



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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Air Safety Investigator

(GAAID) General Aviation Accident Investigation Division **NOV 11th 2016**

NTSB Accident Number: GAA16CA451

Aircraft Registration & Make/Model: N3003N & Ayers Corporation/S 2R

Accident Location: Cordele, GA

Accident Date: 25AUG2016 @ 0915

Subject: Memorandum for Record FAA Inspector's Statement (Mike Pupek)

In support of the NTSB Air Safety Accident Investigation involving accident airplane N3003N, and pilot Raymond Kendrick; the NTSB Investigator-in-charge (IIC) made multiple phone calls to Mr. Kendrick to no avail. The NTSB Investigator asked the FAA Aviation Safety Inspector to contact Mr. Kendrick and inform him that he needs to contact the NTSB IIC; however the pilot did not do so. The following is a summation of the statement provided via telephone by the FAA Inspector on 25AUG2016 @1700 pdt.

Mr. Kendrick was the pilot of the accident airplane, and was conducting 14 CFR Part 137 operations. The accident occurred in Cordele, GA about 0915, when the pilot decided to fly underneath powerline wires in order to continue his agricultural spray operation route. He stated that the pilot reported that as he made his way underneath the wires, the sun was in his eyes when the vertical stabilizer and the rudder struck the wires. He stated that the pilot told him that he did not land immediately; rather he made another spray pass before landing the airplane. The FAA Inspector reported that there were no photographs provided of the accident airplane, but he did confirm substantial damage to the vertical stabilizer and rudder.

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