



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

Date: 8/12/2017

Time: 1045 MDT

Person Contacted: Larry Rasband - pilot

Subject: WPR17LA183 Piper PA28-R200 accident, West Jordan, Utah 8/11/17

During a telephone interview with the NTSB IIC, which occurred the day following the accident, the pilot, Larry Rasband, reported the following.

Mr. Rasband said that shortly after taking off to the south and between 350 – 400 ft above the ground, the airplane didn't seem to want to climb, which could have been due to some wind gusts in the area, and that he thought he might have been overweight at the time. He said he then made a right turn back to the airport, but during the turn he was losing altitude, so made a forced landing to an open field after going under some power lines that he knew he couldn't clear. When asked if he thought there might have been a problem with the engine, he said he didn't think so, but wasn't absolutely certain. When asked if he had performed weight and balance and density altitude calculations prior to takeoff, he said that he had.

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Date: 8/11/2017

Time: 1800 PDT

Person Contacted: Denver Johler (right-front-seat passenger)

Subject: WPR17LA183 Piper PA28-R200 accident, West Jordan, Utah 8/11/17

During a telephone interview with the NTSB IIC, which was conducted about an hour after the accident, the right -front seat passenger, Mr. Denver Johler reported the following.

Mr. Johler stated when asked by the IIC to explain, to the best of his ability, to describe the event leading up the crash. Mr. Johler stated that after taking off and heading southwest, they encountered a wind gust, after which the pilot stated that the airplane wasn't climbing like it should. The pilot then commented that he thought they were in trouble, that he could not maintain altitude and was going to try and make it back to the airport, However, when the pilot realized that he couldn't make it back to the airport, he elected to land in an open field. He concluded by saying that both the pilot and his son, who was seated in the left-rear passenger seat, were transported to a local hospital due to their injuries.

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