



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

Aaron McCarter
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Subject: ERA19FA225- FAA; Witness and Airport Manager

From: Clayton, Benjamin (FAA) [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 1:43:01 PM

To: Mccarter Aaron

Subject: Witness description

Hi Aaron, below are the descriptions from the witness and airport manager. Did you find anything noteworthy from the maintenance inspection?

Jim Braden [REDACTED]

Aviation Experience: Not a pilot, but lived at the airport for over 40 years. Said he frequently watches the aircraft. Stated that he had watched the aircraft taxi do a runup of sorts. He believed the pilot was on his first takeoff. Said the pilot took off from runway 33 and went down shortly after. Described the winds as strong, guessing 15 kts and saying that the airplane was pointing in to the wind quite a bit after takeoff. Normal climb with a crab in, then several power changes but did not see any variations in altitude, just heard the engine. Described the airplane wings as rocking. Did not see it go down or see any type of sharp descent such as a stall or spin. Visibility was good with no precipitation. Believed it was pilots first takeoff.

Airport Manager: Ronald Poor [REDACTED]

Flying at the time of the accident. Described conditions as normal on takeoff and landing. Said that a thunderstorm was in the distant vicinity but did not notice any adverse conditions on landing. Said that he believed the aircraft had been recently reassembled in the last three months and had not seen it fly.

All the best,

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