



NTSB MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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Person Contacted: JUSTIN BUCHANAN (STUDENT PILOT)
NTSB Accident Number: ERA22LA263

Narrative:

The individual noted above provided the following information via email. The below contents are a summary of what was reported:

Below is my statement about the accident.

On Monday evening after multiple landings at Carroll County Airport and Clearview Airpark, I (Justin Buchanan, student pilot) and my instructor (Naomi Schayek, CFII) were involved in an airplane accident where the plane landed beyond the runway on a downslope and crashed into trees. As with the other landings that day, I was flying the plane and had a stable approach to the runway. Nothing seemed out of the ordinary from the prior landings there at Clearview. Soon after transitioning the plane to a landing attitude over the runway, I felt that things were no longer stable - I likely applied too much back pressure and caused the plane to be nose-high. I remember feeling like the plane was difficult to control and was moving off of the runway and over the grass. This feeling prompted me to urgently execute a go around. I stated I was going around and pushed the throttle to full. I do not remember executing the other steps of the go around procedure such as pushing the nose down and raising flaps. The plane continued to feel unstable and did not climb away like normal during a go around - so my instructor took the controls and stated the controls were hers. I assume the instability that I felt was due to the nose-high landing attitude and was exacerbated by the incomplete go around procedures. Still seeing we were close to buildings and trees and not having sufficient time to climb - I could tell Naomi made the decision to pull the power and land straight ahead. Unfortunately, this meant we landed on a grassy downslope and despite braking as hard as possible we quickly rolled into trees and hit the front of the plane with a lot of force. Looking back I know we are both alive because of the



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actions she took. We could have easily had a stall-spin accident into the ground or the tops of the trees that were ahead.

Justin Buchanan
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