



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: October 13, 2020
Person Contacted: Matthew Peck, accident pilot
NTSB Accident Number: CEN20LA429

Narrative: In a phone conversation with Mr. Peck, he stated the following:

He was completing a solo flight for commercial time building. He expected to complete about 2 to 2.5 hours of flying that night. Departed Warrensburg (RCM), then to Jefferson City (JEF), completed a couple landings at Columbia (COU). He wanted to visit another airport or two for more flight time so he decided on the nearby HIG for a touch and go landing. Landed at 1030 pm. The landing was a full stop, then retracted the flaps. He added full power for takeoff and reached rotation speed. Out of nowhere a deer hit the left side of the airplane. He was already about 2/3 down the runway when the deer hit the airplane. He used brake and rudder to align on the runway and came to a stop. The deer was twisted up around the left landing gear strut.

He had never been to HIG at night before. He didn't expect any deer on or near the runway. He was told that HIG did not have a fence around the airport. He was not sure about any wildlife signage at the airport or FBO.

End of conversation.