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Date: May 16, 2024
Subject: ERA24FA217 Witness Interview
Contact: Israel Yarbrough

On May 15, 2023, Mr. Israel Yarbrough reported witnessing an airplane crash at his home at [REDACTED] Franklin, TN 37064. The following is a summary of that conversation.

Mr. Yarbrough was asked for his contact information. He provided his phone number of [REDACTED] and an email address [REDACTED]

Ryan Enders asked Mr. Yarbrough to summarize the events that he witnessed. He responded that he was sitting on the front porch looking to the West while he was on his phone. He heard a loud smack noise, like a strap smacking a metal roof or a loud whip. The noise caused him to look straight up, and he saw the airplane beginning to come apart. The airplane was already starting to break apart, but he could tell that it was an airplane. He could hear the propeller hitting something, but the airplane began to fall apart. There was no fire ball. No smoke. He could still see the airplane wings attached but couldn't remember if he saw the tail. It was a blur, but he could tell that he was looking at an airplane. He pulled out his phone quickly and filmed the debris falling. He ran inside quickly because of everything falling to the ground. He could hear the debris falling and impacting the ground. He witnessed a wing hit the neighbor's yard across the street. It was a flash went it came down, so he couldn't tell that it was a wing until he went back outside and over to that piece of debris. He never heard the airplane until the "whip cracking" noise. The propeller noise went from really silent to really loud, fast.

Mr. Yarbrough was asked to describe the weather at the time of the accident. He responded that it was "super windy" and sprinkling. The debris was blowing from the

west to the east. It was cloudy. Two minutes after the accident, it began to rain very hard. There was no lightning.

Mr. Yarbrough was asked what time the accident occurred. His phone recorded the time as 1202 local.

Mr. Yarbrough was asked if he could tell how high the airplane was. He could not tell. He was asked if the airplane was turning or flying straight. He could not tell.

-End of interview.