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Date: January 19, 2023
Subject: NTSB# ERA23FA109
Contact: RALEY SHIREY (Witness)

The individual noted above provided the following information via a telephone call. The below contents are a summary of what was reported:

- She was near her front door and front yard area, outside with her boyfriend and her dog.
- She recalled the exact time according to a cell phone time stamp was 8:16PM local.
- She saw what she believed to be some sort of flying object crash into the Dawsonville Forest. She was unsure of what the object was at first but believed it could have been an airplane.
- She saw lights that were descending and looked to be spinning or something in a turn.
- It was not raining, and it was not windy, however, it was a dark night, and there was an overcast cloud layer.
- She could hear the sound of a loud engine until the moment the impact was heard. She said the impact was loud and her father inside the home also heard the noise it was so loud. Her boyfriend also heard the impact and engine noise but did not see the airplane or lights. There was no explosion or fire.
- She drove toward the area she saw the airplane, however, there was no fire or any lights to guide her direction. She contacted local authorities after the event.
- She recalled there was a white light that she saw and an orange light. She was unsure of the exact colors.
- She was located at - [REDACTED] Dawsonville GA. 1.25 nautical miles southeast of the accident site.

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