



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Person Contacted: Michael Hano
NTSB Accident Number: ERA15CA020 – Sebring, FL

Narrative:

This investigator interviewed Mr. Hano by phone. He was the pilot of N29ME, a weight-shift airplane that crashed at Sebring, Florida on October 18, 2014.

Mr. Hano reported that he was flying a local, instructional flight with a student, Mr. Mark Eckstrom. He reported that, during the initial takeoff, the weight shift capability of the wing became inadvertently restricted by Mr. Eckstrom. Due to the tandem seating arrangement (Mr. Eckstrom was in the front seat) he was unable to get the front seater's attention to release control. The airplane rolled and impacted the grass beside runway 01.

Mr. Hano stated that there were no mechanical problems with the airplane at the time of the accident.