



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: August 21, 2019
Person Contacted: Mr. Erik Cotton (Witness)
NTSB Accident Number: WPR19LA233

Narrative:

During a telephone conversation with Mr. Cotton, he reported that he was working on the southwest side of the airport. He happened to be off his tractor when he heard the airplane takeoff. It didn't sound like all the other airplanes, and he knew something was wrong. The engine did not sound like it was at full power; he couldn't hear any sputtering per say, but the engine definitely sounded like a "little airplane" engine. When he turned to look at the airplane, he observed it in a steep left turn less than 100 feet above the ground. It sounded like the engine was at idle. During the turn the wing dipped and caught the ground, followed by the rest of the airplane. It came to rest quickly. He ran over to help the pilot; upon arrival, she was very alert, conscious, and aware of what happened. She mentioned to him that the airplane just came out of annual and "I have a few choice words for Mike". She stated that she has been flying for 40 years and has never had anything like this happen.

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