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Both witnesses were in the same airplane on the ground at Auburn Airport at the time of the accident:

[REDACTED] - ATP CFI, and Alaska Instructor pilot. [REDACTED]

In her C150 holding short of R35. There was a Cessna on long final, so decided to wait for it to land.

Heard an RV make overhead call as they pulled up to the hold short line. It was making a 1,500 ft teardrop entry for R35.

Next call was "pan pan" and something to effect of a flight control issue and needed to land immediately. She looked up expecting to see airplane on the downwind but didn't.

She then then saw the airplane on what looked like a base turn about 800 ft agl, but as the turn began, the nosed dropped. The airplane then transitioned into what looked like a spin entry, straight down and very fast.

The airplane was not trailing smoke or vapors at any time.

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He was holding short of runway 35 with ██████, and heard a pilot make a radio call coming into the pattern while on downwind reporting that he had limited flight controls. ██████ keyed up asking where he was, then the airplane crashed. Thinks they may be lost ailerons based on what he could see because as the final turn began, the airplane transitioned into a spin.