



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

Millicent Hill
Aviation Accident Investigator
Eastern Region

Date: March 12, 2019
Person Contacted: Rene Dugas, CFI
NTSB Accident Number: ERA19LA119

The investigator interviewed Mr. Dugas by telephone, and he reported the following:

- He was providing transition instruction to the pilot in the Velocity.
- The pilot had previously flown for 1.5 hours in a Velocity. They departed Savannah, did aerial maneuvers en route to Statesboro, where they intended to practice takeoff and landings.
- They flew the approach at a higher airspeed than normal, about 100 knots, because of the gusty winds, and they intended to fly in ground effect for about 1,000 ft before touching down. Typical approach speed would be about 80 knots.
- The Velocity is known to have different performance characteristics and can be a challenging transition from other airplanes.
- The Velocity is not equipped with flaps.
- The nose dropped and they lost airspeed at about 15-20 ft above ground level.