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Incident Events and Witness Conversation

7:45 am: Park Manager Kristin Brown calls Ranger Noah Attaburys phone to inform us that there had been a plane crash on the mountain. She informed us that we needed to make our way to the top of the mountain to see if the pilot was alive or dead.

Immediately after the phone call ended we made our way from the crease to the peak

8:05 am: Ranger Noah and I arrived at the crash site.

Four witnesses were standing nearby. I introduced myself and Ranger Noah to the witnesses. Ranger Noah spoke briefly to the younger couple who informed him they had remained at the site to turn people away. I spoke with the middle-aged couple. The middle-aged couple informed me that they had called 911 and were told to stand by but since I was there asked if they could leave. I said yes and informed them that the park was shut down. I said they needed to make their way safely back down the mountain and exit the park. I gave them my deepest condolences that they had to have witnessed such an event and thanked them for their help in the process so far. The middle-aged male witness gave me a folder of the pilot's documents he found in the wreckage.

Before the witnesses descended the mountain the middle-aged couple let me know that they believed the elderly pilot to be deceased. The middle-aged male said he was trained in basic first aid. After witnessing the event he immediately approached the wreckage. He cut the pilot's seatbelt to see if he was okay. After seeing the plane had rolled onto the pilot he determined the pilot was most likely deceased. They informed me that if we were to approach the plane to be careful because the body reeked of gas and they were worried the plane was in a compromisable position and it would roll. They mentioned when witnessing the event they heard little to no noise. They could not hear

the pilot's engine as he approached nor when he crashed. They speculated that he was flying so dangerously close to the mountain that maybe he had experienced a heart attack or stroke before he crashed and that could be why he lost control.

After our brief conversation, the witnesses made their way down the trail while Ranger Noah and I donned PPE and approached the wreckage. After both of us tried to find a pulse on the pilot, Ranger Noah called to inform Park Manager Kristin Brown that we could not find a pulse and believed the pilot to be deceased. During this phone call, I placed the folder of documents inside the wreckage near the body for the Fire and Rescue team. After the the phone call ended we made our way down the trail.

8:29 am: Ranger Noah and I made our way down the mountain to make sure the trails were clear