



MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

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Date: September 24, 2019
Person Contacted: Pilot
NTSB Accident Number: ERA17LA015

Narrative:

Pilot stated that he and his granddaughter (passenger) have made a full recovery.

After pilot performed runup, he taxied to the start of runway 11. He did not do an intersection takeoff he had the full length available. He lifted off about halfway down the runway and noticed that the airplane wasn't climbing or performing well. He noticed the lack of performance after takeoff when the airplane was about 50 feet above ground level.

He was wearing noise cancelling headsets and did not hear any engine issues; the airplane just wasn't gaining any altitude. During climb out, he aimed for a section of smaller trees, so that he could fly over them. Once over, he was planning on landing the airplane in a pasture, but control was lost.

He weighed about 200 pounds, the dog was small, about seven pounds and his granddaughter was about 50 pounds. He ran the numbers (weight and balance) and was within limits.

He had about 200 hours total time at the time of the accident and had about five or six hours of experience in the Cessna 150. He flew with the owner of the 150 who was also a CFI, so he was very comfortable.

We concluded the phone call.