

FREMONT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

VICTIM/WITNESS

STATEMENT FORM

Name: Justin Buchholz

DOB: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Date of Incident: 6/7/2020 8:00pm

Place of Incident: Tracy Lake

Place of Employment: Linguist

1 When I saw the plane I already knew it was out
2 of control. It was about 100 feet above the lake.
3 I suspected the pilot turned left, only to avoid
4 people on land then the wind caught the left turn
5 putting them in a nose dive.
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7 The pilot swam out on his own. I've all took care
8 of him until EMT, etc arrived.
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Name: JEFF POLLOCK

DOB: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Date of Incident: 6-7-20

Place of Incident: Frye Lake

Place of Employment: Cal State Univ., Northridge

- 1 I was breaking down camp and saw the plane way
- 2 off east of Frye Lake. Looked like it was heading away
- 3 from the lake. I continued my tasks then my friend pointed
- 4 quickly to look east. The plane was right in front of our
- 5 camp, over the lake still, but heading right towards us.
- 6 It was very low and struggling (it seemed to me; I am
- 7 deaf and could not hear the engine). I watched as the
- 8 plane's wings wobbled, then it dipped a bit, then rose
- 9 and made a sharp left (pilot's view). The wind caught
- 10 it and it nose-dived into the water. I immediately
- 11 grabbed my SUP, ran to the water, then ran back
- 12 to get my PFD. My buddy Trenton grabbed his PFD
- 13 and sit-on-top kayak and was on the water quickly.
- 14 I saw a man walking from the wreckage. Trenton
- 15 was trying to put out the fire with his paddle, splashing
- 16 water on it. The pilot got to shore, I and another
- 17 camper helped calm him. I ran to my vehicle again to
- 18 get my first aid kit. I gave him some gauze pads,
- 19 noticing his lower lip was cut and upper tooth loose.
- 20 The other camper was talking to him. I realized he →

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→ 1 was in shock so I ran to my vehicle again and
 2 got my camp chair. We sat him down, others
 3 brought towels and blankets/sleeping bags to cover
 4 the victim and help keep him warm. My friend Bonnie
 5 was interpreting what the pilot/victim was saying, so I
 6 ran to my vehicle again to grab a pad and pen, ran
 7 back, and wrote the number he kept repeating (a
 8 phone number). I then asked what his name was
 9 (Bonnie interpreted) and I wrote that info down as well.
 10 He said some other number and name which I also
 11 wrote down. I gave this paper to the first officer on
 12 scene. After the ambulance arrived, we cleaned
 13 up the blankets/towels/etc, placing them in garbage
 14 bags and took everything back to camp.

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 16 The crash happened at approx 8:30a.
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Name: Bonnie Marsh

DOB: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Date of Incident: June 7, 2020

Place of Incident: Frye Lake WY.

Place of Employment: Sorenson Communications

1 I had just come out of our camping trailer with our son,
2 when I saw the plane headed in our direction over the
3 lake. I waved to our group (all deaf) and pointed at
4 the plane for them to see. It seemed to be flying
5 really low, almost like it was going to come in for
6 a landing. It got close to shore & then banked
7 left, going back toward the direction it had been
8 coming from (across the lake). It has been so windy
9 so I don't know if the wind caught it or what
10 happened, but after it banked left, it just nose-
11 dived into the lake. Our group sprung into action,
12 grabbing a kayak, life-jacket, paddles & running to
13 shore. I ran to try to find one of our cell phones
14 to call 911, but my phone was dead. When I
15 turned back, I saw a man had come up & was
16 standing in the water near my husband, who had
17 waded out. He started talking, so I ran over since
18 my husband is deaf & couldn't understand him. The
19 man walked out of the lake, & was spitting out teeth
20 & blood - his face was bloody. He said his friend was in

