



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: November 30, 2018
Person Contacted: Grant County Sheriff Deputy
NTSB Accident Number: CEN19FA035

Narrative:

During a conversation about the accident circumstances, the sheriff deputy stated that witnesses reported the airplane departed runway 22 from the Marion airport, climbed to about 500 ft above ground level and began a left turn. During the left turn, the airplane nose-dived in a downward spiral toward the terrain. The airplane impacted terrain and exploded.

One witness captured an image of the airplane during the takeoff and left turn with a cell phone camera. The witness provided the photo to the sheriff's department.

In addition, the deputy reported the Marion airport personnel stated the pilot had been test running the engines outside of his hangar the day before the accident. The airport personnel also stated the pilot kept to himself and had little interaction with the airport personnel.