



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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Date: March 30, 2015
NTSB Accident Number: ERA15FA170
Persons Contacted: Candace Pack, CFI

The following is a summary of the conversation conducted on this date:

- Ms. Pack is the owner of Skyline Aviation and one of Ryan's flight instructors.
- She stated that Ryan had been flying with her as well as Chris and Frank, two other CFI's at the school, for about one year "on and off."
- The week prior, Ms. Pack conducted a stage check with Ryan during which they flew to Farmville, VA (FVX).
- The morning of the accident, Ryan arrived around 0845 and she endorsed his logbook for the accident flight, which was a solo cross-country to FVX.
- He conducted a preflight inspection of the airplane, and she "went over" the airplane herself to confirm that everything was okay.
- She and Ryan then conducted an engine run-up together, during which no anomalies were observed.
- She instructed Ryan to complete another engine run-up after fueling the airplane and before departing.
- She observed the takeoff and stated that the airplane became airborne less than halfway down the runway.
- The takeoff was normal, with no flaps being used.
- On the upwind leg of the traffic pattern, she observed the airplane start a left turn as if it was turning to the crosswind leg of the traffic pattern. The airplane "pulled up" abruptly, and the left wing dropped. She stated that "it just rolled" and descended to ground contact.
- She immediately called 911 and got into her truck to drive to the accident site.
- She stated that Ryan typically flew with a tablet computer, on which he used the Garmin Pilot app, similar to ForeFlight but for the Android OS.

- She stated that the flight school utilized the ASA Part 141 private pilot training syllabus for its students.
- The flight school had leased the accident airplane from the previous owner for about 18 months before purchasing the airplane on March 1.
- During the time of the lease, the previous owner performed the maintenance on the airplane.

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Persons Contacted: Chris Russell, CFI

The following is a summary of the conversation conducted on this date:

- Mr. Russell is employed by Skyline Aviation and stated that he was Ryan's primary CFI.
- He stated that Ryan had begun flight training about one year ago, and described him as "a natural."
- He stated that Ryan had quite a bit of training, and was ready to solo before his 16th birthday.
- He stated that Ryan had "no trouble" with stalls or spins during training, and "knew how to fly the plane."
- He stated that the accident airplane was in "good shape" and he had not experienced any mechanical issues while flying it.
- Mr. Russell stated that he has previously observed seagulls near the end of the runway and had had a few "close calls" with birds due to the landfill near the airport.

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