



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: June 7, 2018
Person Contacted: Mark Mallamo
NTSB Accident Number: CEN18LA205 – Union, IL

Narrative:

Mr. Mallamo stated that the accident occurred near the end of the day; about 6:30pm. He was on the airport, operating a lawn mower at the time of the accident. He was wearing hearing protection and was not able to hear the engine.

Mr. Mallamo reported that the pilot had towed a glider to 3,000 ft agl for release and was returning for landing. He observed the airplane “rolling fast” after it had touched down and recalled thinking that the pilot would not be able to stop. The pilot appeared to make a late decision to go-around, and the airplane became airborne again about 300 to 400 ft from the end of the runway. The airplane had climbed to about 10 to 15 ft agl when it clipped the power lines located along the road west of the runway.

Mr. Mallamo noted that the temperature was in the mid-80’s at the time of the accident and the wind was calm. Temperatures had been in the mid-90’s earlier in the day.

Mr. Mallamo added that the pilot had towed gliders for the soaring club for about 20 years.

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