



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Person Contacted: Fred Holden (Flight Instructor)
NTSB Accident Number: WPR20LA110

I interviewed Mr. Holden via telephone. Mr. Holden reported that he was still recovering from his injuries sustained in the accident. I asked Mr. Holden to describe the events during the final approach to land on runway 29 at the Pinedale Airport on March 16, 2020. He reported that this was the student pilots third lesson. Mr. Holden and the student pilot were about 150 ft above the ground when he noticed that the student pilot didn't have the nose of the airplane aligned with the runway. Mr. Holden said he took over control of the airplane to show the student pilot how to use the rudder pedals. He said when he pressed on the rudder pedals, he had to ask the student pilot to remove his feet from the pedals. The student pilot replied that he didn't have them on the pedals. He said there was 6-7 seconds where the rudder pedals did not move. Mr. Holden and I also spoke about a tachometer timing box that he had on the airplane's glareshield, and how he thought that it could have been trapped behind the rudder pedals. The tachometer timing box was later identified at the accident site, which was thrown from the wreckage during the accident sequence. I also reported to Mr. Holden that the rudder pedals were examined, and a portion of the instrument panel mounted tachometer housing was found behind the rudder pedals. The instrument mounted tachometer was found to be damaged during the accident sequence.



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