



RECORD OF PHONE CONVERSATION

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Date: June 6, 2019
Person Contacted: Mr. Joshua B. Bell (Pilot)
NTSB Accident Number: GAA19CA277

Narrative:

The following is a synopsis of the information provided by Mr. Joshua B. Bell in a telephone conversation.

Mr. Bell stated that on May 21, 2019 he departed from (T30) Mc Kinley Field Airport in Pearsall, Texas in a single seat Grumman airplane, N7500K, at about 09:30 am to spray a field in the local area. Upon arriving at the intended field, he established a flight path to spray the field from north to south. During a pass to the north, he saw a combine harvester off to the east of the field. As he was making his last pass over the field, he thought he was above the power lines, but the gear got tangled in the top wire. As soon as he felt the wire strike, he was pulled toward the field. He attempted to correct by pulling hard on the stick and pushing the power forward. The airplane started to fly again, but suddenly the left wing was yanked violently back toward the field. He tried using rudder to lift the wing. He was able to get the plane back in the air and had full power and airspeed. Suddenly the airplane felt as if it been yanked toward the ground again. He again tried to correct; however, the airplane impacted the ground. A fire then consumed a majority of the fuselage.

According to the pilot there were no preimpact mechanical failures or malfunctions with the airframe or engine that would have precluded normal operation.

Total time: approx. 1600

Make and Model: approx. 700