



INTERVIEW SUMMARY

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Interview Date: Aug 4, 2021
Person Contacted: Jay T Hafford
NTSB Accident Number: WPR21LA251

Narrative:

During a telephone conversation Mr. Hafford stated:

- Mr. Hafford is the owner of Key Way Airport
- Due to rising terrain to the north, it is a one-way airstrip, with the landing approach from the south.
- Due to terrain, go-arounds need to be very well planned and executed.
- The weather on the morning of the accident was very hot, with a high density altitude, so he was a little concerned when he observed the airplane takeoff.
- He heard the airplane in the traffic pattern, and a short time later watched as it flew past him, low and slow over the runway heading north.
- He was immediately concerned, and although he did not see the initial event, he assumed something had happened to cause the airplane to perform a go-around.
- He later heard that a vehicle had crossed the runway, about 600 ft from the threshold and had, "spooked" the pilot.
- He continued to watch as the airplane flew north toward rising terrain, while slowly climbing.
- Shortly thereafter he could see smoke rise to the north of the airport.