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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, February 24, 2026 2:26 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Tbird [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: N279SR Incident Write-up

N279SR 2/23/26

Normal flight leading up to the incident, practicing steep turns, lazy 8s, steep spirals, and chandelles followed by practicing power off 180s at KGYL. We did 5 normal back to back power off 180 landings with nothing out of the ordinary and no issues. Before the 6th landing, we were discussing ideal methods to complete a successful power off 180 maneuver. Upon contacting the pavement we slid for a few hundred feet before coming to a stop. After coming to a stop on runway 13, we turned off the aircraft, made calls to the local FSS and thunderbird aviation, and then walked down the runway into the FBO to warm up.

On Tue, Feb 24, 2026 at 12:32 [REDACTED] wrote:

I need you both to write up a statement on the events leading up to the incident and send it back to me. One or two paragraphs is fine.

Thanks,
[REDACTED]



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