



## **MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD**

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**Subject:** ERA17FA232 Honesdale PA  
**Name:** Vincent Van Laak – Airport Manager – Security Video

Mr. Van Laak was the manager of Cherry Ridge Airport, Honesdale, Pennsylvania. The airport was equipped with a video surveillance system which captured a portion of the accident flight. Mr. Van Laak was unable to transfer the video to another recording device, but he could playback the portion of the video that captured the initial climb, and subsequent turn, before the airplane disappeared behind trees. The video was reviewed in his office.

The video reviewed depicted the airplane on its takeoff roll from Runway 18, followed by an initial climb and a left turn in the vicinity of the crosswind leg of the traffic pattern. The airplane was then seen in a shallow descent and a shallow angle of bank as it descended from view behind trees. The video was a compilation collected from multiple cameras, and the resolution of the images diminished as the distance from the cameras increased.