



Federal Aviation Administration

Memorandum – Inspector Statement

Date: August 23, 2016

To: NTSB Ralph Hicks

From: Danny A. Cox IIC, ATL-FSDO-11

Subject: Accident # ERA 16 LA 294 [N5250B_Newnan-Coweta Airport [CCO]].

ON AUGUST 17, 2016, AT APPROXIMATELY 1230, AS INVESTIGATOR IN CHARGE (IIC), ARRIVED AT NEWNAN-COWETA COUNTY (CCO), GEORGIA. A CESSNA AIRCRAFT MODEL 152, N5250B, SERIAL NUMBER 15283816, PILOTED BY A STUDENT PILOT WITH A TOTAL OF 44 HOURS FLIGHT TIME WAS ATTEMPTING A LANDING ON RUNWAY 13. THE STUDENT PILOT STATED THAT HE LANDED MID-FIELD TO HELP EXPEDITE TRAFFIC WAITING FOR TAKE-OFF. AFTER TOUCHDOWN AND ROLLING TO THE END OF THE RUNWAY, THE PILOT STATED THE AIRCRAFT WOULD NOT TURN AND THE BRAKES WERE NOT STOPPING THE AIRCRAFT.

AFTER INVESTIGATION THE SITE OF THE ACCIDENT, I FOUND SKID MARKS LEADING OFF TO THE RIGHT OF THE RUNWAY KNOCKING OUT A TAXI LIGHT CONTINUING ACROSS THE TAXIWAY TURN-OFF INTO THE GRASS AND DOWN AN EMBANKMENT. THE STUDENT PILOT IN HIS VERBAL INTERVIEW STATED HE WAS ON THE BRAKES AND PULLING BACK THE CONTROL WHEEL TRYING TO STOP THE AIRCRAFT.

THE CIRCUMSTANCES WERE CONSISTENT WITH THE STUDENT PILOT RUSHING TO EXIT RUNWAY FOR OTHER AIRCRAFT WAITING FOR TAKE-OFF AND IN DOING SO EXCEEDING THE RECOMMENDED TAXI SPEED OF THE AIRCRAFT. WITH THE AIRCRAFT STILL IN THE LANDING CONFIGURATION (FLAPS DOWN), CARRYING EXCESS TAXI SPEED, AND PILOT PULLING BACK ON THE CONTROL YOKE, THE WEIGHT ON THE AIRCRAFT NOSE WHEEL BECAME LIGHT OR TRANSIT INTO THE AIR MODE AND BY DESIGN OF THE AIRCRAFT THE NOSE WHEEL LOCKS IN NEUTRAL POSITION, WHICH DISABLES NOSE WHEEL STEERING. HIS STATEMENT ABOUT BRAKES NOT WORKING IS NOT CONSISTENT WITH THE PHYSICAL EVIDENCE OF THE SKID MARKS ACROSS THE RUNWAY, TAXIWAY, AND THE TRACKS IN THE GRASS SHOWS THE WHEELS SKIDDING IN THE GRASS.