

PINAL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

I WILLIAM BENNETT DO HEREBY MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT OF MY
OWN FREE WILL AND ACCORD CONCERNING _____

WHICH OCCURED IR-CHIN REGIONAL AIRPORT
(LOCATION)

ON THE _____ DAY OF _____ 20 _____ AM _____ PM _____

AFTER TOWING (AEROTOWING) WITH A PASSENGER
TO 2500 FT IN SMOOTH AIR I RELEASED FROM MARK
KNIGHT'S TOW PLANE AND PROCEEDED TO TEACH A STUDENT
TO FLY. THE DRAGONFLY APPEARED TO BE OPERATING
CORRECTLY. THE DRAGONFLY PROCEEDED TO COME IN FOR
A LANDING. IT APPEARED TO ME THAT WHEN HE
PROCEEDED TO TURN DOWN WIND, THE PLANE'S NOSE
PITCHED UP. THE WIND WAS OUT OF THE NORTH EAST.
WHEN I WAS APPROXIMATELY AT AN ALTITUDE OF
800 - 1000 FEET AGL SOUTH OF THE FOB BUILDING WHEN
I NOTICED A HARD BANKING TURN TO THE SOUTH
AND THEN SAW THE DRAGONFLY SPINNING TOWARD
THE GROUND. THE PLANE SPUN 2 OR 3 ROTATIONS
AND THEN IMPACTED WITH THE GROUND. I PROCEEDED
TO LAND THE TANDEM GLIDER AND RAN UP TO
HELP. MARK KNIGHT WAS AN AMAZING EXPERIENCE
PILOT. THE ONLY THING THAT COMES TO MIND IS
THAT SOMETHING BROKE ON THE PLANE WHILE HE
WAS LOW TO THE GROUND AND COULD NOT
RECOVER THE SPIN.

OFFICER _____ SIGNED _____ AGE 43
BADGE _____ DISTRICT _____ ADDRESS _____
P.C.S.D. DR# _____ TELEPHONE _____
DATE 2-23-14

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STATEMENT OF WITNESS

I Paul David Anderson DO HEREBY MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT OF MY
OWN FREE WILL AND ACCORD CONCERNING Dragonfly aircraft N 7745C
WHICH OCCURED Phoenix Regional Airport
(LOCATION)
ON THE 23 DAY OF Feb 6pm 20 14 AM PM X

Calm
Clear conditions 3-8 mph winds aircraft began
a very steep high angle climbout at about 200 ft
AGL aircraft began to lower nose and round out
leveling off then nose raised again into a secondary
stall left wing dropped and a full spin developed
about 3 full rotations occurred until airplane
impacted ground almost full nose down.

Upon arriving at sight Mark was unconscious
and doubled over forward with the engine and rear
part of plane crushing him forward I cut away his
seat belt to let the plane fall off to the left
then we 3 others slide airplane back as fuel tank
was ruptured and pouring gas down on and below
pilot

OFFICER _____ SIGNED [REDACTED] AGE 36

BADGE _____ DISTRICT _____ ADDRESS [REDACTED]

P.C.S.D. DR# _____ TELEPHONE [REDACTED]

DATE Feb 23 6pm 20 14

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