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GERALD STEVEN FREEMAN

AT APPROXIMATELY 11:10 AM ON JULY 15, 2021
WAS TAKING OFF IN AIRCRAFT 502-B N334LA
AND WAS UNABLE TO CLEAR THE SUGAR CANE ON
THE EAST END OF RUNWAY. RUNWAY HEADING IS 090°
AND THE WIND HAD SHIFTED FROM 140° TO ABOUT
180°. AIRCRAFT WHEELS CONTACTED THE FULL GROWN
SUGAR CANE AND THE AIRCRAFT WAS DRAGGED
COMPLETELY INTO THE SUGAR CANE AND CAME TO A
STOP IN THE CANE. 1900 FEET OF HARD SURFACE
RUNWAY WAS AVAILABLE AND WAS USED. THE WEST 500
FEET OF THE RUNWAY IS DIRT AND DUE TO RECENT RAINS
WAS TOO MUDDY TO USE FOR TAKE OFF.

