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Dear Mr. Villines

As per your request, the following statement reflects my recollection of the events resulting in the incident on September 5, 2012 at the Elizabethtown Kentucky Airport:

At approximately 20:20 uct I boarded N237TA for an intended flight from Elizabethtown to Mount Vernon, IL (KMVN). When I taxied from the ramp to the runway, the winds were light and variable. As I initiated the takeoff roll on runway 23 and raised the tail to a level attitude, the aircraft yawed slightly to the right and I corrected with left rudder and right aileron. Then the aircraft was hit by an extreme wind gust and pitched nose up and banked hard left. I tried to regain directional control by applying full right aileron, down elevator, and right rudder. It is my belief that the aircraft pivoted ninety degrees to the left of runway heading while on its left wing tip with the main gear off of the ground. It then returned to the ground in a nearly wings level three point attitude. As the aircraft rolled across the bean field, I attempted to bring it to a stop by retarding the throttle to idle, applying the brakes, and placing the mixture in idle cut off. Just before coming to a complete stop, the airplane nosed over and flipped onto its back. I then moved both fuel valves to the off position and switched off the master. I exited the aircraft though the pilot side door.

Please contact me if you have any additional questions or require more information.

Sincerely;

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