



NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

Central Region – Arlington, Texas

RECORD OF CONVERSATION

Who: Peter L'Esperance

When: July 22, 2014

In a telephone conversation, Mr. L'Esperance stated that the starter was bad on the engine and he had to hand-prop it to get it to start. Mr. L'Esperance said that he had his wife sit in the front left seat and place her feet on the brakes while he turned the propeller to start the engine. He said that he and his wife had done this before and it wasn't her first time having to hold the brakes when he started the engine. Mrs. L'Esperance was not a certified pilot and the airplane's parking brake was not set. When the engine started, the airplane "took off" and struck another airplane. He said he was not sure why his wife was unable to stop the airplane.

Mr. L'Esperance was asked what his intentions were after he started the engine. He said he intended to depart and fly to a local airport.

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