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Subject: ERA23LA267

Contact: Bruce Presler, fueler at Venice Municipal Airport

In a telephone conversation, Mr. Presler stated that he was working as a fueler at the Venice Municipal Airport on June 10, 2023, when he was told by another pilot that a gyroplane (N49PF) had veered left off runway 23 during takeoff and “drove” into a chain link fence. Mr. Presler responded to the accident site and observed that the gyroplane had impacted the fence where the forward part of the aircraft was on one side of the fence and the rear half was on the other side. The engine and propeller were still running, and the main rotor blades were not moving. Mr. Presler said the pilot was alert (but not coherent) and was trying to climb out of the gyro. Mr. Presler and another responder broke through the windshield and turned the engine off. They helped the pilot out of the gyroplane and laid him on the ground until paramedics arrived. Mr. Presler said the pilot but was “out of it” and “staring blank.” He was bleeding from cuts incurred in the accident. Mr. Presler said the pilot did not mention anything about the accident.