



RECORD OF MEMORANDUM

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Date: September 11, 2020
Person Contacted: Los Angeles Police Department
NTSB Accident Number: WPR20LA303

Narrative:

The following witness statements were collected by on scene police officers from the Los Angeles Police Department:

Mr. Ryan Kelley reported that he has been working at the Van Nuys Airport for about 1.5 years. He was moving an airplane out of a hangar when he heard the accident airplane fly over his head. He noted that the airplane was flying much “lower” than normal. In addition, the airplane started to turn over Hart Street and Hyvenhurst Avenue, which he has never seen before since all airplanes usually turn later, over the Sepulveda Basin. As the airplane started to turn, Mr. Kelley heard a “pop” and the airplane turned “hard right.” He knew the airplane was “going to crash,” so he ran to alert others, then to the accident site.

Mr. Kevin Kelley reported that he too has been working at the Van Nuys airport for about 1.5 years. He was standing in front of the hangar on Hart Street, just west of Hayvenhurst Avenue. The airplane took off toward the south and Kevin heard its engine “pop.” The airplane turned hard to the right and disappeared from sight. Shortly thereafter, he saw black smoke coming from the parking lot where the accident occurred. He drove to the accident site and attempted to extinguish the frames.

Mr. Faramarz Farnia reported that he has been working at the Van Nuys Airport for the past two years. He was on Roscoe Boulevard facing south when he happened to look upwards. He observed the airplane with its “nose down” and the wings “at a slight angle.” He knew something was wrong and contacted others; he then proceeded to the accident site to help.

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Submitted by: Samantha Link