STATEMENT OF WITNESS

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Date: 7/8/08 **Hour:** _____

1. Place of accident: [redacted] **Airport I.D.** N/A

2. Type of Aircraft HOT AIR BALLOON

3. Identification/ Registration: N 844 LB

4. What is your name: BRETT FOULDS **Age:** 9

5. Address: [redacted] PHOENIXVILLE, PA 19460

6. Telephone: [redacted] **E-Mail:** _____

7. Occupation: _____ **Employer:** _____

8. Where were you at the time of the accident: _____

9. Tell in your own words what you saw or heard before and at the time the accident occurred: BALLOON HAD BUTTERFLIES + YELLOW FLOWERS - DRIVING BY FARM WATCHED BALLOON LANDING. LANDED AND HIT GROUND STRAIGHT THEN TILTED BASKET. SOMEONE TURNED ON FLAMES WHILE BASKET TILTED - FLAMES ON STRINGS + BASKET, SOMEONE JUMPED (GUY) BASKET HIT AGAIN AND DRAGGED SIDEWAYS - FULL FLAMES. BALLOON STOOD BASKET UP BIG FLAMES ON BASKET + SCREAMS FROM IT. 10-20 SECONDS BEFORE PEOPLE (5) JUMPED THRU FLAMES. ONE OR TWO PEOPLE ROLLED ON GROUND. DAD CAD 911 AND DROVE DOWN ROAD FOR HOUSE #. HEARD KITTIES POP DURING FIRE

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Date: 9/8/08 **Hour:** 7:41 P.M.

1. Place of accident: Kimberton PA 9/7/08 6:34 pm **Airport I.D.** _____

2. Type of Aircraft Balloon

3. Identification/ Registration: _____

4. What is your name: Brett Foulds **Age:** 9

5. Address: [redacted]

6. Telephone: _____ **E-Mail:** _____

7. Occupation: Student **Employer:** _____

8. Where were you at the time of the accident: With Father watching balloon land.

9. Tell in your own words what you saw or heard before and at the time the accident occurred: Balloon had butterflies, We were driving by farm and saw balloon about to land. It landed and hit ground and then tilted. Someone turned on flames. Balloon went up and caught green strings. A guy jumped out. Flames on strings and basket. Basket dropped and hit again and dragged sideways full flames. Balloon lifted basket up. Big flames and screams from basket 10 seconds before anyone jumped from basket 5 or more people came out. They jumped through flames. One or two people rolled on ground. Dad called 911 and Drove down rd. to look for house number. Heard a little pop during fire.

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Brett Foulds
(Print Name)

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(Signature)

Timothy L Foulds

[redacted] Father

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1. Place of accident: 9/7/08 6:34 P.M Kimberton PA **Airport I.D.** _____

2. Type of Aircraft Balloon

3. Identification/ Registration: _____

4. What is your name: Timothy Faulds **Age:** 39

5. Address: [redacted]

6. Telephone [redacted] **E-Mail:** [redacted]

7. Occupation: Production Corr. **Employer:** Johnson Matthey

8. Where were you at the time of the accident: [redacted] at Farmwhere accident happened.

9. Tell in your own words what you saw or heard before and at the time the accident occurred: Driving Down Kimberton Rd saw balloon about to land. Balloon just cleared trees and house. Touched down in field and started tilting. Someone hit throttle as it was tilted as it lifted flame caught strings about 5-6 ft off ground someone jumped to ground (guy). Flames all over basket balloon started to touch down again full flames. Hit ground straight then tilted and dragged for short distance. Balloon lifted and basket set right side up. Bonfire type fire and screaming from basket. Balloon catching fire. People jumping through flames and running to house about 5-6 people. About this time I was already dialing 911. Drove down road to look for block # for 911 operator. I believe it was 1800 something. Drove back up to same spot. Watched chase vehicle come across field and attempt to close flames. Two men ran to trailer and got extinguisher. Shot it at basket no help at all. Everything on fire, little boom heard at basket. Took about 6-7 pics from this point on. Remember one person holding head and pulling at hair (guy).

