

Record of Conversation

Tuesday, March 12, 2013
10:48 AM

Interview:	Rick Lach
Phone:	██████████
Location:	Telephone Conversation

Narrative:

Mr Rick Lach is the airport manager at Kern Valley Airport. He recalled that the wind around the time of the accident was out of the southwest between 5-10 knots. He thinks there maybe one witness. While on-scene he did not see any skid marks on the runway leading to the wreckage. There was a fuel leak but he was not allowed by the Sheriff to determine the source of the leak.

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Mr Lach stated that after examining the wreckage he is sure the airplane was landing runway 35. There was one light tire track on the runway that curved directly towards the wreckage and a divot in the dirt off the runway where the wingtip may have contacted the ground. He observed that the aileron cables were very tight but could not move ailerons through the cockpit controls. The left wing was mostly severed from the fuselage and displaced such that the aileron cables were very taut. The tail had broken from the fuselage. The elevator was free to move and it was apparent to him that the elevator cables were no longer attached to the cockpit controls.

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