



MEMORANDUM OF RECORD

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Subject: ERA14CA406 – Excerpts from FAA 8020-23 statement

The following is excerpts from the FAA 8020-23 report for this accident:

- PILOT WAS ON A IFR FLIGHT PLAN FROM DTS TO HIS HOME BASE FMY WHEN WEATHER BEGAN TO DETERIORATE ALONG HIS PLANNED ROUTE.
- CANCELED IFR FLIGHT PLAN AND DIVERTED TO GNV TO WAIT FOR THE WEATHER TO CLEAR.
- INITIALLY CLEARED TO LAND GNV RUNWAY 7
- TOO HIGH AND CLOSE TO MAKE RUNWAY 7 REQUESTED FROM THE TOWER, AND RECEIVED PERMISSION TO PERFORM A 360 DEGREE TURN.
- AT THE COMPLETION OF THIS MANEUVER HE WAS IN A BETTER POSITION TO LAND RUNWAY 11. GNV TOWER CLEARED HIM FOR A STRAIGHT IN APPROACH FOR LANDING RUNWAY 11.
- CONTROLLER REPORTED THE WIND WAS CALM AT THE TIME.
- THE PILOT STATED HE THOUGHT HIS APPROACH WAS NORMAL.
- STATED HE TOUCHED DOWN HARD AND FAST AND HE BOUNCED THREE TIMES.
- THE NOSE GEAR ASSEMBLY AND NOSE GEAR MOUNT WAS DRIVEN UPWARD ABOUT 3 TO 4 INCHES CAUSING DAMAGE TO THE FORWARD BULKHEAD, EXTERNAL NOSE SECTION TOP SKINS AND DAMAGE TO THE WINDSHIELD CENTER POST AND WINDSHIELD.