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The following is a partial summary of an interview conducted by inspector Anderson, which was captured by a body worn camera which was worn by a responding Jessamine County Sheriff's Office deputy, with the first 911 caller who was also the person who found the aircraft wreckage (Charles Steve Ferrell).

- He was driving on the road and saw the wreckage laying in the field, he then turned around to investigate.
- He had recognized the trailer but did not recognize the truck that was attached to the trailer.
- He first observed the aircraft on the ground on its side with the landing gear up in the air.
- He continued to report that the parachute was uphill from the passenger carrying portion of the aircraft.
- He checked for a pulse on the female occupant and reported that there was no pulse and that she was cool to the touch.
- When asked how the weather was the day of the accident, he reported that it was "beautiful," that the steam from a local powerplant was "straight up," that there were "hardly any clouds," and that he thought to himself "man, it would be a great day to fly."

- He was asked how much experience he had flying powered parachutes, he reported he had a sport pilot certificate, repairman certificate, with 226 hours, and that he had been flying since about 2012.
- When asked about his familiarity with the runway he reported that the airstrip is a private strip.
- When asked which direction of takeoff was normal, he reported that it was customary to takeoff whichever way was most favorable based on the winds.
- He reported that he had flown the accident aircraft one time and that compared to his powered parachute it was "like a sports car" and was lightweight.
- He reported that the pilot did all of his own maintenance on the accident aircraft.