

RECORD OF ☒ VISIT ☐ CONFERENCE OR ☐ TELEPHONE CALL		TIME 10:00 AM	DATE 09/19/2023												
NAME (S) OF PERSON (S) CONTACTED OR IN CONFERENCE AND LOCATION Wendi Wells - Student Pilot		ROUTING <table border="1"> <tr> <th>SYMBOL</th> <th>INITIALS</th> </tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td></tr> </table>		SYMBOL	INITIALS										
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Mike Stratton - Airfield employee @ KTTA - Witness															
Jeremiah Baldwin - General Manager of Piedmont Flight															
SUBJECT Mishap involving N1451U at Winston Salem (KINT)															
DIGEST On 19 September 2023 at approximately 1000 I was dispatched to Smith Reynolds airport in Winston-Salem airport for the investigation of an aircraft accident involving one of the flights schools I have oversight over. Upon arrival with ASI Ahnnie Santodomingo we met with the General Manager of the flight school Jeremiah Baldwin. Baldwin said that one of the flight school's Cessna 172 aircraft (N1451U), being piloted by a student who was doing their first solo flight had crashed upon landing on Runway 4, broken the gear off and had a prop strike. Looking at the aircraft, the left landing gear shear pin had been sheared, bending the gear backwards, the left wheel was torn off at the bearing, the left wing strut had suffered a dent, and the left horizontal stabilizer had impacted a runway/taxiway sign severely damaging it. All control surfaces operated well after the crash, during the investigation. Speaking with the student pilot, Wendi Wells, she said that there were no mechanical issues that caused the mishap. At the impact site, I spoke with Mike Stratton who was cleaning up the sign debris. (Continues)															
CONCLUSION, ACTION TAKEN, OR REQUIRED															
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Stratton said that he saw and heard the aircraft landing hard on Runway 4, which he said, considering the amount of student pilots isn't abnormal; however, N1451U bounced up and upon second contact with the ground, lost control making a left turn, exited the runway surface south of taxiway J into the grass island, skidded across the grass, impacted the sign destroying it, crossed taxiway J and ended up in the next grass island near the Runway 15 hold short line.

Looking at the skid marks in the grass, this is an accurate description of the sequence of events.

Wells said that she was uninjured in the mishap.

As there was extensive damage to the left horizontal stabilizer, I believe that this will be classified as an accident.