



MEMORANDUM for RECORD

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Date: September 4, 2019
Person Contacted: Inspector Kenneth Lancaster (FAA Alabama FSDO)
NTSB Accident Number: ERA19LA263 – Russellville, Alabama

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

The agricultural application flight took off from a private field in Courtland, Alabama. No eyewitnesses, but first responders heard the crash and knew the pilot was up flying.

The pilot was spraying cotton and this was the first pass of the field. The airplane struck power lines about 35-40 feet above the ground, breaking 2 of the 4 wires.

The airplane continued and struck a tree, leaving a section of the structure up in the tree.

There was a post crash fire and it consumed most of the wreckage.

After examination of the wreckage Mr. Lancaster did not observe any evidence of a preexisting mechanical malfunction or failure.