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**Contact:** Brent Beardall - Front Right Seat Passenger

During a telephone conversation, Mr. Beardall reported that he was talking with the pilot via text message, who was watching the weather, and he relayed they had a good window. When he arrived, the pilot had let him in the hangar. When they boarded the airplane in the hangar, he was asked if he would like to ride up front. When they got in the airplane, Mr. Beardall set in the front right seat, when the pilot pulled the airplane out of the hangar and had it refueled. Mr. Beardall recalled that the pilot disconnected the tractor and got onboard. He said that it didn't take long refueling the airplane, about 7 to 10 minutes max. During this time, he recalled it was on an off again snow, with nothing coming down hard.

After they had put on their headset, the pilot pulled his iPad out, went through the safety checks, and taxied out to the runway. Mr. Beardall recalled that they heard the clearance to go on runway 13, and that before they left, they said a word of prayer, and the pilot had asked if they were ready, which Mr. Beardall said lets go.

Mr. Beardall stated that the pilot "hit it" and the airplane accelerated and got off of the ground really fast, but all of a sudden, there was a sensation, and recalled barrel rolling hard left and down, followed by a massive pain in his face and head. Mr. Beardall said that there were no concerns about the weather while taxiing out or the takeoff.

Mr. Beardall characterized the snow an occasional flake here and there, and that he did not look out over the wings.