



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: July 16, 2019
Person Contacted: Flight Instructor Michael “Buster” Downey
NTSB Accident Number: CEN19LA183

Narrative:

During a telephone conversation, Mr. Downey stated:

He was on an instructional flight and was taxiing to the departure end of runway 28 when he saw the in-bound Piper Comanche. The airplane’s nose touched down first and only the nose wheel was down for “a fraction of a second” before bouncing back into the air. Then, the main landing gear touched down. The airplane went out of his view. The student in the airplane with him said “oh no.” He saw the airplane had circled around and had ended up in the grass. Mr. Downey does not believe the airplane porpoised the whole time, he only saw one “cycle.” He stated the winds were light at the time of the accident.

Mr. Downey spoke to the accident pilot after the event and the pilot stated he did not know what happened and thought it was “like the landing prior.” The passenger in the airplane told Mr. Downey he did not know what happened either.