



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: August 25, 2020
Person Contacted: Pilot – Mr. Vaughan Weeks
NTSB Accident Number: CEN20LA329

Narrative:

During a conversation about the accident circumstances, the pilot reported that he was not obtaining the expected power/RPMs from the engine during the takeoff. The only difference in this takeoff versus others from the turf runway is he performed a soft-field takeoff procedure which required max brakes with full power, then release the brakes. The airplane was “sluggish” during the takeoff and he impacted trees just south of the turf runway. He’s speculation was a carburetor icing event. He did not apply carburetor heat during the accident flight.