



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

Pilot Statement

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Date: October 6, 2022
Person Contacted: Richard Ness (Pilot)
Contact # [REDACTED]
NTSB Accident Number: ERA23LA004

Narrative:

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

Mr. Ness contacted me by phone on October 6, 2022, at 1:14 p.m. EDT from [REDACTED].

At the beginning of the interview, he was advised that the NTSB is a federal agency mandated by Congress to investigate aircraft accidents, and NTSB has no authority to take any action against any individual. He was also informed that the purpose of an NTSB investigation is for safety only, and any person NTSB talks with has the right to representation; he agreed to the interview without representation.

According to Mr. Ness, it was his first time flying into the particular airport and he was simply too fast to land. When he realized he was going to be unsuccessful in stopping the airplane's roll, he elected to keep it on the ground rather than risk clipping the tops of trees or rooftops of buildings.

Mr. Ness agreed that there were no pre-impact anomalies or malfunctions affecting the airplane's operation.

The digest was e-mailed to him for review on October 6, 2022.