



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

Elliott Simpson
Aviation Accident Investigator
Western Pacific Region

Date: September 20, 2016
Person Contacted: Chris Zeidler RNO Tower Controller
NTSB Accident Number: WPR16FA178

Narrative:

Present:

Elliott Simpson NTSB
Chris Zeidler
Ham Ghaffari NATCA Representative
Don Iles NATCA Facility Representative
Les Havig FAA QCG Seattle

During a phone interview, Mr. Zeidler stated the following:

- After the initial climb, the airplane stopped gaining altitude, reaching about 200 to 300 ft agl.
- He asked the pilot if everything was ok.
- He could not specifically recall the actual rotation point, but it did not stand out as anything unusual.
- The airplane then started drifting to the right, which was not appropriate for the departure procedure.
- He did not see any smoke or vapors trailing from the airplane at any time, nor hear any unusual sounds.