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**Subject:** WPR23LA307 / Record of Conversation

**Contact:** James R. Avent / Witness

During a telephone interview, the witness stated that he was about 1 mile away from the airport working outdoors. He saw Bo take off to the south. He noticed that he was not climbing very fast, then he noticed that he was not climbing at all. He saw that the airplane kept going straight and kept getting closer to the ground. He saw the airplane "hit the trees and then endo [nosed over]." He travelled to the accident site and called 911. He was about the third person to get to the scene. He noticed that the passenger was not injured, and that Bo, the pilot, had minor injuries.

When asked about the weather, he replied that it was good flying weather. The temperature was probably about 55 to 60°F, and the wind was very light. He stated that he was not in a good location to see if the drop off had anything to do with the airplane descending.