



RECORD OF EMAIL

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Person Contacted: Mr. Adro Begrow (Pilot)
NTSB Accident Number: GAA17CA537

Narrative:

The following is a synopsis of the information provided by Mr. Begrow in an email.

There are three hooks. We typically only use hook number 1, as I need to refuel each time I drop a banner, so we do not need to use multiple hooks. After the crash, we tested the hook 1 release mechanism, and it appeared to be intact. What we suspect happened, is that the ground crew, who just started working here several days prior, mistakenly set up hook 3 to pick up and tow the banner. So, when I went to release the banner from hook 1, there was nothing to release, as the banner was on hook 3.

We are working on a protocol for the ground crew and everyone working at the airstrip to adhere to, in order to prevent future accidents.