



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

FAA Inspector Statement

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Date: June 2, 2021

Person Contacted: Inspector Randal Durley; FAA/Birmingham FSDO

NTSB Accident Number: ERA21LA217

Narrative:

The following is a summary of a conversation that occurred with the individual named above:

Inspector Durley called to indicate that he saw photos of the airplane and had spoken with the pilot. He stated that there was damage to the engine mounts.

He explained that the pilot was participating in a “flour bag drop” at the airport, during which pilots take turns flying over the closed runway and throwing a bag of flour out of their airplanes, attempting to hit an aim point. The pilot who comes closest to the aim point wins the competition.

He stated that after speaking with the pilot, he believed that the pilot took his hands off the controls to throw the bag and the airplane got too slow and stalled before he could do anything about it. He stated that the pilot indicated that he was much lower than 300 feet above the runway for the event, and had stated to him that nothing was wrong with the airplane.