



MEMORANDUM for RECORD

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Air Safety Investigator
Eastern Region Aviation

Date: March 29, 2018
Person Contacted: Anthony Minervini
NTSB Accident Number: ERA18LA098 – Churchville, MD

This investigator interviewed Mr. Minervini by telephone. He reported the following:

The accident flight was a personal flight with one passenger, the pilot stated he was flying back to his home airport from Calhoun, Georgia. Before departure he looked at the weather using several online weather resources including Garmin Pilot, FlyQ, and Wunderground, all were reporting his destination to be VFR. About 30 minutes from their destination it started snowing. He descended from 9,500 ft, where it was 24° to 4,000 ft, hoping to find warmer temperatures. He continued to descend but encountered a temperature inversion. He stated snow was building up on the wings and he decided to find the closest airport and land.

Because of the snow that had accumulated on the airplane he maintained a higher than normal airspeed during landing. He stated the airplane ballooned during touchdown and drifted off the side of the runway. The airplane impacted an equipment truck, spun around and impacted another.

He stated he did not encounter IMC, and after the accident he submitted a NASA ASRS report.