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The following is an excerpt of the FAA Inspectors statement from the interview of the flight instructor and student pilot conducted on August 6, 2024:

Pilot Yurichak was signed off to solo by CFI after a number of flights in the pattern at Medina, including a go-around. Pilot and CFI felt that he was ready to solo.

CFI. After takeoff he observed N6543E fly the pattern, and all looked good. Approaching RWY-01 he looked high and fast. He appeared to touchdown at about midfield, then ballooned, landed and disappeared down the incline at the end of the runway.

Student pilot Stated: that he thought he was fast but assumed that he had ample time to get the aircraft on the ground and stopped. When asked if he used brakes, he stated that he did not remember. When asked if he thought about aborting the landing and going around, he stated that he did not.

Observation. At the end of RWY 19 there was no obvious skid marks from braking. Observer at the other end of the field told the CFI after the accident, that it looked like he landed with about a 1000ft remaining ballooned and landed in the grass past the runway.