



MEMORANDUM for RECORD

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Date: December 11-12, 2021

Witness Statement: James Cunnagin (Landowner at Accident Site, Crab Orchard, KY; [REDACTED])

NTSB Accident Number: ERA22FA0858 – Crab Orchard, KY

The following witness statement was provided by Mr. Cunnagin via in-person interviews:

- Mr. Cunnagin and his father own the land at [REDACTED], Crab Orchard, KY. First statement taken on December 11 at accident site. He and his wife were at home, inside their home, at the time of the accident.
- He heard the airplane coming down, the engine was “very loud, getting louder, and running at high speed.” Then he heard the “boom” from the ground impact. He never saw the airplane in flight.
- He ran outside and found the airplane in the woods on his property. There was no sign of life and he called 911.
- Note: On December 12, Mr. Cunnagin restated that the engine was running all the way to impact with no interruption.