

STATEMENT FROM NORMAN KAUFMAN

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DATE OF INCIDENT: FEBRUARY 13, 2020

LOCATION: KAHULUI AIRPORT

Took off from PHOG with 2 passengers, David & Diane Lamons, at approximately 12:15-12:30pm just to do some sightseeing. Did NW departure, went around Molokai then came back on the south side of Molokai, picked up the ATIS near JHM for OGG. Was flying at 2000'.

Spoke with HCF on 119.5, got a squawk number and was shortly told to contact tower on 118.7. Contacted tower and was asked to give best forward speed until 2 miles from the runway. Was cleared to land on runway 2. Recall wind was from 070, with about 13/14 knots, gusting to 28 kts or so.

Slowed the approach when I got to within 2 miles of runway 2 and crabbed into the wind. Second notch of flaps near the runway. Main gear gently touched the runway, no throttle, and I think what happened is that I didn't have the nose gear pointed straight and didn't push the nose down enough. When the nosewheel contacted the pavement the plane bounced then bounced two more times. I believe it was the last bounce that broke the nose gear and I was unable to keep the aircraft on the runway and had to veer off (left) into the grass near the taxiway before coming to a stop.

No one was injured.

