



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

FAA Inspector Statement

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Date: March 23, 2021

Person Contacted: FAA Inspector Peter J. Mirales, Philadelphia FSDO

NTSB Accident Number: ERA21LA161

Narrative:

The following is a summary of a conversation that occurred with the individual named above:

- Inspector Mirales stated that the private pilot had received his certificate in January 2021, and had accrued about 90 hours of total flight time prior to the accident flight.
- He stated that the pilot admitted that he “screwed up” and lost directional control on his takeoff roll.
- The airplane departed the runway about 300 feet after it commenced its takeoff roll on runway 27. It hit a runway light, then a PAPI let which breached the fuel tank in the left wing and ignited a fire.
- The airplane travelled another 350 ft across a taxiway before travelling down an embankment and impacting a shed.
- The pilot was able to extract himself from the airplane.
- Inspector Mirales examined the airplane and verified that the steering linkage was intact and the left wing was substantially damaged.
- The pilot indicated that to him that there were no anomalies or malfunctions with the airplane that would have prevented normal flight.