

FAA IIC Statement: Jeffrey W. Burch

5/21/2022 - Received call from ROC of a General Aviation Accident at Raleigh County memorial Airport (BKW) N171JV.

Made contact with Airport Manager, Pilot of event aircraft.

Requested written statements - did not travel to accident at this time.

5/23/2022 - Traveled to accident sight, met with Pilot, conducted interview, conducted interview with Airport manager (witness). Inspected aircraft, captured photographic evidence. Inspected runway and impact area. Captured photographic evidence. Interviewed recovery personnel.

6/21/2022 - Details of accident – Obtained from PIC Statement

FLIGHT FROM PRIVATE AIRFIELD TO BKW RALEIGH COUNTY

MEMORIAL AIRPORT. DETAILS OBTAINED FROM PIC STATEMENT. APPROX. 0900 PREFLIGHT CONDUCTED.

WEATHER CHECKED AT BKW VIA GARMIN PILOT. WINDS REPORTED AT 7KTS. 1000 TAKEOFF. CLIMB TO 4400 MSL TURBULENCE INCREASED. PFD INDICATED 11 KTS. WIND CHANGE DIRECTION CHANGE BETWEEN SOUTHWEST AND WEST WITH VELOCITY RANGING FROM 17 TO 26KTS.

APPROACH TO RWY 28 TO A DIRECT HEADWIND. A WIND GUST SENT THE AIRCRAFT BACK INTO THE AIR YAWING THE AIRCRAFT TO THE SOUTH RESULTING IN A HARD LANDING ON THE RIGHT MAIN GEAR CAUSING THE AIRCRAFT TO VEER TO THE LEFT WITH THE PROPELLER STRIKING THE RUNWAY. OFF RUNWAY EXCURSION STRIKING AN EMBANKMENT APPROXIMATELY 100 YARDS FROM INITIAL TOUCH DOWN.

EMPENNAGE BROKE OFF (HELD BY AIRCRAFT CABLES ONLY) JUST AFT OF WING T/E.