



NTSB RECORD OF CONVERSATION

Investigator name: Shaun Williams
Mode: Senior Aviation Accident Investigator
Region: Central

Date: July 07, 2022
Person Contacted: [REDACTED] Pilot-in-Command, minor individual
NTSB Accident Number: CEN22LA306

Narrative:

On June 26, 2022, a Cessna 172 airplane, N97789, sustained substantial damage when it was involved in an accident near Cleveland, Mississippi. The pilot was not injured. The airplane was operated as a Title 14 *Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)* Part 141 solo flight.

[REDACTED] stated that there were no mechanical malfunctions or anomalies that would have precluded normal operation. Additionally, he stated that he only held a student pilot certificate and provided his date of birth and city of residence.

[REDACTED] added that the following statement that he provided to the FAA is his official statement concerning the event:

"Hello, this is [REDACTED] reporting on today's incident.

To start off, this is my first solo flight. I get everything ready, preflight my plane and taxi my way down to the hold short line. I call departure and make my way around the traffic pattern. I'm on my way down on final and notice I do not like how my approach is looking so I go around and call it. I go around the pattern once again and do a successful landing. There was a small bounce but I was able to recover well and taxi my way out to the hold short line once again. My instructor lets me know my mistake, which was I flared too early. I take note of this and depart again. I go around the pattern again and come down on final, I like how my approach looks and proceed to land. I bounce once and on the touchdown I feel the plane rolling on the right main gear and notice that I start to turn left. At this point I've lost control and make sure the power is full out and I'm rolling on the grass and fall into the ditch. I look for my way out and notice the windshield is completely gone and I make my way out with no scratch from the windshield. I run my way back to the hangers and sit down in the office. My instructor doesn't realize I made my way back and goes out to check the plane and makes sure everything is shut off. He continues to look for me with another instructor. Eventually they come back to the office where I am and check up on me. That's all I have concerning the incident, and it's possible the I missed some details but it all went so fast.



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Thank you,

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END OF INTERVIEW