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Subject: Midair collision: N2032K, N8525V

Contact: Jeremy D. Williams, Pilot, N2032K

On June 17, 2024, Investigators Brown and Maxon spoke with the pilot of N2032K, Jeremy D. Williams. Mr. Williams stated that he and the pilot of N8525V, Phillip Kitten, were conducting agricultural spray operations on the same field. He told investigators that it is rare that two pilots spray adjacent fields at the same time, but they have never had two airplanes spray the same field at the same time. Mr. Williams stated that he was spraying the East corners of the field, when him and Mr. Kitten coordinated the plan to spray the circle of same field. Mr. Williams stated that his push to talk was inoperative, so they communicated using wireless Bluetooth and cellphone connection. He told investigators that the plan was for him to be the "high man" and Mr. Kitten to be the "low man". He told investigators that they did not know they were going to be spraying the same field until operations had already begun. Mr. Williams, in N2032K, was making a pass to the East and Mr. Kitten, in N8525V, was making a pass to the South. He told investigators that he saw Mr. Kitten begin to climb into his flight path. Mr. Williams stated that he "yanked and banked to the right", to try and avoid the midair collision. Upon impact, Mr. Williams remained conscious and was able to exit the airplane.

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