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**NTSB Case Number: ERA20LA149
Aircraft: Pipistrel Italia SRL, N6263R
Accident Date: 4/9/2020
Subject: Email with FAA inspector
Donald H. Castro about witness
statements**

The information below is an email that was sent to the NTSB investigator from inspector Castro regarding the witness statements of N6263R. The NTSB investigator discussed the witness statements with the FAA inspector. Based on the FAA observations the statements are felt to be valid.

Steven Mckeon and Tianna Stiglitz: We heard an unusual loud noise. We were unsure if it was a boat or jets, as we looked around from our front porch, we saw a small white plane to the south of us and we determine that was where the loud noise was coming from. We could hear the engine laboring as we looked at the plane wobbling in the air. The pilot took a sharp left turn and headed over 79th street. we could hear the engine start and run properly then sputter and shut off again as the plane gained and loss altitude. As the plane approached the north end 79th street it took another sharp left over the Baptist church and continued to turn down 76th street. The engine made a rather loud noise then stopped before the plane dropped down nose first into the roof of the house.

About one second before the plane crashed a parachute was ejected. Once the plane crashed it immediately burst into flames. We both ran to the scene and could not see the plane. Steven grabbed the neighbors water hose and water the property line so the next house over would not catch fire.