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To: Nicole Charnon ([REDACTED]); Soderlund, Henry
Subject: FW: N6605b statement 1
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Witness statements are starting to come in from FAA

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]] Sent: Tuesday, August 02, 2016 5:16 PM
To: Shaver Chris
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From: Bill Sandman [mailto:[REDACTED]] Sent: Thursday, July 28, 2016 3:55 PM
To: Beijens, Bjorn R (FAA)
Cc: Benedict Stuth
Subject: Observations

Bjorn:

Per your request for information concerning what I observed of the aircraft that crashed on Wednesday July 27 at the Columbia Airport.

I observed the aircraft initially at about 40-50 feet above the runway taking off to the south. After a couple of seconds I noticed the aircraft had slowed slightly, at about the same time I saw the rear landing gear come up and the aircraft looked to slightly increase speed. A second or two after that, I noticed more slowing and the nose of the aircraft being raised slightly. After that, the aircraft appeared to veer to the left (left wing dipped slightly), and there was much more slowing and the aircraft began to lose altitude. The aircraft then hit the ground possibly with its left wing hitting first but still pretty much almost a belly flop type landing. I saw it skid for what I estimated to be about 50 feet before coming to a stop and erupting into a fireball and then thick black smoke.

I observed this from the east side of my office at [REDACTED].

If you have any question or need additional info, let me know.

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