



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: February 5, 2019
Person Contacted: Dr. Grant Huntzinger, Soddy Saisy, TN
NTSB Accident Number: ERA19LA080

Narrative:

Dr. Huntzinger was interviewed via telephone. He stated that he was in his study at his residence, watching the accident airplane fly over the lake. Dr. Huntzinger noted that the airplane appeared to do a tight u-turn at a low altitude, about two or three treetop lengths above the water, which he initially thought might have been aerobatics. The airplane then spiraled straight down counterclockwise and impacted the lake. Dr. Huntzinger called 911 and assisted local responders in finding the wreckage.



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Date: February 20, 2019
Person Contacted: David Alderman, BNA FSDO
NTSB Accident Number: ERA19LA080

Narrative:

Mr. Alderman was interviewed via telephone. He examined the wreckage yesterday at a recovery facility and noted that the empennage had been cut by recovery personnel for transport. The engine and propeller were not recovered. The cockpit and cabin area were crushed and both wings were highly fragmented. Mr. Alderman confirmed control continuity from the elevator and rudder to the cockpit area. He also noted aileron cables extending from the cockpit area to their respective wing. The front seat four-point harnesses remained intact. The ELT was not located.

Mr. Alderman also stated that the pilot's hardcopy logbook ended in 1985 and an electronic log for the airplane began in 2013. He had no other flight information during that gap in years. From the electronic log, the pilot had 357 hours in make and model; of which, 17 hours were flown during the 90-day period preceding the accident.