



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: 6/24/2019
Person Contacted: Robert Ramirez (Pilot)
NTSB Accident Number: WPR19LA174

Narrative:

During a telephone conversation, Mr. Ramirez reported that during takeoff from runway 24, as the airplane ascended through about 250 ft agl, the engine began to sputter. Mr. Ramirez said that he initiated a turn back to the airport to land on the runway he had just departed from, as the engine lost power. Mr. Ramirez stated that he initially landed hard on airport property, in an attempt to break the landing gear off of the airplane and slide to a stop, however, the airplane bounced back into the air. He further stated that the airplane had crossed Benson Ave, and that he had a choice to either impact the building or trees, and decided the trees was a better option. The airplane subsequently landed in a parking lot and impacted trees and came to rest upright. Mr. Ramirez stated that he at no time used carburetor heat following the loss of engine power.

Mr. Ramirez further reported that prior to takeoff, he added 20 gallons of fuel to the airplane, and sumped both left and right wings, noting no water before and after refueling. He recalled that he had 20 gallons in the right fuel tank and 28 gallons in the left fuel tank.

Mr. Ramirez said that the flight had an IFR clearance for an IFR flight to Montgomery Field, San Diego, California, so he could maintain his IFR currency.