



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: September 20, 2019
Person Contacted: Omid Tahert
NTSB Accident Number: WPR19FA262

Narrative:

During a conversation with Omid Tahert, the following is a summary of what he stated:

- He worked in sales and finance at the Acura Car dealer located on Crenshaw Road.
- He was in the manager's office, on the phone looking out the window, when he observed the accident airplane.
- The airplane was taking off and going the opposite direction of what he normally observed watching the airplanes while landing and flying the other direction.
- The airplane looked lower than usual.
- The airplane snapped in a right turn (knife edge) and its nose went down.
- There was no rotation to the airplane as it descended towards the ground.
- He observed the airplane for a total of about 10 seconds.
- He called 911.



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Date: September 20, 2019
Person Contacted: Officer Claude Fierro (Witness)
NTSB Accident Number: WPR19FA262

Narrative:

During a conversation with Claude Fierro, the following is a summary of what he stated:

- He was eating lunch at a BBQ restaurant located in the shopping strip where the airplane impacted.
- 8 officers were with him.
- He heard a loud boom and crashing sound that sounded like a semi-truck had struck the building.
- Observed a breeze of smoke as he ran out the back door.
- (note: He later attributed the smoke to dust caused by the impact).
- He assisted in recovery of the passenger by using his knife to free him from the seatbelt.
- Fuel was gushing out from the airplane.
- The passenger was moved away from the wreckage.
- An officer at the hospital said that the passenger did not remember anything about the crash.
- The other officers yelled that another individual was in the wreckage, and they worked to free him.



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Date: September 20, 2019
Person Contacted: Earl Kane (Witness)
NTSB Accident Number: WPR19FA262

Narrative:

During a conversation with Earl Kane, the following is a summary of what he stated:

- He was located outside on a patio at the Western Museum of Flight, located at the airport.
- The weather was good and winds light.
- He observed the accident airplane at the end of the runway, about 300-400 ft above ground level.
- The airplane's engine sounded normal.
- The airplane appeared to be "struggling" in the air with yawing movements.
- The airplane then entered a 45° right bank turn, about when it crossed Crenshaw Road.
- He knew the airplane was in trouble.
- The airplane then rolled to about 90° of bank and then rolled inverted and went nose down, about 150-200 ft above the ground.
- The engine power was steady the entire time.
- The airplane made no corrections to the bank.
- He observed the airplane about 20 seconds.
- He lost sight of the airplane just before it impacted a building, because of trees.



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Date: September 24, 2019
Person Contacted: Kurt Powers (Witness)
NTSB Accident Number: WPR19FA262

Narrative:

During a conversation with Kurt Powers, the following is a summary of what he stated:

- He was driving south on Crenshaw Blvd.
- He's was a private pilot and airframe and powerplant rated mechanic.
- He observed the accident airplane flying over the street.
- The airplane was about 350-400 ft above the ground level.
- The airplane's pitch was high, about 20°, and it appeared to be slow.
- The airplane was maintaining its altitude but not climbing.
- The airplane entered a standard right turn and about 2-3 seconds later it stalled.
- The airplane went vertical in the nose down direction, and it happened very fast.
- He observed the airplane make about ½ - a full turn of rotation prior to losing sight of it.
- He observed the airplane for about total of about 7-8 seconds.



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Date: September 24, 2019
Person Contacted: Juanita McLaren (Witness)
NTSB Accident Number: WPR19FA262

Narrative:

During a conversation with Juanita McLaren, the following is a summary of what she stated:

- She was in the parking lot of a BBQ restaurant next to where the airplane impacted.
- She looked up and saw an airplane flying above.
- A person with her stated "the airplane was doing tricks."
- She observed that airplane banking towards the airport.
- The airplane then flipped over on its back.