



NTSB RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: 10/29/2015
Person Contacted: John Ditton (Pilot in Command)
NTSB Accident Number: GAA16CA033

Narrative:

The following is a summary of a conversation that occurred with the pilot in command of the accident flight. The pilot reported the following:

- Performed 4 touch and go's at KPOU airport, about 9:00AM Local
- Active runway was 35 at the accident airport, 44N.
- Made "normal approach" for runway 35
- Wind 4 miles away was 020 degrees at 15 knots gusting to 20 knots
- The point of touchdown was a little beyond the numbers, but about 10 feet off the ground "a freak wind shear" was encountered.
- The nose shifted 30 degrees to the left, the airplane ballooned, and the airplane began to drift to the left.
- He stated that he added full power to clear terrain off to the left, but impacted a tree.
- The left wing struck a tree trunk, about when the right wheel touched the ground. The airplane spun around 180 degrees on the ground.
- The runway is sunken behind a tree line.
- The airplane was performing well, he reported there were no anomalies with the airplane
- The passenger was not acting as a flight instructor and did not control the airplane.