



RECORD OF INTERVIEW

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Mr. Paul Dean, a certificated flight instructor, was a witness to the accident and provided the following information:

- He was debriefing a solo student on the airport ramp when he noticed the accident.
- The two pilots pulled the airplane out of the hangar and departed in about 10 minutes.
- His student commented with how quickly they were able to preflight and taxi out for takeoff.
- The takeoff climb was very steep, which reminded him of an extreme short field takeoff. The steep climb also reminded him of a banner airplane's pitch up and steep climb after picking up a banner.
- About 100 ft agl, the airplane began a turn to the right and entered into a steep descending spin until ground impact.
- Engine noise was normal throughout the sequence from takeoff until ground impact.
- An airport manager had informed him the pilot often made steep climbs during takeoffs.
- With winds from west on Runway 32, he noticed turbulence and "swirling air" would occur during initial climb, which he attributed to the tall trees immediately west of the runway.