



MEMORANDUM for RECORD

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Date: April 8, 2020
Person Contacted: Tim Booth, Lake Hickory, NC [REDACTED]
NTSB Accident Number: ERA20CA144 – Lake Hickory, NC

This investigator spoke to Mr. Booth by phone. He observed the accident and reported the following:

Mr. Booth was on the back porch of his home on Lake Hickory on the afternoon of April 4. He observed the Lake amphibian airplane drop down and hit the water. The engine continued to run after the accident and sounded normal the entire time. He helped the pilot, Myron Mitchell, pull the airplane out of the water with a jet ski. Mr. Mitchell started and shut off the engine several times while attempting to get the airplane out of the water. Mr. Mitchell tied the aircraft off until he could recover it the next day.

The next day Mr. Mitchell returned and recovered the aircraft. He removed the wings in the process.

Mr. Mitchell had a passenger on board at the time of the accident. Her name was Bree and was 22 years old.

Mr. Booth did not witness the airplane take off.