



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Person Contacted: Mr. Aaron Southerland (Federal Aviation Administration)
NTSB Accident Number: WPR17LA072

Narrative:

During a telephone with Mr. Southerland, an aviation safety inspector with the Federal Aviation Administration, reported that the airplane impacted the taxiway hard. There are wing, fuselage, and propeller marks in the asphalt. There were also fuel puddles in the area of the left wing impact mark. The airplane slid across the asphalt and came to rest in the adjacent dirt. Both wings were destroyed and the fuselage was heavily damaged. One propeller blade is bent aft, the other is straight, and the third is buried in the dirt. The cowling was removed from the engine and there were no obvious anomalies with the engine. The throttle and mixture linkages remained intact.

A witness reported that they observed the airplane takeoff normally, with the exception that the landing gear remained in the down position. At the end of the runway, when the airplane was no higher than 300 feet, it sounded as if the engine decreased to idle. The airplane made a right 180 degree turn and descended rapidly before impacting the ground. A second witness just heard the event and he said it sounded as if he lost engine power.

In addition, they learned that the pilot added about 20 gallons of fuel to the airplane 10 minutes before takeoff at the airport's fuel farm. A sample was taken from the farm and the fuel tested "normal."

Following the on scene examination Mr. Southerland sent the National Transportation Safety Board investigator-in-charge the below on scene photographs.

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