



NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

Eastern Region – Ashburn, Virginia

Record of Conversation

Date: April 14, 2021

Who: Officer Cory Kowalski, Ellicottville Police Department

In a telephone conversation, Officer Kowalski stated that when he arrived on-scene the pilot had been pulled away from the airplane because it was on fire. The pilot had obvious burns to his face/hands and his left ankle was injured. His eyes were closed, but he was able to understand and respond to Officer Kowalski's questions. Officer Kowalski asked the pilot his name/address/next of kin, and then asked for the passenger's information. The pilot provided the information and then asked about the condition of the passenger. Officer Kowalski told the pilot that the passenger had died.

Officer Kowalski then asked the pilot what happened, and the pilot said, "I lost it on the takeoff." The pilot did not elaborate with additional details, and by that time, other law enforcement and rescue personnel arrived and began to tend to the pilot. Officer Kowalski did not speak any further with the pilot.

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