



NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

Summary of FAA Interview

Date: April 16, 2022

Who: Tow Pilot – Wayne Henderson

FAA Inspector Ian Lake (Orlando FSDO) responded to the accident site. While there, he interviewed the tow pilot, Wayne Henderson. The following is summary of that interview:

- **Tow Aircraft N7741Z departed KHEG on grass infield on a heading of 250 with N19KW in tow.**
- **Winds were variable**
- **Flight briefed to release at 3,000 AGL**
- **Tow pilot stated that after takeoff, the glider was pitching up and down (above and below tow airplane) which wasn't normal and about 250 feet AGL he heard "released" or "glider released" over the radio. Tow pilot stated that he made a turn to the right and tried to get eyes on the glider with no luck. Tow pilot stated that he made radio call to warn other traffic that glider may be turning opposite direction but still didn't see glider. Stated a few seconds later he saw the glider in the trees.**
- **Tow pilot stated the glider pilot put the glider together today just as he had many times alone.**
- **Tow pilot stated Mr. Waters has flown at the North Florida Soaring Society for roughly 4 years and prior to experience was obtained in VA at the Tidewater Soaring Society.**
- **Tow pilot stated glider pilot looked like he had normal faculties nothing abnormal**