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**Date:** October 16, 2023  
**Subject:** Record of Conversation  
**Contact:** Gary Shackelford, pilot

The following is a record of conversation with Gary Shackelford. Mr Shackelford called the NTSB ROC, who directed the call to me as the ERA Duty Supervisor. Mr. Shackelford was interviewed by phone at 1814 EDT. He provided a phone number of [REDACTED] and an e-mail address of [REDACTED]

Mr Shackelford stated that on October 14, 2023, around 1100 EDT, he was departing a private grass strip in Myakka City, Florida in his Monocoupe Aircraft model 90AL-115. He stated that there are barbed wire fences on either side of the grass strip to keep the cows off the runway, and he veered left on takeoff. The left horizontal stabilizer struck the barbed wire fence, and then the airplane flipped over. He was treated at the hospital for minor injuries (staples on his head and ear) and the airplane sustained substantial damage. He stated that the airplane was perfectly fine . . . "nothing wrong with it" and that "this one was pilot error." His insurance provider directed him to notify the NTSB of the accident.

I let him know that we would be assigning this to an investigator, and that since this was pilot error, it would be a very simple process.

The call ended at 1821 EDT.