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1 in the plane. A few other people had gathered & I
2 asked if anyone had a cell phone with service. A few
3 people drove out to get a signal & call 911. A man
4 & my husband waded out to the plane to see if they
5 could see the friend. By that time, though, the plane
6 had already caught fire & had been extinguished. It
7 had caught fire about the time the man had stood up
8 in the water, away from it, before he walked to
9 shore. We gathered towels for the bleeding & then
10 had him (& helped him) remove his cold, wet shirt, socks
11 & shoes. We covered him with blankets. He was
12 really confused & kept repeating a phone number
13 that we wrote down. Turns out he was the pilot. He
14 was shaking & spitting out a lot of blood. He told us
15 his name (Scott Fitzgerald) & his friend's name (Daniel Mark),
16 & his wife's name (Tasha?). The other man who was
17 with us (& had waded out to the plane) kept talking to
18 him, calming him down. I don't know this man's name,
19 but I think he & his sons were camped nearby, too.
20 The sheriff soon arrived, then the other emergency
21 vehicles then the EMTs. They all took it from there.

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Name: Jaclyn Turcha

DOB: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Date of Incident: 10/1/2020

Place of Incident: Frye Lake W side

Place of Employment: _____

1 @ around 830 I noticed a plane flying low and
2 approaching the site where we were at on the (W) side
3 of Frye Lake. There was 5 of us out and Bonnie
4 pointed to the plane & I waved because it was
5 so close. The plane was not flying smoothly
6 and was too close to the ground the plane then
7 very abruptly turned left ~~if~~ → South and the
8 (R) wing caught an updrift wind gust and
9 the plane veered even more to the left and took
10 a nose dive into the lake. The plane suddenly
11 burst into flames as we were running towards
12 the plane. I ~~so~~ picked up a blue kayak and
13 started running towards the water - gave
14 Trenton the kayak and pushed him into the
15 water. I saw Scott coming out from underneath
16 the (R) wing and was walking very slowly in
17 the water. He had blood all over his face and
18 he pointed at the plane and I knew that
19 there was someone else in there because of
20 how Scott was pointing. Once he reached land

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1 I ran for a towel / First Aid kit w/ Bonnie & Jeff
2 and kept running back & forth bringing towels.
3 I watched Trenton & the other guy look into the
4 plane & they saw that there was someone in
5 there but they had already passed on.

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24 Rest in Peace Daniel. Sending you love and light
25 in all your moments. Godspeed

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Name: TRENTON MARSH

DOB: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Date of Incident: 6/7/2020

