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To: [REDACTED] (FAA) [REDACTED] >

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Message

Just noticed in the news that a helicopter crashed in Lebanon, PA.

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[REDACTED] I'm pretty sure it is the neighbor that lives behind our subdivision. If it helps or is or merit, on Saturday while working in the yard, he buzzed our rooftop and couldn't have been more than 20 feet above our house. He also land quite quickly in his back yard and was there for a short while before taking off towards the east. To my knowledge he has never done this before. Something wasn't right with him or the helicopter on Saturday given his landing maneuvers. Just thought I would share if it helps in any way. J Paul

KATHRYN JACKSON then stated that when it (helicopter) started to hit the ground they (herself & cousin) turned around and ran.

When they turned back toward it (helicopter) he (pilot) was getting out of the helicopter. He (pilot) seemed like the adrenaline was flowing and had cuts on his arm and head. But he (pilot) wanted to get stuff out of the helicopter, she added stuff like his water bottle. KATHRYN stated that he (pilot) was missing a sandal on his right foot, she said not a flip-flop it was a strap on sandal and appeared to be a TEVA brand/style. She added that he had socks and sandals, her words like a socks & crocks thing. She added that he (pilot) pulled a bottle out and tossed the pills into the field. This was also stated by KATHRYN to the Police Officer at the scene. Lastly she stated that she and CASEY helped the pilot away from the helicopter due to the fuel smell, CASEY on the right elbow and KATHRYN on the left. This Inspector went over the statement with KATHRYN JACKSON and asked if it would be ok to call her back if the FAA had any other questions. She replied that would be ok. She had stated at the start of the phone conversation she would prefer NOT to make a written statement but do this over the phone.

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: April Jones Statement
Date: Friday, April 09, 2021 11:45:45 AM

Good Afternoon Mr.Gossley,

Sorry I forgot to send this to you! There was the crash, then Easter, and the next day [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]. A lot going on...

Anyways..

April 4th I was working in the office at Reigle Aviation. Around 4:30pm a helicopter came towards the office from the runway. He came in closer than I have ever seen here at Reigle, as he was right next to the picnic table. The helicopter was really wobbly, he came down and bounced gently off the ground. He then proceeded to fly up rather quickly, did a tail spin in the other direction away from the office and crashed. I called 911 immediately. Thank god he was okay!

Hope you're having a great day :)
Thank you,
April Jones

Gunther Todd

From: Gossley, William (FAA) [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 28, 2021 10:39 AM
To: Gunther Todd
Subject: FW: Helicopter crash

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From: [REDACTED] Stickle [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 28, 2021 9:11 AM
To: Gossley, William (FAA) [REDACTED]
Subject: Helicopter crash

Hello this Brian Stickle,

I am sending this to you from the incident that occurred me and my family where driving home from fishing on evening and my son says dad look a helicopter is losing control so i looked and he was going around in circles and then he crashed into the field there was a loud bang and a bright flash so i stop real quick and back up jumped out of my truck to go help but by time i got out of my truck there was another gentleman running towards the crash i stood there and watched to see if he needed help but the guy and lady that was there had it under control. The guy got out and the guy was a little confused and bleeding he started to walk back to helicopter and got into it to get something which appeared to be his pill bottle when he grabbed it he started walking towards the back we kept telling him to get back it might blow i don't know nothing about helicopter's so i stepped back and seen pills falling out of pill bottle not sure if he meant to dump them or the lid was coming off then the police came and they took over sorry that's all i know i hope this helps you.

From: Casey Smith
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fwd:
Date: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 11:38:25 AM

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From: Casey Smith [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Date: Sun, Apr 4, 2021, 10:18 AM
Subject:
To: [REDACTED] >

Casey Smith

[REDACTED] Palmyra PA 17078

[REDACTED]

April 3, 2021 Approximately 1630

On the above date and time my wife, children and I were driving past Reigle Field-58n on route 117 going south. My wife was driving and I was in the passenger seat when I looked over and saw the nose of the helicopter go down, then the main rotor hit the ground and the helicopter instantly crashed into the ground. My wife pulled the truck safely over and I jumped out and ran straight for the cockpit of the helicopter, my wife followed shortly after. Before reaching the door to the helicopter and looking for fire, I gave my phone to my wife. She called 911 and reported the crash to a dispatcher. I pulled open the door to the helicopter and started to assist the man in getting out of the downed copter. He was disoriented and seemed to be in shock from the crash. I had to reach over him and unbuckle the seat belt that was holding him in. I pulled him out of the cockpit and started to assess his wounds and asked him if he could stand. At this time all I noticed was a gash on his forehead and a laceration on his right arm. I was able to help him to his feet and helped him reach in the cockpit to shut off parts of the running helicopter. He seemed adamant on getting things out of the cockpit such as his cell phone but my concern was getting everyone away from the helicopter. There was smoke coming out of the engine compartment and I saw fuel leaking to the ground from the tail. I continued to talk to the man and explained we needed to get away from the copter for safety reasons. After we got some distance away from the copter, I noticed the man had a pill bottle in his hand and he opened it pouring 2 pills into his hand. I didn't see him take them because I was still worried about the possibility of the helicopter blowing and thought we needed to get further away so I was looking back at the copter for flames. Right after this is when officer Cassel pulled up and walked over to us. We then were able to get him to walk over close to where my truck was pulled off the road and shortly after the ambulance pulled in behind my truck and we walked him to the ambulance. I gave my information to officer Cassel and he told me to email him my report of the incident and that nothing else was needed at that time. My family then left the incident and went home.