

CATTARAUGUS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
STATEMENT



State of New York
County of Cattaraugus
Of

Date: 4-7-2021

Start Time : 4:17 pm

This is the statement of Tara I Keeley DOB: [REDACTED] as given
to Det. Melissa Yerbe of the Cattaraugus County Sheriff's Office.

Q. What is your full name, DOB, Address, and phone number?

A. Tara, I Keeley, [REDACTED]

Q. Tara, we spoke about an incident you witnessed today, 4-7-2021, in the field across from your house, can you tell me about that again?

A. I was sitting in my livingroom chair watching out my window. At about 2:08pm I was watching a little white plane attempting to take off. I can see the whole runway, I saw him coming and had bounced a couple times, It caught my attention because the plane was low, they are usually in the air by the time the plane got to where it was. I saw the plane lift off the ground, Its hard to judge distance but I would say no more than 20 ft, I then saw the plane make a hard left, So I could see the entire top of the plane with the wing directly above it, the wing under the plane hit the ground and it crumbled, the whole plane just collapsed.

Q. Did you hear or see anything that would tell you the plane was in trouble?

A. No, I didn't see any smoke, I didn't hear any sputter of the engine, it was just another plane taking off, just a little late, then a little low, then it was gonna have trouble if it didn't pull up.

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I have read each page of this statement consisting of ____ page(s), each page of which bears my signature, and corrections, if any, bear my initials, and certify that the facts contained herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I further understand that it is a crime, punishable as a Class A Misdemeanor under section 210.45 of the Penal Law of the State of New York, for a person, in and by a written instrument, to knowingly make a false statement, or to make a statement which such person does not believe to be true. Affirmed under penalty of perjury this 7th day of April, 2021.

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Q. what happened next?

A. After the crash, I immediately called 911. When I was on the phone with them I could see a little fire with flames towards the back of the plane, and it didn't take long to progress from there. I didn't see any movement or persons on scene until the volunteers started to show up. I wouldn't have been able to see anyone crawl, but if there was anyone standing I would have seen them.

Q. Is there anything else you would like to add to this statement?

A. No, it was pretty straight forward, there was no explosion, no ignition, the plane crumbled and then started on fire.

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Lead Worksheet

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1605 hrs

Case # 2018-22591	Date: 4/7/21	Source:
Lead #	Assigned To: 5307	X-Refer with

Lead instructions : 2021-

Plane Crash

Lead Results:

Name: Tara I. Keeley

DOB: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

I was sitting in my downstairs Livingroom when I saw a Plane taking off on the run way. Planes take off all the time here so I watched it. The little white Plane was trying to take off while driving down the Run way and it almost did; getting approximately 20 feet off of the ground. The plane then banked a hard left and crashed "wing first" into the ground. I immediately called 911 and could see smoke coming from the back end. I did not see anyone jump out of the crash and then after about 1 minute it slowly caught on fire.

Signature of Assigned Member: [REDACTED]

Date: 4/7/21

Further Action Requested: Yes

No

If yes explain:

4-7-21