



NTSB RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Person Interviewed: Inspector Robert Reynolds, FAA
NTSB Accident Number: ERA20CA223

The following is a summary of a conversation that occurred with the above-named individual:

- Inspector Reynolds stated that the accident occurred on the pilot's property, in a wheat field.
- He stated that the wheat was about 3 ft tall, and there were scattered patches of thistle which had more "tree-like" stems and were up to 7 ft tall.
- He believes that when the pilot went into the thistle, either the airplane decelerated too quickly or the pilot applied brakes too hard, causing the tailwheel airplane to nose over and ultimately tip over.
- He stated that there was one hole where the spinner and propeller went into ground and no evidence of sliding . . . "like it did a handstand then tipped."
- He reported that when he arrived on scene, local law enforcement was leaving, and they had already up righted the airplane.
- There was fuel in both tanks and the pilot reported no mechanical problems. He was flying around the area doing landings at a couple airports and was arriving back home when the accident occurred.
- Inspector Reynolds requested maintenance records, but the pilot did not have them with him.
- The police officer who responded has photos of the airplane before it was "righted."