



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: 3/16/2022
Person Contacted: Patrick Richardson
NTSB Accident Number: CEN22LA142

Narrative:

MR. Richardson confirmed he was the pilot of N72831, a Cessna 140 that was involved in an accident on 2/27/2022. He said that he landed at the turf strip to get fuel, and after fueling the airplane he taxied through some soft spots due to the runway being wet. He tried to pick a takeoff path that would avoid the wet spots, but during takeoff he encountered a wet spot that he didn't see and the airplane slowed and the tail raised. The airplane's left wing contacted the ground. The airplane stopped and then slowly went over on its back. When asked if there was anything mechanically wrong with the airplane that contributed, he said there was not and that it was just the soft runway conditions and the airplane sinking in during the takeoff.

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