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Timothy Faulds
(Print Name)

[redacted]
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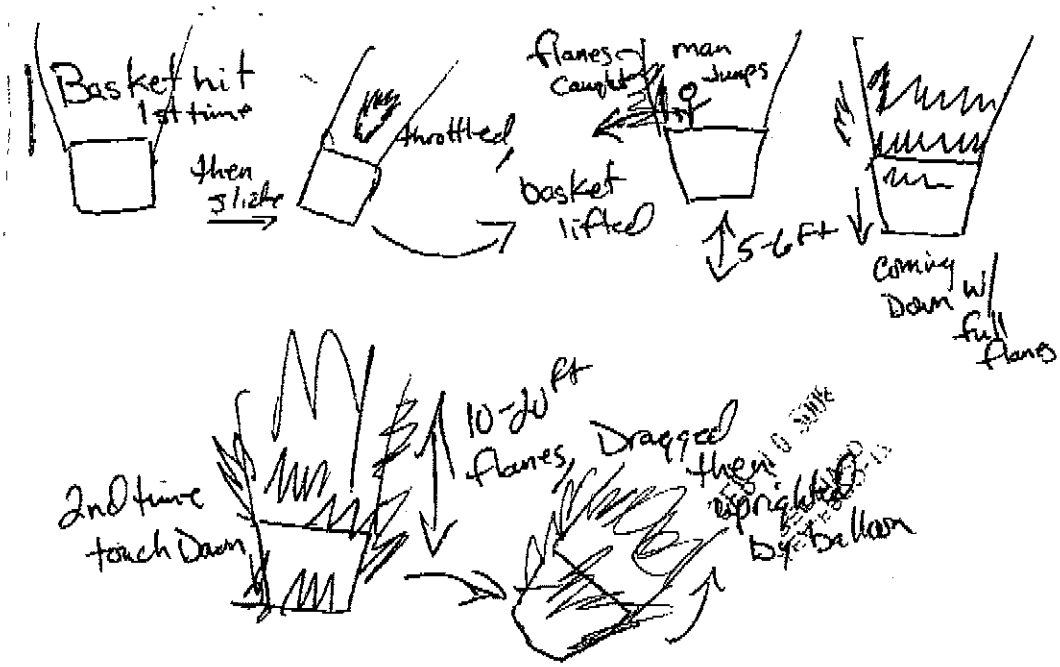

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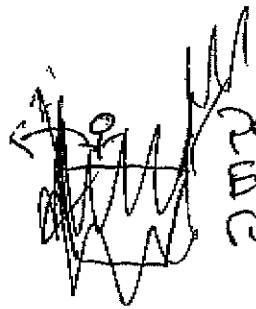

People 5-6+
Exit left side
run to house, then Ballon catches
and starts to fall.
Basket is all but
gone by this point.
2 men try to put flames
out with extinguisher.

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3. Identification/ Registration: N844LB

4. What is your name: TIMOTHY FOULDS. **Age:** 39

5. Address: [redacted], PHOENIXVILLE, PA 19460

6. Telephone: [redacted] **E-Mail:** [redacted]

7. Occupation: PRODUCTION COORDINATOR **Employer:** _____

8. Where were you at the time of the accident: FACING NORTH ON ~~OLD KIM~~ THE SITE ON OLD KIMBERTON RD

9. Tell in your own words what you saw or heard before and at the time the accident occurred: WITNESSED WHILE STANDING ON OLD KIMBERTON RD FACING NORTH, ACCIDENT DIRECTLY IN FRONT. APPEARED THAT IT WAS AT AN ALTITUDE CLOSE TO TOP OF HOME & TREES AT PROSPECTIVE AT WHERE HE WAS STANDING. BALLOON JUST MISSED TREES & HOUSE, OVER THE TREES, HE HIT THROTTLES AT LEAST TWICE. AS HE CAME TOWARD GROUND (LOOKED LIKE IT WAS GOING TO BE GOOD LANDING), HE HIT STRAIGHT AND THEN TILTED, AND TILTED APPROX 45°. HE HIT THROTTLE AGAIN & THE BALLOON WENT UP AGAIN. AS IT WENT UP STRAINS ON LEFT SIDE WENT UP IN FLAMES. AS IT TILTED 5-6 FT APPROX OFF THE GROUND, A GUY JUMPED OUT OF BASKET (GUESSING A GUY) IT WAS ENVELOPED IN FLAMES, AT THIS POINT THE BASKET ENVELOPED IN FLAMES THEN LANDED A 2° TIME STRAIGHT, THEN IT TILTED (BALLOON OFF TO RIGHT) & BASKET LEANED OVER, THE BASKET WENT UPRIGHT. 5 + RAN TOWARD HOUSE. SAW RECOVERY VEHICLE COME TO SCENE PRETTY QUICKLY 2 RAN OUT, GOT FIRE EXTINGUISHERS (NOT SURE IF THESE WERE RECOVERY PERSONNEL OR PASSENGERS ON BALLOON. CALLED 911, TALKED TO A POLICE OFFICE. WHEN HE SAW FIRE. **Continue on Back** ☐

_____ **(Print Name)**

_____ **(Signature)**