



## MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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**National Transportation Safety Board**  
**Office of Aviation Safety - Eastern**  
**Region**

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**Pilots Friend: Keene Wilson**  
**Interview date: 9/13/2021**  
**Aircraft: American Champion Decathlon, N390PE**  
**Subject: Accident event discussion**

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The information below was discussed via telephone interview with the friend of the pilot during the on-scene examination.

According to a witness on scene at the time of the event. He stated that he was a friend of the pilot and knew him very well. He said on the day of the accident he had spoken to the pilot earlier that day, and the pilot had told him he was flying earlier that day practicing aerobatics. The witness stated that the pilot had complained that he wasn't feeling well and during his earlier flight he had to land due to dizziness and vomiting. During their conversation, the witness told the pilot that he was heading over to the "field" to look for birds. The pilot told him that he would fly by the field, and that was the last communication he had with his friend. While the witness was in the field, he said that the pilot "buzzed" him and came around for a second pass. During the second pass, the pilot descended below the tree line and started what was described as an aileron roll. He said that about halfway through the roll the pilot stopped the maneuver and flew straight into the trees at full power. The witness immediately called the local emergency services and waited for their arrival.