US AIR ABORTED TAKEOFF IN PHILADELPHIA BLAMED ON PILOT ERROR

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Federal investigators say pilot error was the "probable cause" of an aborted takeoff that collapsed a jet's nose gear in Philadelphia.

The National Transportation Safety Board says US Airways Flight 1702's pilot and co-pilot chose to take off rather than ensure its computer was properly configured.

The NTSB's final report was released Thursday. It says the first officer entered information for the wrong runway before the March 2014 flight took off.

Once the plane was off the ground, the captain declared it unsafe to fly and throttled down. The Fort Lauderdale, Florida-bound Airbus A320 fell to the runway and skidded 2,000 feet. Two of the 154 people aboard were injured.

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