



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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Date: Dec 23, 2021
Subject: Record of Conversation with Austin Donald (Witness)
NTSB Accident Number: WPR22FA067

In a conversation with Austin Donald, the following is a summary of what he stated:

- He worked at the airport as an airport lineman.
- He saw two airplanes on final approach for runway 22, trying to land at the same time.
- The front airplane was slightly below the airplane behind it, and the airplane in back was descending into it.
- One of the planes was flown by Steven Hickman and was on the designated radio frequency calling out his landing.
- There was no radio traffic from the other unknown airplane.
- He got on the radio to let the pilots of the two planes know they were about to collide.
- He got a response from Steven (Cessna 120 airplane in front) but not from the unknown airplane.
- Steven said he could not see the unknown airplane and aborted his landing and turned toward to north.
- A short time later, the unknown airplane's pilot, who Austin did not recognize the voice of, got on the designated radio frequency and apologized, stating that he was on the wrong frequency.
- The unknown pilot (was flying in the RV-6A airplane which was behind the Cessna), also aborted his landing and turned to the north.

- The second airplane continued to turn at a low elevation and appeared to stall.
- The airplane immediately went into a nosedive and collided with the ground.
- There was no distress call from the second airplane. On his earlier radio transmission, he did not seem stressed or hurried.
- Austin spoke to another pilot (Stephen Aeschlimann) who was flying his airplane and delayed his landing because of the accident. He did not see the crash but heard the transmissions before the crash.



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Date: Dec 24, 2021
Subject: Record of Conversation with Steven Hickman (Witness)
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In a conversation with Steven Hickman, the following is a summary of what he stated:

- He is a private pilot with about 1,850 total flight hours.
- He was flying in the traffic pattern.
- He heard on uniform that two planes were on final.
- He did not see the other airplane.
- He called off his landing and turned northbound.
- The second airplane said he was sorry and asked what his position was.
- He replied heading northbound.



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Date: Dec 23, 2021
Subject: Record of Conversation with Kyle Rowles (Witness)
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In a conversation with Kyle Rowles, the following is a summary of what he stated:

- He was at the airport.
- There were two planes close to each other on approach.
- The airplane behind was descending into the airplane in front of it.
- The front airplane turned to the north.
- About 5 seconds later, the second airplane turned to the north.
- The second airplane seem to be in slow motion.
- He then saw the second airplane's right-wing dip and the airplane "barrel roll" down.
- The nose was pointed down.