



NTSB RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: 1/21/2020
Person Interviewed: Mr. James DeBruycker, pilot
NTSB Accident Number: ERA20LA076

The following is a summary of a conversation that occurred with the above-named individual:

- Mr. DeBruycker is still inpatient after spending 2-3 days in the Intensive Care Unit.
- He stated that the doctors have told him that he had a stroke and they are still running more tests.
- He stated that this “was out of the blue” and he did not realize that he was at high risk of stroke.
- He remembers taxiing to the run-up area, completing a run-up and getting permission to take off, then nothing else.
- He thinks he was most likely leaning on the stick because the aircraft tends to like to get airborne around 30 kts.
- He stated that he built the aircraft and that it had fewer than 7 total hours and that everything was working fine prior to the accident.