

MEMORANDUM for RECORD

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Date: September 9, 2016 Person Contacted: Fargcheng He (Mark) – Student at Falcon Aviation Academy NTSB Accident Number: ERA16FA312 – Carrollton, Georgia

This investigator interviewed Mr. He in person at the offices of Falcon Aviation Academy. He reported the following:

- He was flying with his instructor (John Oven) in N169PS.
- They were entering the traffic pattern at CTJ, about 3-5 miles out, and at 3,000 feet msl.
- As they were approaching the runway from the east, he looked toward the final approach path for runway 35 and saw two aircraft "too close."
- Too far away to distinguish aircraft type, but they were both white. It appeared that the aircraft on the right was larger.
- He observed the two aircraft merge together, then they collided. They "stayed together until they crashed into the ground." They appeared to be about 200 feet agl when they collided.
- When the aircraft crashed into the ground, he saw dust come up.
- He heard the downwind, base, and final radio calls from N85WP. He recalled both Taylor and Raymond both making calls.