

Statement given to me at the scene of the crash by Mr. Storm.

Mr. Storm and Mr. Geisler were flying out of Greenville South Carolina to a municipal airstrip in Ohio, "a trip they had made many times over the past 5 years." Once Mr. Storm and Mr. Geisler had reached the Black Mountains, they encountered heavy fog and stormy conditions near Mount Mitchell. Noticing the conditions, they began to climb in altitude to try and pass over the storm. Mr. Storm stated, "we hit almost 17,000ft". Still in the clouds, they had become disoriented and didn't know what direction they were headed in, so Mr. Geisler pulled up on the nose of the plane which made the engine stall. Once the engine stalled the plane went into a tailspin dropping through the clouds. Once they had reached the bottom of the clouds the parachute deployed. The plane glided for "30 seconds" stated Mr. Storm, before landing into the tree canopy on the Wilson Boundary.

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