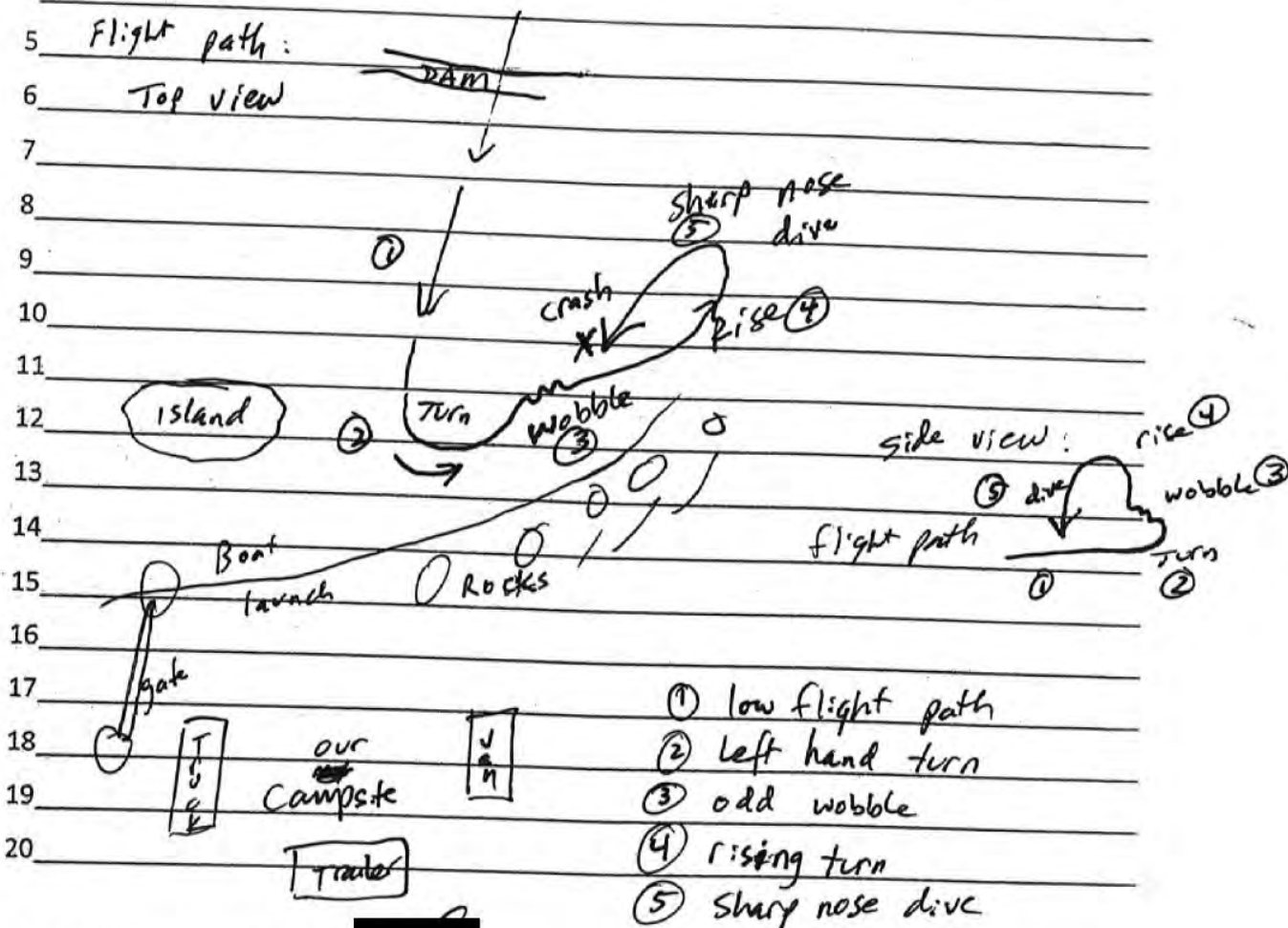
Place of Incident: Frye Lake, Wyo

Place of Employment: State of Utah Div sues for Deaf + Hall

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2 At about 8:30 AM I saw a small plane
3 crash into Frye Lake.
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5 Flight path:

