

MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

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Date: 08/03/2020 Person Contacted: Eyewitness; David Juwono NTSB Accident Number: ERA20LA

Narrative:

The eyewitness Juwono, was piloting an airplane and sitting behind the accident airplane on a taxiway to the runway 21 threshold. He heard the accident pilot announce he was taking runway 21 for departure.

The accident airplane only rolled about 500 feet before lifting off; it was very slow. The airplane only got to about 20-30 feet over the runway as it tried to climb out. Juwono, thought it lifted off "way too early" because he knows the normal takeoff roll for the accident airplane was about 700 to 800 feet and it was long before that. He used the thousand foot marker on the runway as the point of reference.

The airplane veered left. The wings were not wobbling. It was in a flat yawing left turn as it headed left then impacted the trees.

The weather was getting warm. There were thermals, turbulence and windshear, but the winds were calm according to the weather report. Also, the windsock was indicating calm and favoring runway 21.

Juwono has about 223 flight hours total time and is working on his commercial.

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