



MEMORANDUM

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NTSB Accident Number: CEN10FA278 – N121EV at Richmond, Texas on May 29, 2010

On June 16, 2010, the NTSB investigator-in-charge (IIC) interviewed several employees at the Hines Nursery regarding the airplane accident on May 29, 2010:

- Mr. Ricardo Calas said he was near the main entrance to Hines Nursery (*near the east-west oriented 3-phase electric power distribution line*). He said he saw the northbound airplane flying horizontal “*level... and flying very low*”. Just before the airplane hit the wires it then popped up slightly higher and it barely cleared the top of the wires.
- Ms. Elisa Dellahoma said her attention was first directed to a “*very strong noise*”. When she looked up she saw the airplane in-flight and then saw it “*nose down and hit hard*”.
- Mr. Felix Vargas said he responded to the accident airplane and assisted the injured pilot. The pilot was conscious and talking. The pilot told him “*the hood came open in flight*”.
- Mr. Juan Ventura said he was at the docks when he heard the accident and heard several other persons tell him to call 9-1-1 emergency, which he did.