

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Lance Meidl and on 08/01/17 at approximately 12:50pm Mountain Standard time (19:50 GMT) I was watching the small Grumman aircraft N6216L takeoff of Rwy 25L at KDVT. It climbed as normal (appeared to be approx. Vy speed and angle) to an altitude of approximately 200 to 300 feet AGL when I heard the engine slow to what sounded like ½ power. Within about 4 seconds or less, the pilot leveled off and veered about 30 degrees to the right and then began a steep (45 degree bank or more) turn to the left. It appeared he was going to try and make the reciprocal runway 7R or at least land in the field near the end of the runway. During this left hand turn at an approx. southwest heading, the plane stalled and banked sharply (like a snap roll) to the right and pitched nose down. I didn't witness the last few feet and impact.

It appeared from my point of view that the pilot was attempting the "impossible turn" after an engine problem. People were on the scene of the crash immediately as it had hit on the edge of a busy road. I could render no assistance and emergency crews were on the scene within minutes.

Lance Meidl



Witness statements N6216L

The witness statements below were taken by Phoenix Police and provided verbally to the FAA during police briefing on 08/01/17 at 17:30

- 1) William Daryl Sturm – traveling northbound on 19th Ave. saw the aircraft wings dip and rise and then roll left, then turned south and hit the ground.
- 2) Bryce T. Carson – Saw aircraft taking off and wings dipped right then left then hit the wall. Stopped to help and used my portable band saw to cut some limbs away for better access.
- 3) Emily Nichole Houck – traveling northbound on 19th, saw aircraft wobble then plunge to the ground.
- 4) John Phillip Pound – Traveling northbound and saw aircraft wobbling then nose dive onto 19th avenue.
- 5) Taylor McCullough – Traveling northbound on 19th ave. saw the aircraft flying low then crashed.
- 6) Kristina Yeary – Observed crash nose down.
- 7) David John Burnside
- 8) Saw airplane make a low turn then crashed.
- 9) Pramod Balkrishna Sathe – traveling north on 19th, saw plane low, spin then crash.
- 10) Leonardo Orlando – traveling north on 19th, saw the plane wobbling the fell from the sky. Struck the wall then the side walk, pieces of the plane broke off and almost hit my car.
- 11) Richard Lamar Powel – traveling north on 19th, saw the plane wobbling, hit the wall then the sidewalk.
- 12) Inder Verma – Traveling north on 19th saw the plane spiraling then hit the fence and came to rest on the sidewalk.