



SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

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Date: September 2018
Person Contacted: SEA FSDO Robert Shafer [REDACTED] ; Lawrence Tolentino
[REDACTED]
NTSB Accident Number: WPR18LA259

Narrative:

According to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), the accident occurred about 0810am, and the wings of the airplane were destroyed.

The pilot, Anthony Simpson, reported that he was on an easterly takeoff when the seat became unlocked and slid back making the airplane uncontrollable. The airplane ran off the runway surface and collided with terrain. The pilot, the sole occupant, was on a Part 91 repositioning flight. Additionally, the pilot is approximately 5'10" ft tall.

The pilot was interviewed by the FAA and reported that when he was lined up on the runway for takeoff, he adjusted the seat and wiggled it to make sure it was locked. On takeoff the seat moved all the way back and he couldn't reach the throttle or the rudder pedals. The airplane veered to the left and lifted off the ground sooner than rotation speed and he couldn't get out of ground effect. The tail struck first, then the left wing, followed by the nose and finally the right wing struck the ground.

The FAA inspected the airplane and observed that the pilot's seat was all the way back with the stops engaged at the aft holes. It was free to move in both directions; there was no binding, and when they engaged the stops at each hole there was proper engagement with the stop and the hole – the seat did not move once the stop was engaged with the hole.