



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Person Contacted: Glenn Edward Widener
NTSB Accident Number: GAA15CA199

Narrative:

I conducted a telephone interview with Mr. Glenn Widener, pilot of N299CB, a Tailwind W8 that collided with terrain shortly after takeoff from the Portales Municipal Airport (KPRZ), Portales, New Mexico. The pilot started off his recollection of the accident by saying that the accident was due to density altitude.

When asked if there were any mechanical malfunctions, the pilot replied that there were no problems with the airplane. He recalled that the engine run-up was okay. There was a larger magneto drop during the magneto check, so the pilot leaned the engine to restore proper operation. He started the takeoff which appeared to be normal until after he had gotten airborne. At that time he could not get the airplane to climb out of ground effect and there was insufficient runway to land the airplane. The airplane collided with terrain and came to rest about 500 yard from the end of the runway.

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