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Albany, NY Flight Standards District Office (FSDO) Low Flying Aircraft Complaint

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is the government agency responsible for aviation safety. We welcome information from citizens that will enable us to take corrective measures including legal enforcement action against individuals violating Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR). It is FAA policy to investigate citizen complaints of low-flying aircraft operated in violation of the FAR that might endanger persons or property. We will need facts before we conduct an investigation. Please make a check mark in the appropriate boxes and fill in any pertinent information you can provide.

Complainant Information

Name:

Address:

Telephone #:

E-mail:

Identification

- Do you know the make/model of aircraft? If so please list in box below. unknown

- Was it military or civil unknown
- Was it a helicopter? Yes No unknown
- Was it a float plane? (has 2 pontoons under fuselage) Yes No unknown
- Was it corporate jet Large airline or general aviation small aircraft unknown
- Did it have a high wing low-wing or biplane (2 wings stacked one above the other) unknown
- Did it have black lettering "EXPERIMENTAL" on the side by front door? Yes No unknown
- Did it have propeller(s)? Yes No How many? unknown
- How many engines did it have? unknown
- What was the color? If known please fill in box below. unknown

- Did you record the registration number which appears on the fuselage or tail? (On U.S. registered aircraft, that number will be preceded with a capital "N".) If known please fill in box below. unknown

Time and Place

- Exactly when did the incident(s) occur? If more than once please list each instance.

- Where did this happen? Please be specific with complete address if you have it.

- What direction was the aircraft flying? unknown

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Altitude

- How high (low) was the aircraft flying? unknown

- On what do you base your estimate? I.e. was the aircraft level with or below the elevation of a prominent object such as a tower or building? unknown

Supporting Evidence

- Do you know of any other witnesses? Please list each in box below with their names, addresses, and telephone numbers. unknown

- Do you have photographs or video? If yes please include photos/video with this completed form. If you took photographs, please list in box below the lens used, and the height of any identifiable landmarks that appear. unknown

- Are local police aware of the problem? Yes No unknown While they have limited authority in aviation matters, police officers are considered "trained observers" by the courts and their written statements or reports make excellent evidence should our enforcement action go to trial. If you checked yes please list name, address, and telephone number information so that we may contact them.

Any additional information you would like to add to this complaint? None

What Will The FAA Do?

Once we have the appropriate facts, an FAA Aviation Safety Inspector will attempt to identify the offending aircraft operator. We can do this in several ways. For example, we can check aircraft flight records with our air traffic control information and/or sightings from other observers, such as local law enforcement officers. We may need to trace and contact the registered aircraft owner, since the owner and operator may be two different people.

For further guidance or to file a complaint with the Albany, NY FSDO, please call (518) 785-5660. This completed complaint form may be mailed to the following address: 7 Airport Park Blvd., Latham, NY 12110 or faxed to (518) 785-7165.