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Per a conversation with Mr. Gee, he provided the following details regarding the search for an unmanned aerial system (UAS) or parts thereof in connection with this accident.

The two days after the accident were rainy, so on Friday, January 13th, 2023, Mr. Gee - with the assistance of several others - proceeded to the public land under which the noise was heard (east and northeast of the airport, under the left downwind leg of the traffic pattern for runway 19). After a search of a couple hours, no UAS device or parts were located.

Mr. Gee, however, identified a parcel of private land where a UAS or parts could have conceivably ended up, so he contacted the local sheriff department to arrange a search of that land.

On Saturday, January 14th, 2023, according to Mr. Gee, the Fayette County Sheriff's Office conducted a search of the private land parcel identified by him. No UAS or parts were located or identified as a part of that search.