

# National Transportation Safety Board

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## **RECORD OF CONVERSATION**

Kyle W. Skowron, Pilot

September 5, 2021

**Interviewee:** Kyle W. Skowron (Pilot)  
**Date/Time:** September 5, 2021  
**Location:** Telephone Call  
**Investigator:** Jennifer S. Rodi (NTSB Deputy Regional Chief, Central Region)

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Mr. Skowron stated the following during the telephone interview:

He confirmed that he was the owner/pilot of a Murphy Renegade II experimental airplane, N490DJ, that crashed near Sheridan, Illinois.

He was conducting a fast taxi and had no intention for flight.

During the fast taxi the tail of the airplane came up, so he elected to continue and takeoff.

He intended to fly one circuit in the traffic pattern and then land.

About 500 ft above the ground, he heard a "click" and then the engine quit.

He performed a forced landing to a soybean field.

During the forced landing, the landing gear caught in the soybean crop and the airplane nosed over.

He stated that neither he nor his passenger were injured.

Deputy Regional Chief Rodi obtained Mr. Skowron's email address and emailed him a copy of NTSB 6120.1 *Pilot/Operator Aircraft Accident/Incident Report* for completion.