



RECORD OF MEMORANDUM

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Date: February 1, 2017
Person Contacted: El Dorado County Sheriff's Office
NTSB Accident Number: WPR17LA061

Narrative:

While on scene, the pilot, Mr. Jared Brandt reported to law enforcement that he purchased fuel for his airplane (N321BJ) just prior to taking off and planned to fly a few patterns. Just after takeoff, Mr. Brandt heard an unfamiliar sound, which caused a concern. He immediately began going through checks and procedures to determine a malfunction. Mr. Brandt quickly realized his landing gear had malfunctioned. For approximately 1-2 hours, he attempted to fix the problem by following standard and emergency protocol. During this time, Mr. Brandt drained the airplane's battery and was unable to use the radio due to lack of battery power. Mr. Brandt resigned himself to the fact that he would be forced to make an emergency landing. Mr. Brandt burned through as much fuel as possible then made a final approach from the north. Just prior to landing he turned off his fuel and opened the cabin door for a quick egress once on the ground. He then landed the airplane onto its belly and it came to rest about halfway down the runway. He was not injured during the event.

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Submitted by: Samantha Link