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**Date:** 3/15/2024  
**Subject:** WPR24FA105 / Phone conversation  
**Contact:** Jacob and Jeff Herd

The following is a synopsis of the information provided by witnesses in a telephone conversation.

5:00pm Interview

Jacob -

I was with my friend Westin walking along back side of our property in a canyon and we heard an airplane revving up. We were on the edge of the canyon on my parents' property on the cliff. We then saw a plane spiraling down to the ground and making a loud noise. Twirling down like at an airshow. We did not see an explosion or smoke. We did not hear a boom or anything, we did not see the plane come up from behind a canyon and said to each other it must have hit the ground. Weather was showery, sunshine then rains every now and then. The sun would come out every now and then. The engine sound was constant until it stopped. It got very loud. The airplane came down in one piece.

Jeff -

Jamie, my wife, and I were in the house. The sound was like when you hear an airplane engine wind up and get louder in a dive. We thought maybe the air museum was practicing acrobatics or something which we have heard before.

We own the 40 acres behind the address@:

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044.597379, -121.030499 Crash was 3miles away

**From:** [eyewitnessreport](#)  
**To:** [Scott Johnson](#)  
**Subject:** \*\*\*WITNESS CODE C\*\*\*FW: Madras Oregon plane crash witness  
**Date:** Thursday, March 14, 2024 2:08:30 PM

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**From:** J Carney <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 14, 2024 5:07 PM  
**To:** eyewitnessreport <eyewitnessreport@ntsb.gov>  
**Subject:** Madras Oregon plane crash witness

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On 3/10/24 there was a small plane crash near Madras Oregon where two people were killed. I did not actually see anything but I was in the area outside and may have heard the plane. I heard a low flying plane a little after 3pm. It was very loud and very close, I could tell by the noise it was low. All I have to add is the engine sounded like it was going full power and I did not hear any missing etc. The motor sounded like it was running good. Let me know if you have any questions

John Carney

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**From:** [eyewitnessreport](#)  
**To:** [Scott Johnson](#)  
**Subject:** \*\*WITNESS CODE B\*\*\*\*\*FW: crash of David and Venita Hagerty in Madras, Oregon  
**Date:** Thursday, March 14, 2024 12:56:41 PM  
**Importance:** High

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**From:** Charles Short [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 13, 2024 7:27 PM  
**To:** eyewitnessreport <[eyewitnessreport@ntsb.gov](mailto:eyewitnessreport@ntsb.gov)>  
**Subject:** crash of David and Venita Hagerty in Madras, Oregon

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Venita Hagerty was related to my wife, Barbara Short. This couple was in the Portland area to attend a funeral. The funeral was on Saturday. They flew out on Sunday afternoon. While we visited Friday through Sunday, they were in good spirits and enjoyed visiting with relatives, they had not seen for a long time. Neither one of them drank any liquor at the wake or subsequent gatherings. We were staying at the same hotel and had breakfast with them that morning. They were happy and in good spirits. They were looking forward to flying back home, with Dave piloting and Venita navigating. Dave was an experienced pilot and enjoyed flying to different places for fun. If you need any further information, I will be glad to help you as I can.

Charles D. Short

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