

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

ACCIDENT LOCATION: Shelby County Airport (KEET)
DATE / TIME OF ACCIDENT: Between 10:00am and 10:30am; 8/2/20
AIRCRAFT MAKE/MODEL: Piper PA30 REGISTRATION #: N7750Y
WITNESS NAME: Ralph Hungerville Jr. DOB: [REDACTED]
WITNESS ADDRESS: [REDACTED] Birmingham, AL 35212
WITNESS OCCUPATION: Flight Instructor EMPLOYER: GA Center
WHERE WERE YOU AT THE TIME OF THE ACCIDENT? In the left seat of accident aircraft

PLEASE TELL IN YOUR OWN WORDS WHAT YOU SAW OR HEARD BEFORE AND AT THE TIME THE ACCIDENT OCCURRED.

After taxiing back to runway 16 via A at KEET, I completed my pre-takeoff checklist for a short field takeoff. All checklist items were complied with. I taxied onto the runway, held the brakes, applied full power, and noted all engine indications were normal. I released the brakes, accelerated to V_R and the plane lifted off. Shortly thereafter, the plane yanked to the right and was struggling to climb. My instructor took the flight controls and made a wings-level, off-field landing near the tree line on the west side of runway 16-34.

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