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Eastern Region – Ashburn, Virginia

Record of Conversation

Who: Chuck Lewis, Pilot/Owner

When: August 29, 2018

I met with Mr. Lewis at his hangar in Laconia, New Hampshire, to examine the airplane and discuss the events surrounding the accident. Mr. Lewis demonstrated how his ADSB unit could have come loose during the flight and how the design of the SeaRey's flight controls could allow for an object to get trapped underneath and impede movement of the control stick. I also examined the ADSB unit and did not observe any damage to the unit. Mr. Lewis provided a hand drawing of his flight path on the day of the accident. He said that how he departed on the day of the accident was not how he normally executes his takeoffs. He said he normally departs and then climbs above surrounding terrain before coming back into land. Mr. Lewis admitted that on the day of the accident, he did not give himself an "out" in case he had an emergency.

Mr. Lewis also stated the airplane was at an altitude of 50 ft above the ground and traveling about 70 knots when they collided with the trees.

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