD and no other maintenance performed on propeller.

Contact information: Ms. Stephanie Williams and Mr. John Lott: [REDACTED]

Danny A. Cox

Aviation Safety Inspector/Airworthiness

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