



NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

Eastern Region – Ashburn, Virginia

RECORD OF CONVERSATION

Who: Darrell T. Johnson, CFI

Re: ERA18LA054

Date of Accident: December 19, 2017

In a telephone conversation, Mr. Johnson stated the student owned the airplane and they had flown about 10 hours together at the time of the accident. Mr. Johnson had recently started flight instructing and this was his first student. Mr. Johnson said that he had flown earlier that day with the student pilot and there were no issues with the airplane. He also did the pre-flight before the accident pilot because the student pilot was running late. Mr. Johnson said, "everything looked normal."

On the second flight, they performed one takeoff and made a full stop landing without incident before taking off again. Mr. Johnson, who was seated in the front right seat, stated that the student pilot performed the takeoff on runway 21 while he gently held the control wheel with both hands. The student pilot, who was seated in the front left seat, had his left hand on the control wheel and his right hand on the throttle as the airplane accelerated on the runway. When the airspeed reached 65 knots, the student pilot initiated a climb, but the airplane began to "pull to the left." Mr. Johnson then took control of the airplane, but the student pilot continued to hold the control wheel and throttle. Mr. Johnson said that he had good aileron and elevator control as he tried to maneuver away from the approaching hangars and maintain airspeed; however, he could not recall if the rudder pedals were moving when he pushed them. The airplane continued left, touched down momentarily, then bounced back in the air. Mr. Johnson realized the airplane was not going to clear the hangars, so he shut off the engine with the mixture control. The airplane struck a hangar with the left wing, pivoted, and struck another hangar with its right wing, before coming to a stop.

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