



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

Pilot Statement

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Date: October 9, 2022
Person Contacted: Dr. Matthew J. Clemente (Pilot)
Contact # [REDACTED]
NTSB Accident Number: ERA23LA012

Narrative:

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

Dr. Clemente was contacted by phone on October 9, 2022, at 1357 EDT. He returned my call at 1500 EDT. He provided a phone number of [REDACTED] and stated that he did not have an e-mail.

Dr. Clemente stated that first responders insisted that one of his passengers be transported to Albany because of a complaint of neck pain, but that she had been walking fine after the accident and that she was not injured.

He stated that they had a cross-wind as they took off, and that "the wind had come up" and they hit a gust, but then the wind stopped. He tried to water-ski over a spit of water, but as soon as the main wheels hit the wet sand of a sand bar and sank, the airplane (a tailwheel) nosed over and tipped over. The tail went when it impacted the sand. He stated that the wind comes down a cut in the trees, and he tried to use aileron into the wind but he could not get airborne. He stated that there were no anomalies or malfunctions with the airplane that would have prevented normal flight.