

North Carolina
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VOLUNTARY STATEMENT



☐ Driver Statement ☒ Witness Statement

Date of Collision/Incident: 09/28/24

Time of Collision/Incident: 17:15 LOCAL ☐ A.M. ☒ P.M.

Name: Stephen Crouse

Address: [REDACTED]

DOB: _____

City: Lynchburg

State: VA

Zip: 24502

Phone Numbers: (Home) (____) _____

; (Work) (____) _____

; (Cell) [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Initial Traveling Speed Prior to the Collision/Incident: _____ MPH

Begin statement here to include events that occurred before, during, and after the collision/incident:

We observed Cirrus perform a go-around, probably due to strong gusty winds. They circled around to perform a second approach. About five minutes later, we saw the smoke from over the airport

NOTE: I hereby certify that the information provided by me in this statement is a true and accurate representation of the facts as known to me.

Signature: [REDACTED]

Date: 09/28/24

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Time of Collision/Incident: 5:15 ☐ A.M. ☒ P.M.

Name: Christian Whiteker

DOB: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

City: Lynchburg

State: VA

Zip: 24502

Phone Numbers: (Home) ()

; (Work) ()

; (Cell) [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Initial Traveling Speed Prior to the Collision/Incident: _____ MPH

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Saw the plane do a go-around. He was climbing and in a left bank. Seemed like he was doing a re-entry into a left downwind for 21. I watched him on downwind for a moment then stopped watching.

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Signature: [REDACTED]

Date: 09/28/2024



Reynolds, William A

Statement:

My friend and I were biking near the statue on the south side of the monument. I heard a plane and noticed a blue and red low Wing puller prop style airplane that was in a slow descent. As a former military pilot I noted that it seemed to be landing into the wind from the Northeast towards the southwest, but it also seemed very high for being almost all the way down the runway. It seemed to be in control, wings level, slow descent, no smoke from the engine.

I looked away. About 3 seconds later we heard a lot of abnormal noises including what sounded like metal breaking, trees breaking. I remark that that sounded like a bad landing. Within about 10 seconds we noticed a very very large plume of smoke. We rushed to the runway and called 911. I expected to see the plane off The runway in the trees but the smoke was deeper in the woods not accessible from the runway. I circled around to the monument side road and could see a very large ball of fire. I approached it within approximately 40 yards yelling if anyone could hear me and if anyone needed help. I heard no response. My friend had already called 911 at this time. I heard sirens and noticed emergency vehicles going down the runway. I ran over there and alerted them to the fact that the better approach was from the monument road and they proceeded there. Throughout this time there were many small and larger exploding sounds which I felt were likely from trees burning but there was one in which a large piece of metal was ejected from the fire site into the nearby woods. At this point the authorities were there and I left the scene.



Reynolds, William A

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Hi,

My husband (Jason Emminizer) were on Croatan Hwy heading south when I noticed a red with white small engine plane fly overhead towards the airport. We were just passing the Lowe's.

The plane was coming from the north east, and seemed low to me. Low for how far it was from the airport. The airplane was leaning slightly to the left as well as it was passing overhead. Maybe to start the turn, I'm not sure, but it was a slight lean. I'm ocd about lines and such so I noticed that.

My husband was driving and we were almost to the monument when he saw a plume of smoke. At that point we hurried to the airport. I've sent videos of the smoke plumes. They should have time stamps on them. I did edit the sound out being I had on headphones and a live broadcast at the same time so there was lots of jibberish noise.

Once at the airport I took off trying to see if I could help anyone while Jason parked. I did hear someone yelling in a panicked sounding voice but that was the Dr. who was yelling. I only say that because he said he had been yelling to see if anyone was alive. I didn't see anyone come out from the wreckage area. I ran to the other side of the airport near the runway to see if it was better access ake it was not. So back to the monument side.

Please let me know if I can be of more assistance.

I hope this helps.

Mary Emminizer