

Memorandum for Record

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Subject: ERA22LA225 / Owensboro, KY
Contact: Greg Ellis (Pilot) [REDACTED]

Mr. Ellis was contacted by the NTSB IIC to discuss the accident of N92913 on May 12, 2022, at Owensboro/Daviess County Regional Airport (OWB).

The pilot stated he and two passengers, one of which was pilot rated were departing OWB. He stated he completed a run-up with no anomalies noted and was cleared to take-off. While on the take-off roll, he stated the airplane reached a speed of 62 to 65 MPH when he felt the nose wheel "vibrate". He applied back pressure, and the nose wheel came off the runway, then settled back down on the pavement and pulled the airplane to the left, he then stated, "I couldn't get the airplane back over to the right". He "fought it with the bakes and backed out of the throttle". He next stated that the airplane "had so much speed" and recalled "it was going hard to the left".

Mr. Ellis then stated "I'm not totally sure if I lost control of something" or if maybe the autopilot kicked on. The airplane continued left departing the runway before impacting terrain "hard" and coming to rest on the main gear and engine cowlings.

The NTSB IIC asked Mr. Ellis if he thought the airplane had a mechanical failure during the take-off roll, he stated "I don't know if it did, I looked it over thoroughly afterwards and I didn't find anything wrong. He added "I'm may have screwed up, I'm only human" He additionally added that a CFI pilot he knew assisted him while

examining the airplane and both pilots couldn't find any issues that would have precluded normal operation.

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