



NTSB RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: 10/23/2017
Person Contacted: Mike Thompkins (Passenger)
NTSB Accident Number: GAA18CA015

Narrative:

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

- He reported that the pilot said on short final, "Do you see those two red lights, that's for other airplane's."
- The passenger reported that the pilot planned to land parallel to the hard surface runway, in the grass to the left of the runway.
- He reported that the airplane was "really left of the grass runway, and the airplane was crabbing to the left, but traveling forward."
- He reported that prior to the runway threshold, there was a momentary sun flash that "lit up the plastic windscreen." And at this point, the airplane was very close to the trees, and the pilot applied power, pulled back on the stick, and the airplane "spiraled" and "twisted" downward into the ground to the left.