



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

Date:	11/17/2014
Time:	1300 –1350 PST
Person Contacted:	Mark Reed (Quality Electric employee)
Subject:	WPR15CA017 airplane collision with parked truck at MT Home, ID

The interviewee, Mr. Reed, and employee of Quality Electric, stated that he and his coworker had been working on the airport electrical project (REIL lights on the day of the accident) over most of the summer, and that they had never encountered a problem with an airplane until the day of the accident. Mr. Reed reported that the company truck was a Ford Ranger, which was parked half on and half off at the extreme end/northwest side of the taxiway, across from the runway numbers, 10.

Mr. Reed stated that when he observed the airplane taxiing northwest on the taxiway toward their position, he and his coworker proceeded back to the truck to move it. As the airplane approached, it stopped, reversed direction from which it came, and taxied back down the taxiway, stopped and added power, like it was running up. He said the airplane then made a wide radius turn to the left, which placed the airplane off the right or north side of the runway and into the dirt. He said the airplane continued in the turn at a very high power setting, before getting back on the taxiway. Mr. Reed said that after the airplane was back on the taxiway it continued across the taxiway on an angle, and at a very high power setting, like the pilot wasn't attempting to reduce power. He said the airplane subsequently impacted the tail gate of the truck with the right wing, jumped over the cab, and came to rest about 30 to 50 feet southeast of the truck's position. Mr. Reed added that when he went to check on the pilot, and after the pilot had slid the canopy open, the pilot said, "Don't bother me."

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