



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: June 3, 2017
Person Contacted: Ryan Reed (Witness)
NTSB Accident Number: WPR17FA117

Narrative:

During a conversation with Ryan Reed, witness to the accident airplane, the following is a summary of what he stated:

- He heard the engine throttle up.
- In a split second, it sounded like a “model rocket launch.”
- Also describe the sound like “metal hitting rubber.”
- In the area, the winds were light and it was clear.
- Some other personnel in the area said two airplanes may have collided.
- He was located about ½ mile northwest of the accident site.
- He saw the airplane above him.



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Date: June 3, 2017
Person Contacted: Zak Nogosek (Witness)
NTSB Accident Number: WPR17FA117

Narrative:

During a conversation with Zak Nogosek, witness to the airplane accident, the following is a summary of what he stated:

- Heard a “pop” sound.
- Observed the main cabin spinning towards ground.
- Observed parts in the air.
- He only looked up after he heard the noise.
- He was located on the road behind and about two hundred yards north of the main wreckage.
- Estimated it was about 10-15 seconds for the cabin to impact the ground from the time he first saw it.
- He verified through his phone log that the accident occurred about 1157.
- He said the tail was still attached to the main cabin when he first observed it.
- Winds were S-SE and it was clear.
- There was a tiny trail of smoke coming from the airplane when it spiraled down, that was light colored.



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Date: June 3, 2017
Person Contacted: Jeff Hennessee (Witness)
NTSB Accident Number: WPR17FA117

Narrative:

During a conversation with Jeff Hennessee, witness to the accident airplane, the following is a summary of what he stated:

- Heard a racing motor that was set high in power.
- Then heard a muffled “boom” and then a loud hissing sound.
- Saw the aircraft fuselage falling almost straight down, angled from the west.
- Nose was down.
- Parts were drifting south.
- Thought it was a collision with another airplane.
- The wings were not attached.
- The tail section snared off.
- The event occurred before noon.
- It was breezy and the wind was blowing south.
- Parts were sailing south.
- It was a clear blue sky.
- There was no smoke or fire.
- He was located about 1 ½ NE of the main fuselage wreckage.



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Date: November 28, 2018
Person Contacted: Buena-Ventura Peinado (Witness)
NTSB Accident Number: WPR17FA117

Narrative:

During a conversation with Buena-Ventura Peinado, witness to the accident airplane, the following is a summary of what he stated:

- He worked as a Chemical Treater with an oil company in the area.
- He was located about 1 mile from the accident site.
- The wind was light, and the sky was clear.
- He heard the engine rev up to full power.
- He then heard a loud pop.
- He observed the airplane coming apart and headed nearly straight down.
- He stated that a big piece came off and several smaller pieces.
- The airplane looked similar to a how a leaf falls (rocking back and forth) as it fell.
- It took almost a minute for some of the pieces to fall to the ground.