



MEMORANDUM OF RECORD

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Date: August 27, 2012
Person Contacted: FAA Inspector Larry Wells, Jackson, MS FSDO
NTSB Accident Number: ERA12CA531 – Gulfport, MS

Narrative:

On August 27, 2012, I spoke with Mr. Wells by telephone. Mr. Wells is the FAA coordinator for this accident.

Mr. Wells confirmed that the aircraft sustained substantial damage during the accident sequence. The engine firewall was buckled following the collision with trees and terrain. He also stated that the pilot, Mr. James Knowles, Sr., lost directional control after the cockpit door became unsecured during the takeoff roll.