

Witness Statements for incident/accident of N2136M

Chris James [REDACTED]

May 4, 2021 18z telephone conversation

Mr. James saw the aircraft make 2 separate landing attempts on runway 8 at I96 in Columbia Kentucky. Mr. James was on foot out walking.

He is a private pilot himself but hasn't flown for several years. He stated that he landed long both times, the first time, he was successful at what would look like a "touch and go", except he was a couple hundred feet off the departure end of the paved runway before getting back in the air.

When he came around the second time to attempt a landing it looked similar to the first one except this time there was brake noise, and the plane went off the runway at the end, straight ahead.

Witness Statement from Tucker Yarbeary. [REDACTED]

May 4, 2021 19z telephone conversation

Tucker stated that he was about to depart from runway 8 when he heard an aircraft call in on CTAF. The pilot was asking for the winds and active runway. Tucker stated that the winds were mostly calm, and he was about to depart on runway 8. The aircraft turns out to be N2136M. His next call was that he was south of the airport and would land on runway 8, when in fact he was north. Tucker stated he noticed this because after he departed he saw the plane come from the north and enter a base leg for 8. No more radio calls came from N2136M.

As Tucker was on climbout he and his passenger both looked and saw the first landing go long. When they saw him going off the end of the runway, they thought maybe he was in the air because of their perspective of looking down from up above, and that was the most logical. They then decided he was still on the ground, and going through the grass before becoming airborne.

They watched him from the air on the second attempt, and saw him do the same thing, which was land ¾ of the way down the runway, then go off the end. This time however, he didn't try to abort the landing, and ended up going down an embankment and damaging the aircraft.

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