

CATTARAUGUS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
STATEMENT



State of New York
County of Cattaraugus
Of

Date: 4-7-2021

Start Time : 2:53pm

This is the statement of Jeremy J. Kessler (DOB: [REDACTED]) as given
to Detective Melissa Yerbe of the Cattaraugus County Sheriff's Office.

Q. What is your full name, dob, address, and phone number?

A. Jeremy J Kessler, [REDACTED], [REDACTED]

Q. We spoke about an incident that happened today 4-7-2021 in
Great Valley NY, can you tell me about that again?

A. I'm working behind Katy's Fly-Inn for national fuel. I heard the planes
start up at about 1:50 pm. I saw the first plane take off and fly over the
hill, I watched another plane that was red and white go to the end of
the runway and turned around, I heard the motor rev. The plane started
down the runway and then right behind Great Valley builders, I saw the
planes wings go 90°, and I could see the width of the wings. I went and
told my co worker I didn't see the plane go up in the air and advised him
I was going to go check on it. On my way down Rt 219 I saw the black
smoke, I turned onto Creek View Dr. from 219 and grabbed my fire extinguisher
and took off for the plane. As I ran across the field I saw a plane
fully engulfed in flames with one person on the ground about 20 ft. away being
tended to by a guy and a girl. They asked me to ^{help} pull him further
from the plane, we then moved him further away. Cont. pg 2

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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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When I asked the EMT guy about a passenger he advised me there was one deceased. I then gave the EMT my sweatshirt to help prop the victims head up. The fire department personnel and equipment started to arrive. The guy victim we were helping I recognized from lunch at Katys. He was older and he was there with another male. One was wearing a yellow sweatshirt and one had a dark gray sweat-shirt. They left Katys about 45 minutes after we left, and shortly after I saw the planes taking off.

Q. Did you ever go over to the plane?

A. No Not within 15 feet, I was making sure they were ok with the guy, just being an extra set of hands.

Q. Did you notice any visible injuries on the male?

A. Burns on face and hands, thats all I could see, He was awake but not talking, but he was answering questions when he was asked.

Q. Is there anything else you would like to add.

A. No, Not at this time.

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