



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

Pilot Statement

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Date: September 22, 2022
Person Contacted: Brian Everett Terpening (Pilot)
Contact #: [REDACTED]
NTSB Accident Number: ERA22LA408

Narrative:

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

Mr. Terpening contacted me by phone on September 22, 2022, at 6:25 p.m. EDT from [REDACTED]. He provided an e-mail address of [REDACTED].

At the beginning of the interview, he was advised that the NTSB is a federal agency mandated by Congress to investigate aircraft accidents, and NTSB has no authority to take any action against any individual. He was also informed that the purpose of an NTSB investigation is for safety only, and any person NTSB talks with has the right to representation; he agreed to the interview without representation.

On the accident flight, Mr Terpening was the pilot and sole occupant of the plane. At St. Mary's County Regional Airport (2W6), he was set up on a left traffic pattern on the downwind leg for Runway 11. At the midfield point of the leg, he started the checklist procedure and completed all of the items except for lower the landing gear.

Realizing that he was low fast and too low in the pattern, he thought it was time to lower the flaps, which he did. As the airplane's indicated airspeed dropped to below 100 miles per hour, the pilot thought that the flaps and landing gear "did the trick" in slowing down the approach.

As the crosswind conditions shifted his focus to performing a slip-to-land procedure, he did not conduct the landing checklist a second time, as is his typical practice. Not realizing the landing gear was not down, the airplane landed with the landing gear up, resulting in substantial damage to it. No one was injured.

Mr. Terpening agreed that there were no pre-impact anomalies or malfunctions affecting the airplane's operation.

The digest was e-mailed to him for review on September 22, 2022. He replied on October 4th, 2022, at 11:01 am EDT with no comments or changes.