



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: 4/30/19
Person Contacted: William Baldwin - Pilot
NTSB Accident Number: WPR1TA142

Narrative:

During a telephone conversation, Mr. Baldwin reported that he had recently purchased the airplane in January, 2019, and have flown it to his home airport, to use to obtain his sport pilot certificate. He said that he let the airplane sit a few months, and decided it was a nice evening, and was going to go fly to see how it did. He said that the flight around the traffic pattern was uneventful, until he was landing on runway 26. While about 15 ft above ground level, the airplane descended rapidly, landed hard, and bounced. Mr. Baldwin said that he was able to regain control of the airplane, however, as the airplane climbed to about 20 ft above ground level, it dropped a second time and landed hard, which resulted in the right main landing gear axle and wheel assembly separate. The airplane veered to the right and came to rest upright on the right side of the runway. The pilot reported there were no mechanical issues with the airplane.

Mr. Baldwin reported that he had began to learn how to fly in 2001, however, never finished his training or obtained his pilot certificate, and had not flown since then until he had purchased the accident airplane. Additionally, he reported that he had no training in the accident airplane.