



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Person Contacted: Daniel Wells
NTSB Accident Number: CEN16LA250

Narrative:

During the conversation Mr. Wells stated the following:

Mr. Wells was asked to elaborate on his procedures followed during the takeoff. He stated that he taxied to the very east-end of the runway and followed a short field takeoff procedure. He stated that he applied brakes, full power, and then let off the brakes to start the takeoff roll. He did not note anything mechanically wrong other than the airspeed was not sufficient at the point he expected. He stated that the runway surface was firm, not soft, and the grass was not very tall, maybe a few inches, and it was dry.

When he elected to abort the takeoff roll he felt he had sufficient runway to stop. He pulled the throttle control to idle power, brought the tailwheel down, put the control stick full aft, and the airplane ballooned and then touched back down. He applied the brakes but the airplane did not slow down or stop in the distance remaining on the runway.