



MEMORANDUM for RECORD

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

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

- She was with her husband 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.
- Mrs. Campbell was from South Georgia and was used to seeing cropdusters operate. She recalled that this airplane was maneuvering much like a cropduster at first. When she first saw the airplane, it was circling and turning while descending.
- She then saw the nose drop completely down and it was pointed at the water, straight down vertically and she knew it was going to crash. She thought the pilot was going to pull out of the dive but he never did.
- There was no sound of engine trouble; she heard the engine all the way down to impact. The nose entered the water first, and the tail was initially visible out of the water. They got into the boat and went over to the crash site, but by the time they were half-way there, 1 ½ to 2 minutes later, the airplane was submerged and you could not see it any longer.
- They retrieved some items; a red and black zippered binder, headset parts, and other items and handed them over to the first responders.

