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Subject: ERA24FA127: Witness Reports

Contact: Multiple witnesses reporting through the NTSB email system or the Systems Operations Command center (SOC) Note: All witness statements came through the witness@ntsb.gov email system unless otherwise noted.¹

NTSB,

I have sent a previous e-mail to you but you may not have understood the subject line.

I live at the [REDACTED] in Ashland City. We are situated on the Cumberland River, I think north of the John C Tuney Airport? We are just not in a *normal* flight pattern of the airport and no planes usually fly directly over head like that I figured the pilot may either be lost or was looking for a safe place to land.

The night of the plane crash I was in my condo and heard this extremely loud and low flying plane. The engine was sputtering, making these popping sounds and choking. The engine was also cutting quickly on and off like it was losing altitude like it was in TOTAL distress. From the way that plane sounded, the pilot would certainly be having a very difficult and hard time keeping that plane in the air.

JCT Airport would be the closest airport to land the plane since we would perhaps be 3-4 minutes *FLYING* time to that destination I believe?

Even though the plane moved right over head it continued to be in distress as it continued on. However, as it flew on it continued to have the noted issues. I did not know the plane actually went down until I saw it on TV around midnight. The next

¹ Witness reports are original and no edits to grammar or content was done.

morning I did contact the non-emergency line in Davidson county to report what I heard but they told me you had enough information so they were not interested. I then heard the next afternoon that the NTSB was interested in anyone who may have *heard* anything regarding the plane so I have sent you this information.

You cannot imagine how awful I felt when I heard that plane did not make it. However, the plane engine was definitely in distress and if you'd like to discuss please feel free to contact me.

Jennifer Hartman
[REDACTED]

Hi,

I was traveling I40-E just past the Charlotte Ave exit (202, I believe) on Monday evening, between 730 and 8 PM when I witnessed a column of fire, billowing into a hug, round ball of flame on the right shoulder of the interstate, below the Target/Costco shopping center.

I was parallel to the fire 2-3 seconds later and saw - to me - unrecognizable debris in the flame.

With windows of my SUV up, I did not hear unusual sounds prior to seeing the fireball mushroom. I had no sound system or Bluetooth playing.

I also did not feel any percussive vibration prior to seeing the fireball.

To me, it is amazing that no debris scattered onto the interstate, or at least none that I encountered.

Thank you.

Brenda Pace

Hello

This may not be related, but the timing is pretty close. We had just finished a ballgame at Davidson Academy on Monday night sometime after 8PM (I believe); we heard a small plane flying over but what caught our attention was that it stalled. All we could

see were lights on the plane in the black sky. It shortly restarted and went on. It flew from North going South direction.

During the game, around the 3rd inning, (it was a 6 inning game) 2 low and loud helicopters flew from Northwest to Southeast.

It's very quiet up on that field at night, so anything out of the usual is pretty distracting. Maybe this tiny bit of information helps.

Sharon Eden

Sent from my iPhone

Good morning.

Monday night walking my dog around 7:30 pm I saw the plane overhead flying very low, treetop level.

I realized immediately that it would crash as the airport was the other direction and thought it was going to land in the neighborhood.

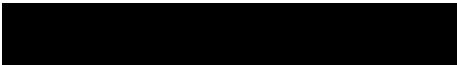
I lost sight as it got lower, but soon heard the impact then quickly saw an orange fireball and lots of smoke.

I ran back to the house and got in my car. Called 911 on my way to crash site.

Took a video of what we saw. We were very close, but the attachment is too big and I cannot figure out how to send to NTSB.

Sincerely,

Mary Elliot


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Hello,

My name is Benjamin Graham, I am an airline pilot that witnessed the accident aircraft yesterday evening in Nashville, TN along I-40.

I was walking my dog in a park about 1 mile from the accident site. I witnessed an aircraft flying somewhat lower than I would expect. I didn't think much of it at the time. It was dark but I was able to see the position lights and noticed it was making a pretty

steep bank (looked about 45-50 degrees) over the highway. I also noticed it had no engine noise. At the time with the depth perception in the dark, I assumed it was just an aircraft trying to get into JWN, until later on a family member informed me of the crash and I put it all together. If needed I can show you my vantage point and describe what I saw in person.

My contact number is [REDACTED]

Thank you for your time

Regards
Benjamin Graham

my fathers story is that he was on the deck where we live off of high way 70 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] he saw the lights going off and on and the plane was very quiet also the altitude was weird. he has seen many planes going over the house but never one at that altitude. he thought he heard the engine trying to start but his main worry was the plane not being able to go over 9 mile hill or wessex towers. it was later that morning that it was possible that it was that plane. i will list his contact information at the bottom.

Al Brown [REDACTED]
Sent from my iPhone

I witnessed the airplane crash in Nashville 3/4/24.

I work for Vanderbilt Children's Hospital and was on my way home. I was on I40 going west and had just passed White Bridge Road/Briley onramps when I saw the plane come from my right (north) flying kind of to my left (south) (from direction of John Tune Airport towards Costco, flew over interstate, but looked like maybe doing a u-turn). I was on the telephone with my brother and told him there was a problem, that there was some aircraft flying low and something was not right. The plane hit the ground at around a 45-degree angle, and then I am not sure if it flipped or what, I saw some pieces flying and then the explosion.

Lucille Woodroof
[REDACTED]

NTSB ROC Phone Call

Call Details - Brief Description of events: Caller believes he heard a small A/C fly over his house last night, 3/4, at 7:40 PM CST, which coincides with the Piper PA32R-300T's flight pattern before it crashed. Caller thinks the A/C sounded like it was struggling.

Hi,

I live at [REDACTED] Nashville TN and saw the plane descend with orange lights that looked like a flames. Happy to talk with someone if needed. I did call 311 but they said they had plenty of witnesses but saw you asked for additional witnesses and wanted to reach out.

Please text and happy to chat.

Ebony

Ebony McCauley
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone. Please excuse any typos or crazy autocorrects!

I witnessed the explosion, we weren't aware of what had crashed when we witnessed this.

We were driving west bound on 40 at this time.

My daughter made the 911 call 7:43 pm to report the explosion.

Jodi Govrik

Sent from my iPhone

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