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From: Kirk, Kellen [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Tuesday, December 27, 2016 1:26 PM
To: Coberly, Michael (FAA)
Subject: Re: N176PA crash witness statement

I am confident I heard the engine running the entire time, I also believe I heard the engine accelerate once pitching down in attempt to recover from the stall.

Kellen

On Dec 27, 2016, at 1:15 PM, "Michael.Coberly [REDACTED]"
<[REDACTED]<mailto:[REDACTED]>> wrote:

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Kellen,

Thank you very much for the prompt response and statement. Did it sound like the engine running the entire time?

From: Kirk, Kellen [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Tuesday, December 27, 2016 12:49 PM
To: Coberly, Michael (FAA)
Subject: N176PA crash witness statement

Michael,

On 12/26/16 at approximately 1320 I witnessed from the back yard of my residence at [REDACTED] N176PA take off. I witnessed the plane become airborne, as it continued to climb the aircraft angle of attack increased significantly. As the plane continued to try and climb, the right wing dipped down, then nose pitched back down. During this time I was able to hear the engine operating, as the nose pitched down I heard the engine accelerate as if he was recovering from a stall and then I heard it impact the ground.

A couple other notes; As the aircraft departed he had plenty of altitude, I did witness any reason to increase the AOA to gain altitude. A local Pilatus PC-12 departed a couple minutes prior as well.

My wife immediately called 911 and I drove to the site with my neighbor to try and assist.

Please let me know if you need any additional information or if I can assist in any way.

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