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On July 30, 1996, [redacted] Date of Birth (DOB) [redacted] telephone number [redacted] New York, Police Department, was interviewed at his home in Southampton Village, New York. After being advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information:

On July 17, 1996, around dusk, [redacted] who was off duty, and his family and friends were at the Southampton Village Beach, Long Island, New York, near Shinnecock Inlet. [redacted] stated that, with the Atlantic Ocean to his south, he observed to his right, in a south-western direction, what appeared to be a pinkish-red flare approximately fifteen to twenty degrees above the horizon over the ocean for about eight to ten seconds. During this time, he alerted his companions by saying, "Look, a flare, look a flare over here," pointing at the object. [redacted] further stated that the flare seemed peculiar to him because it was almost motionless in the sky. Once the flare-type object disappeared, [redacted] observed a ball of fire at approximately the same height, but slightly off of where he had seen the flare-type object. He watched the ball of fire ball fall from the sky, breaking into two sections and leaving a trail of black smoke as it fell. [redacted] estimated that, from the time he first saw the ball of fire until he could no longer see the two burning pieces falling towards the ocean, approximately fifteen seconds had elapsed. [redacted] further estimated that approximately twenty seconds elapsed from when he first saw the ball of fire until he heard two explosions, one shortly followed by the other, the first maybe being slightly louder than the second.

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