6 Top view



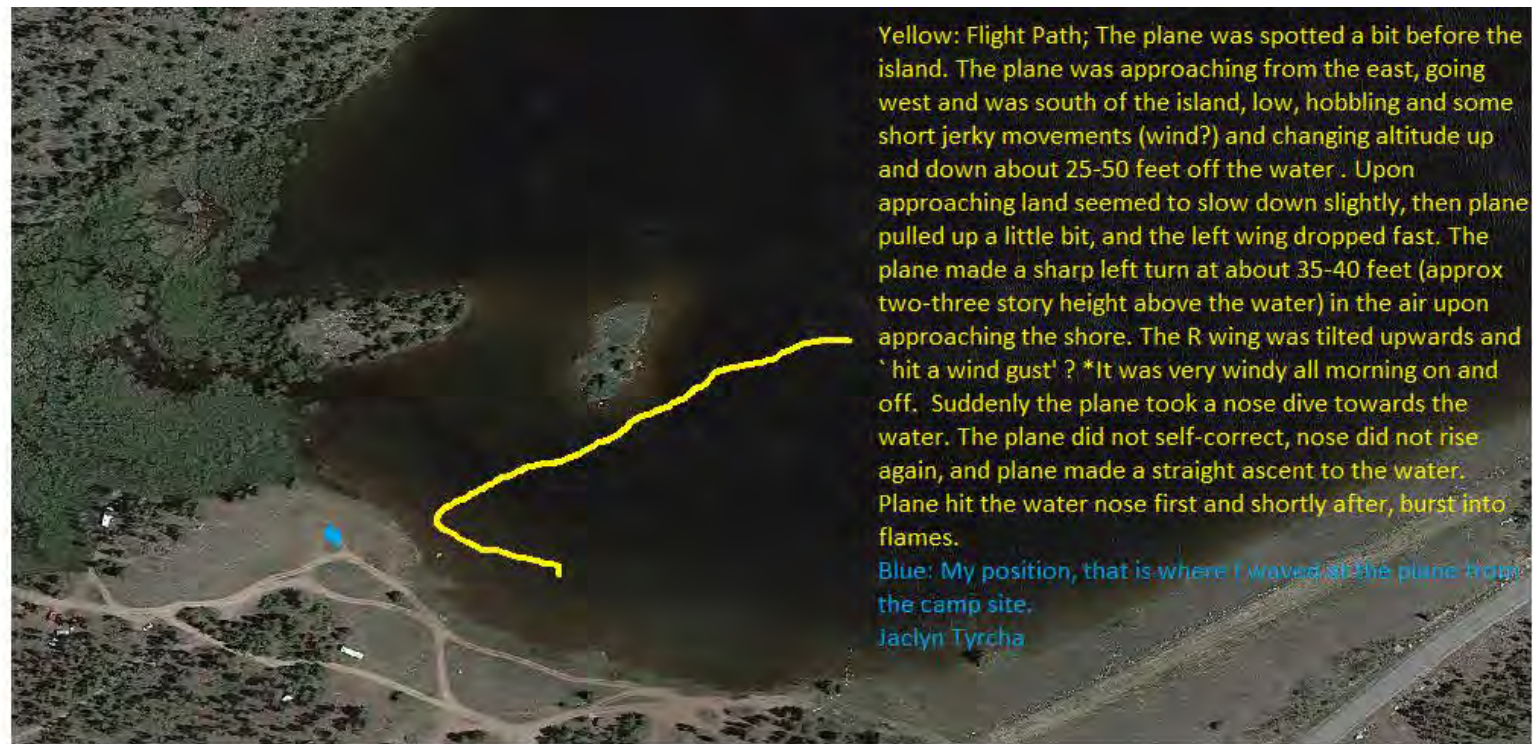
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Yellow: Flight Path; The plane was spotted a bit before the island. The plane was approaching from the east, going west and was south of the island, low, hobbling and some short jerky movements (wind?) and changing altitude up and down about 25-50 feet off the water. Upon approaching land seemed to slow down slightly, then plane pulled up a little bit, and the left wing dropped fast. The plane made a sharp left turn at about 35-40 feet (approx two-three story height above the water) in the air upon approaching the shore. The R wing was tilted upwards and 'hit a wind gust'? *It was very windy all morning on and off. Suddenly the plane took a nose dive towards the water. The plane did not self-correct, nose did not rise again, and plane made a straight ascent to the water. Plane hit the water nose first and shortly after, burst into flames.

Blue: My position, that is where I waved at the plane from the camp site.

Jaclyn Tyrcha

I initially saw the plane way off to the east of the lake and thought it unusual but didn't say anything or alert my friends; it looked like it was heading away from us. Approx 3-5 mins later, I was breaking down camp when my friend (Bonnie) frantically pointed east towards the lake and the plane was coming right at us. It was flying very unstable-like and there were variable winds from the west (flying into the wind). The wavy line indicates the plane was flying low and wavering left to right to left. It then dipped quickly, rose up steep as if to recover, with a slight "pilot's left" turn, then the wind caught it's right wing, it turned sharply left, and nose dived into the water. This all happened within maybe 10 seconds at approx 8:30 a.m., June 7, 2020.



Camp



I was at the left X in the open clearing. The plane was flying low and flying directly towards our campsite before turning left. After an odd wobble, the plane rose upward sharply before an immediate nose dive into the water at the right X (approx. location) into a shallow part of the lake. I was able to wade to the plane.

