TAFT POLICE DEPARTMENT



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DETAILS:

On 04/11/2010 at about 1110 hours, I was dispatched to the Taft Airport, located at 500 Airport Road, for the report of an airplane crash. Upon arrival I saw a small red and white, single front propeller engine, airplane, #N2887P, laying upside down approximately 200 feet northwest of the runway.

The Taft Airport has only one runway, numbered Runway 7. The runway is numbered 7 for being at a 70 degree compass bearing of direction of east-northeast, with 0 degrees being north.

Kern County Fire Department arrived on scene and took control of the scene.

I spoke with the pilot of the airplane, Robert BISH. BISH said he was taking from the Taft Airport on Runway 7. BISH said he just began takeoff and reached 15 mph on the runway when a strong gust of wind picked his plane up and flipped it over. BISH said the plane landed on it's back approximately 200 feet northwest of the runway. BISH said he was not injured and declined medical aid.

I telephoned the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and spoke with investigator FRELOW. FRELOW put me in contact with Investigator Wayne POLLACK with the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) via telephone. POLLACK and FRELOW spoke with BISH via three way conference call.

I spoke with POLLACK who told me he released the plane back to BISH and provided me with case #WRP10CA203.

END OF REPORT