



NTSB MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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Date: 6/19/2021
Person Contacted: Bob Smith (WITNESS)
NTSB Accident Number: ERA21FA257

Narrative:

Mr. Bob Smith was contacted via the telephone and reported that following details pertaining to the accident:

- Mr. Smith reported that he was the owner of the Kinston Drag Strip, which was the location of the accident.
- On the evening of the accident, he was helping run operations for the evening of racing they had planned. Several hundred people were at the drag strip at the time of the accident.
- He reported that he was turning on lights and was walking in a field on the northwest side of the track near a small pond/ lake. He then was startled by an airplane as it had "dropped over the lake." He reported that the airplane was so low, it appeared that the water was moving on the water from the airplane's wake and vortices. He reported that the engine noise was extremely loud.
- As he continued walking toward the track, he observed the airplane "pull up" and then it went out of his view due to trees. A few moments later he heard the sound of a crash and ran toward the accident site.
- He was one of the first people on-scene. He reported that the fire department was on-scene within a matter of a minute or so. They had already been present due to the drag racing activities planned for later that evening. They began to contain the postcrash fire with a fire water hose.
- Mr. Smith stated that he had no knowledge that the accident pilot planned on performing a flyover at the track. He stated that if he were asked by the pilot to perform, he would not have given him permission. He reported that the Sunday prior to the accident, someone told him that this pilot performed a flyby, however



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Mr. Smith did not witness it, and did not learn of the pilot's flyover's until after the accident.

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