



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

Investigator Name
Air Safety Investigator
Eastern Region

Date: July 27, 2015
Person Contacted: Airport Manager (Eyewitness: John Trissel)
NTSB Accident Number: ERA15LA282

Narrative:

He has seen the pilot's airplane take off many times before. This time it was much longer; it was an unusually long take off run.

When it finally rotated, it "really shot up nose high" climbed, then settled back down. Estimated it got to about fifteen feet in the air before it settled and skimmed the surface of the runway at about 4 or 5 feet the whole way down the runway.

His wings were wobbling back and forth in a nose high attitude as it flew down the runway but it didn't gain any altitude.

He lost sight of it after the runway ended. The mechanic saw it as well and stated the engine sounded strong, but "he killed every ounce of lift when he pulled back."

He asked the others if they could still see it; they said no, so he called 911.

He witnessed the fueling directly. The pilot asked to be topped off; each wing tank and the auxiliary tank. He also noticed what seemed like a lot of baggage for this type of airplane. "I couldn't tell the weight, but the entire backseat and cargo area were stacked up."