



RECORD OF CORRESPONDENCE

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Date: April 28, 2013
Person Contacted: Mr. Mike Branz, Witness at the airport
NTSB Accident Number: CEN13FA241

Narrative:

Mr. Branz was flying remote control airplanes off the departure end of Runway 14 at Norfolk Regional Airport, Nebraska and witnessed the following:

- He observed the airplane perform what appeared to be a normal takeoff, followed by a rapid pitch up and climb during the departure leg.
- Subsequently, the airplane pitched over and made a slow descent to the east. Engine noise appeared normal throughout the descent.
- The eastbound descent continued for about 3 miles until the airplane was very close to the ground.
- He lost sight of the airplane for a few seconds and thought the airplane had crashed.
- After a few seconds, the airplane reappeared in a very steep left bank and then disappeared again.
- He immediately began to drive to the location that he noticed the airplane disappear.