



RECORD OF COMMUNICATION

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Date: January 4, 2017

Person Contacted: Ms. Susan Coelho (E79 resident, partial witness)

NTSB Accident Number: WPR17FA041

Narrative: The following is a summary of information that was provided in a conversation with Ms. Coelho on this date:

- Ms. Coelho is a resident of Sierra Sky Park
- She does not hold a pilot certificate, but her husband does. Her familiarity with airplanes are a result of that and her residence location
- She was in her living room at 7175 N Doolittle
 - The house is situated on the southwest side of the runway, slightly beyond the midfield point (in the direction of rwy 30 takeoff)
 - The home has a large living room window which faces directly towards the runway
- She just happened to be at the window when she saw the accident airplane
- At that time, it was airborne, in "level flight", tracking along and over the runway, at an altitude her husband estimated to be about 40 to 50 feet
- She observed it flying in this mode for "a few seconds"
- The airplane then suddenly pitched up steeply, and climbed out of her view
 - She estimated the pitch-up location as abeam the taxiway ramp that is opposite or near Vandergrift Avenue
- She categorized the maneuver as "definitely unusual" and "so out of the ordinary"
- She was "concerned" that the airplane might stall
- She did not see or hear anything more until about 5 minutes later, when sirens and the presence of a helicopter alerted her to the possibility that the airplane had crashed