



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: January 23, 2021
Person Contacted: Katherine Eaton
NTSB Accident Number: ERA21LA112

Narrative:

Ms. Katherine Eaton was contacted by phone on January 23, 2021, at 1805 EST. She was called at [REDACTED]

At the beginning of the phone call she was advised that the NTSB is a federal agency mandated by Congress to investigate aircraft accidents, and our counterpart in Canada was the Transportation Safety Board of Canada. She was advised that NTSB has no authority to take any action against any individual. She was also informed that the purpose of an NTSB investigation is for safety only, and any person NTSB talks with has the right to representation. She provided the following details.

They were on an aerial survey and departed from the Montgomery County Airport (43A), Star, North Carolina about 1300 hours. There were 2 POB. While flying about 250 ft above ground level, the engine experienced a near total loss of engine power, adding that the engine was only operating at idle. She executed an off airport forced landing to a field which resulted in no injury to either occupant and the airplane was "heavily damaged." She reported there was a propeller strike to the ground, the nose landing gear was separated, and the fuselage bottom was damaged. She indicated that the accident occurred at 1455 EST. She indicated that she would prefer to talk more about the event in a day.

She was advised NTSB needed a few more details about her and the occupant. She provided the following:

Katherine Eaton
Pilot Certificate Number – [REDACTED]

Paul Burnett

Pilot Certificate Number – [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

She was asked if she had the latitude and longitude of the airplane location and indicated she did not. She did state that the nearest address was [REDACTED], Denton, North Carolina

She confirmed there was no FAA air traffic control contact during the flight.

The call ended at 1812 EST.

The digest was e-mailed to her for review on January 23, 2021. She replied on January 24, 2021, at 1051 EST with, "Good morning, Thank you for your time. The draft looks fine." The corrected digest was e-mailed to her on January 24, 2021.