



NTSB MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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Date: 5/5/2022
Person Contacted: WAYNE ASH (PASSENGER, MECHANIC)
NTSB Accident Number: ERA22LA215

Narrative:

The individual noted above provided the following information via a telephone call. The below contents are a summary of what was reported:

- He reported that the purpose of flight was to evaluate the autopilot. Anomalies were reported on a previous flight. They wanted to determine what the anomalies were.
- The takeoff was a normal procedure.
- He remembered in the takeoff "blue line" being called. He then observed that "the airplane was ready to fly but we were not rotating."
- He recalled hitting a dip in the runway. They should have been rotating right then and noticed "were not rotating." He felt a bump about this point.
- He realized they were not going to be able to stop.
- He recalled that they were going too fast to get any braking action. The airplane overran the runway and collided with trees.
- He climbed out of the back door during the evacuation.
- He reported that everything was routine prior to not being able to rotate.
- He recalled that they held short of the runway and did "power checks."
- He was specifically asked whether he could remember seeing the elevator controls being moved forward and aft before the takeoff. He responded, "My best recollection was that the controls were functional before the takeoff."
- He reported that he was not involved in the avionics maintenance work prior to the flight.

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