



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: 05/03/2021
Person Contacted: Witness – Mr. Gary Swenka
RE: CEN21FA207

Narrative:

While on-scene at the accident location, Mr. Swenka stated he was located in a tractor planting a field adjacent to the airport, when he noticed the airplane attempting to land from the north. He estimated the wind was from the west about 20 to 25 knots. The airplane touched down, bounced, and the right wing came up to about 45°. The wings leveled, and the airplane bounced again. The airplane then entered the harvested cornfield with all three landing gear on the ground. While in the cornfield, he estimated the airplane to be traveling about 35 to 40 miles per hour, and dust and corn leaves were flying up near the airplane. The engine rpm's increased, and the pilot tried to takeoff. The right wing then hit a power pole, part of the wing separated, and the airplane nosed into the terrain. The airplane immediately started on fire.