



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: 5/15/2020
Person Contacted: Ryan Sass (Witness)
NTSB Accident Number: WPR20LA141

Narrative:

During a telephone conversation, Mr. Sass reported that he was located at the skydiving school in an area that was unobscured, packing a parachute, when the sound of an engine caught his attention. Mr. Sass described it as "not normal takeoff power" and that he observed the tow airplane in a nose high attitude, about 50 to 70 ft above the ground, attempting to climb. Mr. Sass stated that he didn't pay attention to the glider and was not sure if the tow airplanes engine was sputtering or not. Mr. Sass further stated that the tow airplane was about 40 to 50 ft above the ground when the nose "came down."