



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

Investigator Name: Kevin L. Otterstrom
Mode: Air Safety Investigator
Region: Central Region

Date: July 27, 2022
Person Contacted: Mr. Jason Dunn (320-321-2017 MSP FSDO)
NTSB Accident Number: CEN22LA340, Stewart, MN, Weatherly 620A, N4651W

In a telephone conversation with Mr. Jason Dunn, Mr. Andrew Yates was the pilot of aircraft N4651W on 07/25/2022.

The statement he received from the pilot was received on 07/25/2022.

The flight originated out of Hutchinson, Minnesota, and the accident occurred in Stewart, Minnesota which is roughly five miles from the airport.

The pilot stated that he departed KHCD to apply insecticide on a corn field. During his third pass of the morning, he underestimated the top of the corn in the middle by about two feet. The corn was shorter at the beginning of the run than what was in the middle. As he entered the field over a grove, the main landing gear contacted the corn and sucked the airplane in. According to the pilot, the height of the corn in the middle of the field was about eight feet.

The airplane contacted the top of the corn, slowing it down. The airplane veered left onto its nose. The propeller impacted the corn and dirt with the engine breaking away. The airplane continued spinning to the left and then skidded to a stop upright with the left-wing facing northwest with the engine under the right wing.

The pilot shut down the engine and was uninjured.

Pilot stated that there was nothing mechanically wrong with the aircraft that contributed to the accident.

END OF INTERVIEW