

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
FOR THE COUNTY OF ORANGE  
CENTRAL JUSTICE CENTER

JAN("J.J.") WESSELS, AN ) CASE NO. 30-2018-  
INDIVIDUAL; NATALIE RICHARDSON ) 00970710-CU-PO-CJC  
WESSELS, AN INDIVIDUAL, )  
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Plaintiffs, )  
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vs. )  
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RECREATIONAL AVIATION )  
FOUNDATION, AN ENTITY OF )  
UNKNOWN FORM; AND DOES 1 )  
THROUGH 500, INCLUSIVE, )  
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Defendants. )  
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DEPOSITION OF ANTHONY LONGOBARDO

Taken on Tuesday, March 12, 2019, at 9:54 a.m.

1           The deposition of ANTHONY LONGOBARDO, taken before  
2 Loretta Epperson, a Certified Shorthand Reporter, No. 8161  
3 for the State of California, commencing at 9:54 a.m., Tuesday,  
4 March 12, 2019, at THE LAW OFFICES OF TIMOTHY L. JOENS,  
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## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

**Tealeye Cornejo**  
Air Safety Investigator (Field)  
Western Pacific Region

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**Person Contacted: Anthony Longobardo**  
**NTSB Accident Number: WPR17LA088**

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### Narrative:

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In reference to takeoff.

Pilot stated that it was a normal angle of attack. It did not stand out in his mind. He recalled that the speed was dropping.

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Pilot's perception was that they weren't climbing. The climb rate and attitude weren't what they should have been at that point in the flight. Pilot wasn't able to tell if it sounded funny or it was his imagination, or what was happening. Doesn't recall if he heard a sound. He stated that he recalled he did not hear the engine shut off.

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Had flown with the doors open on several occasions.

He had flown with the doors open with one passenger, but not with two passengers

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Maneuvering away from a small hill and lake. He was in trying to get down to an area with less trees by the road.

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Winds were light and variable and favoring runway 17. Earlier in the day the winds were stronger

Pg 166

Did not have a 5-pt should harness installed.

Pg 258-261

Pilot reported no mechanical problems on taxi and takeoff roll, or with the flight itself, other than the loss of power.

There was no tailwind. Stated that he provided a passenger brief prior to takeoff. He thinks he performed a wt/bal calculation but did not write it down anywhere that he can recall.

He checked the throttle and mixture, and both were full forward, magnetos selected to both and the fuel selector was positioned to both.