

RECORD OF ☐ VISIT ☐ CONFERENCE OR ☒ TELEPHONE CALL		TIME 0933	DATE 07/24/2025
NAME (S) OF PERSON (S) CONTACTED OR IN CONFERENCE AND LOCATION		ROUTING	
		SYMBOL	INITIALS
Telephone call between Mr. Harold Lawrence Brown (N5204C pilot on 07/23/2024)			
and FAA Aviation Safety Inspector Randy Tetrault			
SUBJECT N5204C Accident Investigation			
DIGEST			
I contacted Mr. Brown on the phone at 0933 on 07/24/2025 as part of the accident investigation of N5204C. He stated that he was the pilot of N5204C on the evening of 07/23/2025 and that he had one passenger on board. I asked him to describe the sequence of events from approach to the building impact. He stated that they were flying to HLN from GTF. He requested a landing to runway 17. On approach he reduced throttle and lowered flaps. He did not touch down and decided to execute a go around as he only had 1,000 feet of runway left. He added throttle and pulled back on the yoke. The aircraft climbed, cleared the fence and then impacted the ground and slid into a building. He turned off master power and exited the aircraft. When asked if he moved any other switches or controls, he said he did not think so but could not remember. He was focused on exiting the aircraft, his passenger could not get the door open and they were both bleeding and disoriented. He said that his memory of events after the climb out on go around is not very clear. He then asked if we had found his jacket in the aircraft. I told him we had not but I would look when we returned to the scene and would contact him later in the day, then ended the phone call.			
CONCLUSION, ACTION TAKEN, OR REQUIRED			
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RECORD OF ☒ VISIT ☐ CONFERENCE OR ☐ TELEPHONE CALL		TIME 1330	DATE 07/28/2025
NAME (S) OF PERSON (S) CONTACTED OR IN CONFERENCE AND LOCATION		ROUTING	
		SYMBOL	INITIALS
Meeting at the Helena Regional Airport hangar where N5204C is currently stored			
between Mr. Harold Lawrence Brown's (N5204C pilot on 07/23/2024) and FAA ASI			
Randy Tetrault			
SUBJECT N5204C Accident Investigation			
DIGEST			
I met Mr. Brown at the hangar he rents on Helena Regional Airport where N5204C is currently stored. He provided the aircraft maintenance records and I reviewed them and took some pictures. No discrepancies or abnormalities were found in the records. I asked Mr. Brown if he was aware of any maintenance issues, he said there were not. I then asked him to go through the sequence of events of 07/23/2025 starting from the aircraft entry into the Helena valley. He stated that as he came over the north hills into the valley he set the flaps to full down, pulled the throttle back and believes he moved the mixture handle in. He does not think he raised the prop speed on approach. He does not believe he touched down on the runway, and only had 1000 feet left so he decided to execute a go around. He thinks he pushed the fuel mixture in rather than the throttle. He then pushed the throttle in and thinks he pulled the mixture back out. Then he pulled back on the yoke, the aircraft climbed and he was thinking about raising the flaps and calling tower when the aircraft impacted the ground and slid into a building. He said that his memory of events after the go around climb out is not very clear. I asked him to type up a statement and email it with any training or endorsement certificates he had.			
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