



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: March 21, 2016
NTSB Accident Number: WPR16FA086

Narrative:

Both Los Angeles County Sherriff Deputies were located in a parking lot north of the numbers at the Runway 25 approach.

Deputy Unkle ([REDACTED]

Observed the trike once it was airborne, and it "wobbled" to the right, while still climbing. About 150 ft agl, it began an aggressive steep right turn, with the wing becoming almost vertical as it began to descend. It passed out of his view and he assumed it had crashed, so jumped in the patrol car and drove to the accident site, which was now enveloped in fire.

The engine was operating throughout the flight.

Deputy Malone ([REDACTED]

Observed an ultralight land, then a few minutes later watched the accident trike begin the takeoff roll. It appeared to fly in a "bumpy" manner initially, and once reaching between 100 to 150 ft agl, it rolled right with the wing almost vertical. He was waiting for the pilot to correct the diversion, but it continued, now descending out of his view. He heard a crash and immediately drove to the scene with Deputy Unkle. The engine was operating throughout the flight.

