



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

Peter Wentz
Air Safety Investigator
Eastern Region Aviation

Date: January 14, 2021

NTSB Accident Number: ERA21LA101

Who: Officer Stacey Walker – Columbia Police Department

Responding officer made contact with witness Peter Fontaine who resides at [REDACTED]. Mr. Fontaine states he was in the backyard of his listed residence when he heard a loud noise. Mr. Fontaine states he heard the noise become louder and louder before observing a plane through fog. Mr. Fontaine states he then observed the plane traveling straight prior to turning left while in the sky. Mr. Fontaine states the wing of the plane clipped the residence's roof (later determined to be 2909 Kennedy St) as it turned left. Mr. Fontaine states he observed the plane crashed through the gate and on his residence's fence. Mr. Fontaine states he then heard an explosion.

Responding officer made contact with Mr. John Thelan who stated he was residing inside his bedroom which is located closest to the backyard. Mr. Thelan states he heard a plane "humming" prior to hearing an explosion. Mr. Thelan states he looked out the window before hearing and observing fog and plane wreckage. Mr. Thelan states he heard a second explosion directly behind their house.

Responding officer made contact with witness Maria Norman who resides at [REDACTED]. Ms. Norman states she heard a loud noise and an explosion prior to observing fire near Kennedy St. Ms. Norman states she and her daughter then ran down Kennedy St to alert others a plane crash just occurred.

Responding officer made contact with witness Charles Grondines who resides at [REDACTED]. Mr. Grondines states he was residing in his room at the time of the incident. Mr. Grondines states he then heard a rumble. Mr. Grondines states his roommate, Mr. Fontaine, then rushed to the bedroom and stated to him, "a plane crashed." Mr. Grondines states he heard a second explosion. Mr. Grondines stated everyone inside the residence (himself, Mr. Fontaine and Mr. Thelan) freaked out before walking towards their neighbors to find relief.