

Russell Fayer

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Westchester County Police Pilots Association

Re: Incident 14 August, 2022; 11:40am, 5NY5

Russell:

Kindly accept this correspondence as my statement for this incident.

I, Michael E. Mashack, was acting as pilot in command of N33125, a Piper Cherokee Six; PA32-300. I am a current member of the Westchester County Police Pilots Association.

I departed White Plains (HPN) at or about 10:40 with 3 passengers (4 souls on board). Our route of flight went south, over the Hudson to the Statue of Liberty, then north to 5NY5, Gardiner airport, aka Sky Ranch. This is a private runway and I called for permission and instructions before the flight. When radar and approach services were terminated by New York Approach about 10 miles North West of Stewart (KSWF), I contacted Sky Ranch via UNICOM (122.9).

Sky Ranch relayed landing instructions and advised of one departure prior to my arrival. The Sky Ranch is a sky diving center with a 2400 foot runway. I was advised to land to the north west, runway 30. I maneuvered into a left downwind at pattern altitude of 1400 ft AGL. I configured the aircraft into a descent for landing and touched down on the runway. On ground roll I applied both aerodynamic and mechanical brakes, mindful not to swerve into the grass, however, the plane was not slowing down to my satisfaction. I made the decision to go around, unsuccessfully. Climbing out, my landing gear struck the north most fence. The aircraft lurched across the 2 lane road and came to rest in the grass of a private backyard.

The four souls on board exited the aircraft without any serious injury; only lacerations. None of the passengers required medical attention. No fuel was

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spilled.

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I am not aware of any mechanical issues with the aircraft. The aircraft is not airworthy.

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Michael Mashack