



## RECORD OF EMAIL

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**Western Pacific Region**

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**Date: November 9, 2019**  
**Person Contacted: Mr. William Skeen (Witness)**  
**NTSB Accident Number: WPR20FA019**

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### Narrative:

In an email to the NTSB eyewitness account, Mr. Skeen reported the following:

I want to tell you what I saw on Thursday morning, November 7th, in case it is helpful to your investigation.

I live in Oakland, CA but I am down in the Claremont area for work this week.

Just before 11:00am, I turned south onto Mountain Avenue from the 210 freeway. I was just a few blocks south of the freeway. I looked down at my radio dial, then as I set my eyes back onto the road I saw a dark object streak across my view at high speed. It was in my estimation, a quarter-mile in front on me, and moving toward the ground at angle of about 70 degrees. It was descending rapidly from what I would guess was only 200-300 feet above the ground.

Immediately, there was a black column of black smoke rising into the sky. I did not heard the explosion upon impact, as my radio was on.

The time was 10:59am.

I did not understand what I was looking at that moment, but within about 20 seconds, it was evident that I was witnessing an airplane crash.

In the next few minutes, as I waited for traffic lights, several police and emergency vehicles made their way past me.

As I waited through a couple of traffic lights, I eventually passed the site of impact. It was a huge ball of fire, clearly visible from Mountain Avenue.

What prompted me to contact the NTSB is that I've heard news reports stating that it's unclear whether or not the plane's emergency parachute was ever deployed. I can say with utter confidence that the object I saw had no chute attached when it was hurtling through the sky, and within just seconds of impact.

Another question raised in news reports was the direction it was traveling in. When I saw it, a few seconds before impact, it was definitely traveling from east to west, over Mountain Avenue.

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**Date: November 7, 2019**  
**Person Contacted: Mr. John Irvine (Witness)**  
**NTSB Accident Number: WPR20FA019**

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### **Narrative:**

In an email to the NTSB eyewitness account, Mr. Irvine reported the following:

“I was working on my car in my driveway, just about 1100 am, I saw and heard a small white single engine airplane flying to the east from Claremont.

The plane appeared to be sputtering with possible engine trouble.

Then a little later I hear about the plane crash in Upland, CA.

He appeared to be heading to Cable Airport from the direction he was traveling.”

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**Date: November 14, 2019**  
**Person Contacted: Mr. Curtis Cable (Witness)**  
**NTSB Accident Number: WPR20FA019**

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### **Narrative:**

During an email conversation Mr. Cable reported the following:

I was on the north side of runway about mid field driving a lektro tug back to a hanger. When I saw a silver and white Cirrus entering the downwind very low. Also there was a V tail Beech Bonanza entering the pattern coming from the north mid field to downwind. I did not see who was in front of who until I turned north on taxiway and saw the Beech landing and the Cirrus on a base to final behind him. It looked like the Cirrus was waiting for the Beech and he was low and very slow when he dipped the left wing and the aircraft stalled and crashed.

END.

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