



Investigator Name: Leah D. Read
Title: Sr. ASI
Division: ERA

Date: January 14, 2024
Subject: ERA24FA088
Contact: Mark Duprey, Eyewitness

Mr. Duprey stated that he was a farmer and was walking his dog in a open field on his property when he first heard the airplane's engines and looked up. He said the airplane was "trying to gain altitude" "then stopped" before the nose of the airplane dropped and "made a straight line" toward the ground. The airplane "corkscrewed" straight down and went out of view. Mr. Duprey said that he saw no attempt by the pilot to pull the airplane out of the spin. He said the airplane, which he estimated was about $\frac{3}{4}$ -mile away from him, descended "fast." From the time he first observed the airplane until it went out of site was about 8 seconds. Mr. Duprey described the weather conditions as very windy (and cold), but it was not snowing, and the visibility was good.

Mr. Duprey said that he knew the airplane impacted the ground but he did not hear it or see any smoke after the time he thought the airplane would have hit the ground. He immediately walked over to his neighbor's house to let them know that an airplane had crashed. He then heard the sound of emergency vehicles responding to the area.



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Subject: ERA24FA088, Leyden, MA
Contact: Sharon Dobias, witness

The following is an excerpt of an email submitted by Ms. Dobias to the NTSB regarding her witness account of the above-mentioned accident:

"While walking north on Green River Road at about 11:25 AM, I heard and saw a plane overhead around the high-tension wires, flying not exactly in a pattern but somewhat erratically. It eventually flew east and over what appeared to be a wooded area, turned nose down and spiraled out of sight."



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Date: January 15, 2024
Subject: ERA24FA088, Leyden, MA
Contact: Mr. Brad Letourneau, witness

The following is an excerpt of an email submitted by Mr. Letourneau to the NTSB regarding his witness account of the above-mentioned accident:

"I was walking my dog at Pratt field which is just off of Barton Road in Bernardston when I heard a plane that sounded like it was struggling to stay going, for maybe 10 seconds I could hear the RPMs fluctuate drastically, cut off and then start again and then cut off. I looked up and didn't see it, I wasn't close enough to hear it crash or anything. I didn't think much of it at the time and didn't put 2 and 2 together when I saw a police and fire truck go by about 10 minutes later."