



RECORD OF INTERVIEW

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Person(s) Interviewed: Jao-Shiang, Luo-pilot
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Narrative:

Mr. Luo was interviewed by telephone.

I asked Mr. Luo if the airplane was airworthy. He stated the airplane just went through an annual inspection the week before and it was airworthy. I asked Mr. Luo if there were any mechanical problems with the plane and he stated there were not any mechanical problems with the plane.

I then asked Mr. Luo to explain the flight and what happened. Mr. Luo stated he flew three female friends to the Greene county airport on 8/6/16 to visit a Buddhist temple. He stated that on the morning of 8/8/16 they were going to leave and he wanted to fly and get fuel at Sidney Airport. He stated he topped off the tanks and flew back over the temple for pictures. Mr. Luo stated he flew around the temple three or four times and one of the passengers stated he was flying too fast so he slowed down to 80 knots and lowered the flaps to full down. He then noticed the plane was low so he thinks he put the throttle full forward and immediately raised the flaps and the plane went into a nose down attitude and hit some trees and then crashed. They all four got out of the plane and it caught fire.

Mr. Luo then asked if he was going to be blamed for the accident and the cause be pilot error. I told him the investigation was just beginning and the FAA would follow up as needed. Mr. Luo then told me the engine quit immediately after he raised the flaps and started to climb out. I told Mr. Luo that is not what he told me nor the police and FAA. He stated he wanted to change his statement to engine out. Mr. Luo started getting very agitated on the phone so I ended the phone call with him by stating that I would email him the 6120.1 form and he could write another statement on the form and to be as accurate as possible with the events that took place.