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MEMORANDUM OF RECORD

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Date: 6/16/2022
Person Contacted: Joseph Bagnuolo (Pilot)
Contact # [REDACTED]
NTSB Accident Number: ERA22LA265

Narrative:

Mr. Bagnuolo stated he had just purchased the airplane and was going to fly it to an avionics shop in Covington, GA.

The airplane was located at Berry Hill airport (7GA7) because the annual inspection had been completed. A pre-flight inspection was completed with no anomalies noted. Mr. Bagnuolo stated that to check the fuel, he opened a panel under the airplane sumped the main and crossfeed fuel lines. Mr. Bagnuolo stated all the sumped fuel was clean with no water and blueish in color like 100LL. The airplane was supplied 43 gallons (Receipt shows 43 on 6/11/2022)

Mr. Bagnuolo stated he started both engines using the pumps and checklist. He then back taxi the airplane as far as possible and conducted a run-up. 2000 rpm/20 inches on both engines. No anomalies noted, gages in the green and producing power. After rotation, the airplane yawed and shook, he stated it didn't want to climb and was heading to the right, He applied left rudder to straighten it out and was below blue line, so he pushed the nose over for airspeed.

Mr. Bagnuolo stated, "the airplane was a hand full, violent motion", he noted the airplane was over the trees, he told Mr. Hackbarth to take the airplane. Mr. Hackbarth told him to 'feather the right engine' and he saw the engine stop. He stated Mr. Hackbarth was turning back to the airport while he made 'one maybe two radio calls', Mr. Bagnuolo stated, he could see Berry Hills. Mr. Hackbarth asked where the airport was and he stated, "to the left". Mr. Bagnuolo stated that was all he could recall.