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To whom it may concern:

Re: Crash Statement Aircraft N920JL October 25, 2020

Pilot: Walter Darrell Ellum, Jr.

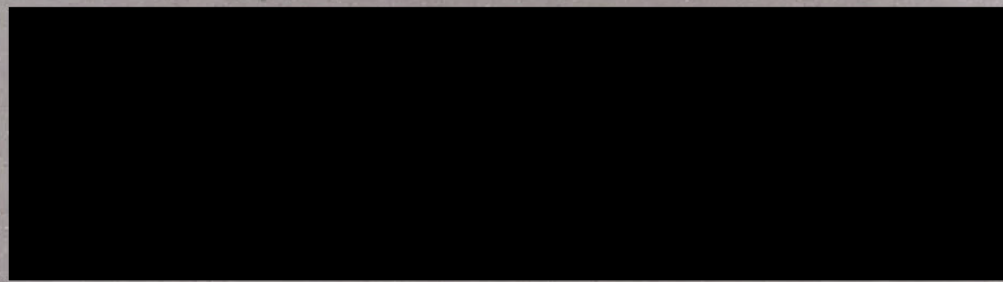
Passengers: Thomas Lovette III and Jessica Lovette

I, along with two passengers, arrived at the Baxley Airport at 1300. I completed walk around of the aircraft and pre-trip using the pre-trip inspection checklist as designated for that aircraft.

All passengers boarded the aircraft. I completed interior checklist, started the aircraft and taxied to the fuel pump. I added 12 gallons of fuel to the aircraft. I rechecked the fuel samples and then re-boarded the aircraft. I started the aircraft and taxied to runway 26. I stopped at the short hold line and completed run-up, checking mags, pressures, carb heat, fuel pressure, oil pressure, temperatures, etc. I checked traffic and proceeded to take off at approximately 1330.

I completed visual instrument check after reaching 500 feet. I continued to climb and performed last check at 600 feet. I noticed a significant loss of power and lowered the nose in an attempt to gain speed. The aircraft was not gaining speed and it started to descend. I visually surveyed the ground to look for a spot to put the aircraft down. I located a spot with as much clearing as possible where the tree growth was low. That is where I put the aircraft down. All passengers exited the aircraft on their own power. I turned off the master switch and called 911.

Respectfully,



Walter Darrell Ellum, Jr.

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