

## ***Record of Telephone Conversation***

**Name:** John Rasmussen, student pilot  
**Address:**  
**Phone:** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 7/12/2018 13:00 CDT  
**Description:** Flying in the KJKA pattern with CFI when N294AB crashed

Mr. Rasmussen is a real estate agent in the area and just recently started flight training. He has about 13 -15 hours of dual received in airplanes.

They were in the pattern at Jack Edwards Airport practicing landings. They were on left downwind and listening to traffic on the radio. Mr. Rasmussen saw a plane that looked like it had just taken off from runway 09. He saw it immediately veer to the left and then straighten up over the grass. When it veered, it was almost 45 degrees to the left before it straightened up again. He brought it to the CFI's attention because he knew something was wrong. Mr. Rasmussen did not think the airplane would clear the trees at the end of the airport but it did and then crossed over a road at the east end of the airport.

You could tell that the pilot was trying to stay away from the houses and was trying to avoid the trees. The airplane was not gaining any altitude and it looked like the left engine was windmilling. His CFI, Mr. Schwandner, called on the radio and asked the other airplane if they were ok. The other plane responded no. Mr. Schwandner told the other pilot to try and get to the road. The pilot said that they were in trouble and Mr. Schwandner responded that they would stay with him. They flew over to the spot where the plane had gone down and were looking for flames. They also looked on the Foley Beach Expressway but the plane had not landed there. Then they saw the airplane in the trees and saw the pilot and passengers climbing out of the airplane.

He and the CFI circled over the sight until they saw emergency personnel arriving on the road nearest to the wreckage.

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## ***Record of Telephone Conversation***

**Name:** Craig Schwandner, CFI  
**Address:**  
**Phone:** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 7/12/2018 12:45 CDT  
**Description:** Flying in the KJKA pattern with a student when N294AB crashed

Mr. Schwandner has been a certified flight instructor since August 2017. He has approximately 570 flight hours in airplanes with about 180 hours of dual given. He is a CFI for Salt Air Aviation at Jack Edwards Airport, Gulf Shores, AL. On the morning of 7/7/2018, Mr. Schwandner was in the traffic pattern with a primary student, John Rasmussen, doing pattern work. Mr. Rasmussen has not soloed yet but has about 13 hours of dual with Mr. Schwandner.

As they were on downwind, they saw a twin about midfield heading east and left of the runway. It looked like he was "trying to get back in the air." They saw him clear the edge of the airport in a left turn. Then they saw him disappear behind the trees. They flew over to the area and circled over the site. Mr. Schwandner contacted PNS Approach Control and MOB Approach Control to declare an emergency for the downed airplane. Mr. Schwandner squawked 7700. He then told PNS Approach that the airplane was down. His student, John Rasmussen then saw the first person get out of the airplane. They stayed over the site until they saw emergency personnel arrive near the scene.

They did not see the airplane first touch down on the runway and did not notice it until it lifted off and was trying to get back in the air.

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