



Record of Conversation

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Date: 6/8/2020
Subject: CEN20CA217, N88ZT, Airborne 912XT Weight Shift Aircraft
Person Interviewed: Joseph Leffelman, Pilot

Mr. Leffelman stated he was a 25k hour ATP pilot and had about 10 flight hours in weight shift aircraft. He said he was practicing touch and go landings on his first solo flight when a sink developed as he was in the landing flare. He said there was negative inference and he pulled back instead of pushing forward on the control tube. The aircraft nose dived into the ground at low altitude. He said both wing spars were broken and the nose and nose-gear were damaged, totaling the aircraft. He was not injured.