



MEMORANDUM for RECORD

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Date: July 6, 2017
Person Contacted: Mr. Michael Sanford, FAA Tampa FSDO
NTSB Accident Number: ERA17CA208 – Cedar Key, FL

This investigator interviewed Mr. Sanford by telephone. He reported the following:

- The aircraft departed runway 5 at the end and came to rest in salt water. The water line observed on the fuselage was at the bottom of the aircraft windows. The lower fuselage and most of both engines were submerged in salt water. Also, there was buckling of the right forward fuselage above the nose gear well. The damage was substantial.
- Main tire skid marks were observed on the runway, leading to the runway 5 departure end edge. The marks lined up with the aircraft at rest in the water.
- Wind information was recovered from the NOAA Cedar Key Bouy (CDRF1). Mr. Sanford will forward a copy of the wind data closest to the accident time. The wind was from the west up to 8.2 knots (favoring a runway 23 landing).