



RECORD OF INTERVIEW

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Date: August 24, 2016 at 0920 EDT
Person(s) Interviewed: Michael Bowers-pilot
NTSB Case Number: ERA16CA278

Narrative:

Mr. Bowers was interviewed by telephone.

Mr. Bowers stated there were no mechanical problems with the airplane.

Mr. Bowers stated the performed the preflight check and everything was normal. His passenger got in and he taxied to the runway. Performed a run-up and everything checked normal. Mr. Bowers started his takeoff roll and states he may have underestimated the weight of his passenger and rotated to early. The trike took off and only climbed to 5 or 6 feet and came back down to the runway, they bounced and took off again only climbing to 5 or 6 feet and came back down hard on the runway when the left main landing gear broke off and they slid to a stop. He stated the passenger fell out of the seat and broke his leg. He fell out of his seat and the trike landed on top of him. He had deep scratches from the runway around the hip area.