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**Subject:** CEN21FA424, Delta Colorado, Conversation with Mr. Matt Green  
Witness to the Accident

**Contact:** Alex Lemishko, NTSB, Central Region

Mr. Green was at the Blake Field Airport (AJZ), Delta, Colorado, and watched the accident airplane take off from runway 3. The airplane climbed out to the northeast. About 5 miles from the airport, Mr. Green saw the airplane begin a loop maneuver. At the top of the maneuver while the airplane was upside-down, it entered an inverted flat spin. The airplane then recovered from the spin, leveled off, and climbed back up to begin another loop. This time, when the airplane reached the top of the loop, and entered the inverted spin again, it did not recover. Mr. Green said he watched the airplane come down to where he lost sight of it before it impacted the ground. Mr. Green said he could hear the airplane's engine running the entire time to the point before it impacted. He and another person who witnessed the accident went to call 9-1-1.

Mr. Green also reported that he knew the pilot, Friendshuh, and had flown with him in that airplane a few days before the accident flight. Mr. Green stated that during that flight, the airplane operated normally.