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Contact: Paul Voorhees - Head Mechanic and Owner of Big River Aviation

Mr. Voorhees was interviewed via telephone about the accident involving N7681F, in Cahokia IL, on 02/15/2023.

ASI asked him if he was the mechanic that got the aircraft gear down and locked after the accident.

He stated he was and that when he got in the cockpit, he turned the MASTER SWITCH to the ON position. The first thing he observed was that the gear unsafe horn was sounding. He had to push the throttles forward to silence the horn. From what he observed, the gear "In Transit" light was red and illumined because the gear was not down and locked. When the gear came down and locked into place, the gear light illumined to green. At that time, the aircraft was towed to the ramp.

He stated that he did not cycle the gear handle on the runway. He wanted to make sure that he could get the gear down and locked.

He stated that the gear and the warning system connected to the aircraft all functioned properly. He has not had the authorization to fully inspect the gear since the pilot is still working with the insurance company.