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Joe Taylor

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To: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Taylor,

As requested, below is a Report of the accident at Mansfield, Ma (1B9) airport on 2/15/14.

As discussed during our telephone conversation, I am a student pilot with 66 hrs logged, of which 60 were at the Taunton, Ma airport (KTAN) with Atlantic Aviation flight school. When that school closed in November, 2013 I followed Jim Mitchel, my flight instructor, to Mansfield to finish my training.

I had solo'd at Taunton on multiple occasions, and recently solo'd at Mansfield, Ma after multiple flights becoming familiar with the new plane (though still a Cessna 172) and airport. The majority of my flights at Mansfield had been with take-offs and landings using runway 32.

It was a cold, calm day with very little wind at ~9:30am on Feb 15, 2014, and while I planned to use runway 32 to fly the pattern, the plane that had taxi'd out first chose to use 14, and was staying in the pattern, so I also used 14.

I took off and stayed in the pattern—turning crosswind, downwind, base and final at the proper airspeeds and flaps settings. On the final approach, I was on the centerline of the runway and at 65 knots. I appeared to be in good position, though given the events that followed, I must have been low in my round-out and may have landed short of the threshold had I continued in a normal situation. Unfortunately, the right landing gear hit the top of the snow/ice pile at the end of the runway which had been plowed from the multiple storms, and pushed the wheel/gear up. I proceeded to land the plane as I would normally, however when it went to rest on the gear on that side, it was pushed up, so the plane proceeded to slowly roll to the right and come to rest in the snow to the right of the runway. I shut the fuel, and engine, radio'd that I was not injured and would exit the plane. I shut the master switch and exited the plane and waited for personnel to arrive. I then waited at the aviation office for the FAA to arrive and interview me regarding the accident.

Please feel free to contact me with any further question.

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