



SOUTH FLORIDA FLIGHT STANDARDS DISTRICT OFFICE 19

Urian Riley – South Florida Flight Standards District Office 19

December 28, 2020

INSPECTOR STATEMENT

RECORD OF CONVERSATION

Urian T. Riley
Aviation Safety Inspector
SO-19
Date: December 28, 2020
Person Contacted: William Ulrich
NTSB Accident Number: ERA21LA080

Narrative:

Mr. William Ulrich contacted the FAA in person at Hollywood North Perry Airport (HWO) on December 28, 2020, at approximately 14:54 EST. He indicated that he had witnessed N5547Y run up and take off, on December 17, 2020.

He was asked to explain what he had witnessed, he explained he was at the airport 12/17/2020 and witnessed N5547Y run up and take off, he noted that he heard the engine sputtering and missing at the run up and again when the aircraft was on takeoff roll, he stated he was shocked that the aircraft continued to take off as the engine continued to surge and miss as it traveled down the runway.

Mr. Ulrich explained that from his vantage point the aircraft appeared to have never climbed higher than just above the height of the control tower as it took off and then he noticed smoke west of the airport. Mr. Ulrich was reluctant to give a formal written statement on the spot, but did provide his name and a phone number where he could be contacted. (William Ulrich, contact phone number, [REDACTED])

He was informed that he may be contacted by the NTSB and FAA for additional information at the number he provided.

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Urian T. Riley
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