

RECORD OF		☐ VISIT	☐ CONFERENCE OR	☒ TELEPHONE CALL	TIME 1603	DATE 05/09/2025
NAME (S) OF PERSON (S) CONTACTED OR IN CONFERENCE AND LOCATION					ROUTING	
					SYMBOL	INITIALS
Brenton Michael Franklin (accident pilot's son)						
SUBJECT N179ST Accident						
DIGEST						
Brenton Franklin occupied the cockpit right seat as a passenger on the accident flight.						
Brenton stated his dad obtained flight following for the accident flight. Upon reaching their destination, Davis Field -Folkston, GA, his dad cancelled flight following. They overflew Davis Field and observed the windsock which indicated calm winds. The landing gear and flaps were extended and the final approach was smooth. He stated that the runway is in close proximity to trees on each side and as they dropped below the tree line, at approximately 50 feet of altitude, the aircraft suddenly pitched up. His dad added power to go around, however the aircraft did not climb but drifted left toward the tree line. Just prior to impacting trees, the left wing dipped and struck the ground. He stated that a fire ensued at the root of the partially separated left wing. He stated that members of the Georgia Forestry Commission arrived on scene in less than 5 minutes with a water truck to extinguish the fire. Brenton's mother was able to open the cabin door allowing herself, Brenton, Brenton's wife and two daughters to evacuate, however his father was pinned and required the assistance of first responders from the fire department for extraction.						
CONCLUSION, ACTION TAKEN, OR REQUIRED						
DATE 05/09/2025	TITLE ASI			SIGNATURE Rodney L Hood		

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