



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

Pilot Statement

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Eastern Region Aviation

Date: 08/12/2019
Person Contacted: Thomas Nejame
NTSB Accident Number: ERA19LA186

Narrative:

The following is a summary of a conversation that occurred over the telephone with Mr. Thomas Nejame:

Mr. Nejame stated he conducted a preflight of the N66911 and found nothing abnormal. He stated the battery was fully charged before departing the Danbury Municipal Airport (DXR), Danbury CT. His plan for the day was to soar north towards Vermont and return. He stated that on the way back to DXR the thermal activity was reduced, and he needed to power the gliders motor to climb. He was tracking over a ridge and stated that he checked the battery indicator and it read about 20 minutes of battery remaining. As he got closer to DXR he stated calling the tower for a clearance to land, he was about 8 miles away at this time. He stated the tower cleared him to land, but the glider was sinking as he headed towards DXR. He turned on the gliders motor, but stated he had “no thrust” as the glider continued to sink. He stated that he flew the glider into the treetops then fell straight down and through a residential rooftop. He stated getting out of the glider and finding his way out of the attic.