

Statement for the incident that occurred on 8-2-2016.

Our evening consisted of taking off at Millers Air Field approximately at 7:35 pm due west Millers Airfield. Flew for an hour and touched down back at Millers Air Field at approximately 8:40 pm. After landing flawlessly we decided to do one more go around because the weather was so perfect. We taxied back to the east end of the runway. Pointed the aircraft due west and proceeded to take off. The take off was normal and cleared the air field. We began our climb westerly out of the airport at about 500 feet when I noticed the first sign of trouble. We were past the farm with grain bins just west of the airport. I was wanting to continue to climb and proceed west before I was going to turn to the south to continue the pattern. The aircraft dipped the left wing on its own without input from the stick. I tried to counter the dip of the left wing by adding right stick. When I applied the stick to the right there was no response to the aircraft the nose was going over as we continued to dip farther to the left. I checked my air speed because I was afraid I was coming into a stall. The speed indicator was at 60 knots. I then tried right rudder right stick to counter the dip again and was unsuccessful. I then tried another aversive maneuver. I tried turning into the dip to see if that would work. There wasn't much of a change as the aircraft continued down and to the left. Right before hitting the deck I pulled hard to the right and hard right rudder again trying to flare. I was able to pull the nose up some before I remember the tassels of the corn hitting the windshield. When I woke up I was working on getting out of the plane and started immediately working on getting my daughter out. I took her out the right side of the plane and got her up against the tail section on the plane. A lot of the reports were saying Cassidy was ejected. That was false. I unbuckled her and got her out of the aircraft. Her injuries are consistent with seatbelt injuries. Also other reports said that there was an engine failure and that is false as well. The engine was at full throttle the whole time. Also other reports said we were landing and that was false. We were taking off. I was pretty sure that we left the airfield at around 8:45pm. I checked my phone when I called 911 and that times were 9:08pm, 9:09, and again at 9:09. So that tells me we laid in the field for a little while. Firefighters told us that it took them 15 minutes to find us. It did not seem that long. Bottom line I thank God that my daughter and I are ok.