

RECORD OF <input type="checkbox"/> VISIT <input type="checkbox"/> CONFERENCE OR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TELEPHONE CALL		TIME 1436	DATE 07/29/2022
NAME (S) OF PERSON (S) CONTACTED OR IN CONFERENCE AND LOCATION		ROUTING	
Jared Steffan		SYMBOL	INITIALS
SUBJECT Witness to accident of N60ED at Ray Community Airport on 07/24/2022			
DIGEST			
<p>Mr Steffan was positioned mid point of Runway 28 on the North side and was taking pictures of N60ED departing to the west. Aircraft rotated 3/4 of the way down the runway and all seemed normal. Gear was retracted and aircraft seemed to struggle to climb. Left wing wobbled and aircraft yawed right. It was a windy and dusty day. Aircraft impacted the trees and heard an explosion. Mr. Steffan called 911 and ran to assist with the help of a piper Cub Pilot who was also a witness. FAA asked if he noticed any change in the sound of the engine and Mr Steffan answered no but it was windy and blowing. Mr Steffan is friends with the pilot and his passengers and witnessed Pilot perform preflight and add fuel to the aircraft. Occupants loaded some small bags and a dog prior to departure. 3 occupants total. FAA Asked if birds were in the area. Mr Steffan said some small birds but he did not think they were a factor. FAA asked if he saw pilot sump the fuel tanks and check for water and Mr Steffan could not confirm but believed pilot did. Mr Steffan said this was the aircraft's 2nd flight post annual. Claimed annual was over \$16,000.00 and took 30 days from a facility in Poplar Grove IL. Prop was overhauled at a shop in Michigan during annual. Mr Steffan was taking photos of the aircraft during the accident and will be happy to share them with FAA Inspector Bruce Arthurs from the EMI FSDO.</p>			
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