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Piper Aircraft Corp Warrior

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The Bureau did not conduct an on scene investigation of this occurrence. The information presented below was

Occurrence Number: 199402152 Occurrence Type: Accident

Location: Shepparton

State: VIC Inv Category: 4

Date: Sunday 07 August 1994

obtained from information supplied to the Bureau.

Time: 1318 hours **Time Zone** EST

Highest Injury Level: None

Aircraft Manufacturer: Piper Aircraft Corp

Aircraft Model: PA-28-151

Aircraft Registration: VH-CEP Serial Number: 28-7715190

Type of Operation: Non-commercial Pleasure/Travel

Damage to Aircraft:SubstantialDeparture Point:Shepparton VICDeparture Time:1318 EST

Destination: Shepparton VIC

Crew Details:

Role Class of Licence Type Hours Total
Pilot-In-Command Private 80.0 100

Approved for Release: Tuesday, August 30, 1994

The pilot was taking his friends for a local flight. He commenced a takeoff on runway 09 which has a gravel surface and is 423 metres long. When about two thirds of the way down the runway, the pilot realised the aircraft would probably overrun the end of the runway and collide with the boundary fence. He attempted to brake but realised it was too late so he then attempted to fly the aircraft over the fence for a landing straight ahead in an adjoining paddock. However, the aircraft collided with the fence. After the accident, the pilot realised he had attempted to take off with a 15 knot tailwind. He believed that he read the windsock back to front.