



MEMORANDUM for RECORD

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Date: June 22, 2021
Witness Statement: Frank Campbell [REDACTED]
NTSB Accident Number: ERA21FA258 – Yulee, Florida

The following witness statement was provided by Mr. Campbell via telephone conversation.

- He was with his wife and friends, they were on the boat dock in front of Knucklehead's Kayak Adventures in St. Mary's, GA. It was about 1100L on Friday, June 18. They were getting ready to go back out for some more fishing.
- His wife, Jennifer, first saw the airplane. She called out that it looked like it was going to crash. When Mr. Campbell first saw the airplane, it was pointed straight nose down, vertical towards the river. He saw an "enormous splash" but no explosion. He heard the engine running the entire time. Immediately after the splash, there was a "loud boom" like a "gunshot." The airplane hit the water "very hard."
- They immediately called 911 and could see that the airplane was still visible on the surface. They got into the boat to go out and render assistance. Before they could arrive at the scene, probably a couple of minutes or less, the airplane had submerged and was no longer visible.
- They found a 3-ring binder and an emergency procedures card, among other items, and handed them over to the first responders.