



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: 3/9/2020
Person Contacted: Richard Boettcher
NTSB Accident Number: WPR20CA102

Narrative:

During a telephone conversation with Mr. Boettcher, he reported that he entered traffic pattern normally, and that he “wasn’t himself, not thinking, and didn’t extend the landing gear on downwind.” Mr. Boettcher said that he heard at the last minute, someone who was waiting to take off, that his landing gear wasn’t down. As he was crossing the threshold of the runway, he extended the landing gear, applied engine power, and continued the approach to landing. Mr. Boettcher said that shortly after, the possibly stalled and landed hard, which sheered the nose wheel off. The airplane exited the left side of the runway, impacted a sign, came to rest upright. Mr. Boettcher said that prior to landing, nothing mechanically wrong with the airplane.