

January 4, 2014

To: National transportation Safety Board
Aviation Accident Report

Attn: Andrew Swick
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Re: Plane crash January 3, 2014 Shaw Island, Washington

From: Carl Schmidt

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On January 3, 2014 @ approximately 3:45pm I was working in my yard. I live about ½ mile from the Shaw Island air strip. I heard Keith Jeffert's plane take off. (There are very few planes that take off from this airstrip and I recognized the sound of his plane.) I could hear the plane in full throttle then it stopped. I have never heard a motor stop making noise so fast and I knew this couldn't be good. I jumped in my truck and headed for the airport, parked across the street and started looking around. At first I didn't see anything so I started walking down the runway. I got about half way down the runway and saw someone walking towards me. Thinking that I should say why I was there I continued towards him. When I got closer I recognized Keith, he was definitely injured, bloody and holding a compress to his head. Then I saw the plane crashed in the trees. I assessed Keith, he was hurt, but he knew who I was, where he was and what happened. I called 911 to get emergency help; I gave Keith my coat and walked with him to my truck to wait for the medics. Keith was flown to a Bellingham Hospital.

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