



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Pat Driscoll

Pilot for REACH Air Medical in Elko, NV

Narrative by NTSB Investigator Chris Shaver: During a telephone conversation, Mr. Driscoll reported that he was on the ramp in Elko when the accident airplane started up, taxied, and took off on the evening of November 18.

He stated that he heard the airplane starting engines, and noticed that the second engine that was started took an abnormally long time to start. He also stated that after the engine started he heard what he described as a slapping sound. He thought that the engine did not sound right, almost like it was getting intermittent fuel.

After the engine start, the airplane taxied to Runway 06 for departure. During the takeoff the airplane's navigation lights, and noticed the landing light go out. A few seconds after takeoff, the airplane made a 20 to 30 degree left turn. He then noticed that the airplane was not climbing, and said that the airplane never got over 200 to 300 feet above the ground. He said that it then appeared that the airplane yawed left and right slightly, and then made a left descending turn. He lost sight of the airplane behind buildings, but then saw the explosion as the airplane impacted the ground.