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Subject: NTSB# ERA24FA310

Contact: Jason Hadsell (Witness in Car)

The individual noted above provided the following information via an interview at the accident site. He was interviewed by the NTSB Investigator-in-Charge, with FAA Inspectors present. The below contents are a summary of what was reported:

- He was driving his vehicle northbound on the road that ran north-south, about ¼ mile west of the airport (Mini Trail Ranch Rd.)
- He heard the sound of an airplane engine revving at a high RPM. He lives near the airport and is accustomed to hearing airplanes, in addition to the particular accident airplane. He did not see the airplane at this time.
- He described that the engine really “revved up” and stated it sounded like it was “over spooling.”
- As he continued his northbound drive, he observed the accident airplane approaching the road directly toward him, as he was driving north, and the airplane was flying south. He described that his daughter was the first person to observe the plane coming towards them.
- He pulled off the road, and about the same time, he observed the airplane maneuver slightly to the east.
- He observed the airplane’s left wing clip a tree along the road, the airplane rolled over, and impacted terrain inverted.
- He observed that the airplane’s right landing gear was down, the left landing gear appeared to be in transit and coming down, and the pilot was wobbling the airplane’s wings prior to the impact with the tree.
- He did not hear the engine again, after the initial “over spooling” sound.
- He attempted to extricate the pilot, who was unresponsive, but he was trapped under the airplane. He reported shortly after the accident more and more

people arrived, and eventually EMS, who evacuated the non-responsive pilot. He described that fuel was leaking everywhere around the airplane while he attempted to get the non-responsive pilot out.

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