



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

PERSONNEL STATEMENT

1. NAME OF REPORTING FACILITY:	2. REPORT NUMBER:
3. AIRCRAFT IDENTIFICATION AND TYPE: N366RC	AVENTURO II

4. LOCATION OF ACCIDENT/INCIDENT:	5. DATE/TIME OF ACCIDENT/INCIDENT (UTC): JAN 14, 2020	6. EQUIPMENT ATTACHMENT: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
7. NAME (OPERATING INITIALS):	8. TITLE:	9. POSITION AND TIME (UTC):

10. COMPLETE IN ACCORDANCE WITH FAA ORDER 8020.16, AIR TRAFFIC ORGANIZATION, AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT AND INCIDENT NOTIFICATION, INVESTIGATION, AND REPORTING, PARAGRAPH 91, FAA FORM 8020-XX, PERSONNEL STATEMENTS. THE PURPOSE OF THIS STATEMENT IS TO PROVIDE ANY FACTS WITHIN YOUR PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE THAT WILL PROVIDE A COMPLETE UNDERSTANDING OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THIS ACCIDENT/ INCIDENT. SPECULATIONS, HEARSAY, OPINIONS, CONCLUSIONS, AND/OR OTHER EXTRANEIOUS DATA ARE NOT TO BE INCLUDED IN THIS STATEMENT. THIS STATEMENT MAY BE RELEASED TO THE PUBLIC THROUGH THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT OR LITIGATION ACTIVITIES INCLUDING PRETRIAL DISCOVERY, DEPOSITIONS, AND ACTUAL COURT TESTIMONY. THIS STATEMENT IS TO BE HAND PRINTED AND SIGNED BY YOU, AND YOUR SIGNATURE BELOW CERTIFIES THE ACCURACY OF THIS STATEMENT. IT WILL NEITHER BE EDITED NOR TYPED AND, ONCE SIGNED, WILL CONSTITUTE YOUR ORIGINAL STATEMENT.

11. TEXT OF STATEMENT:  ORIGINAL  SUPPLEMENTAL

I took off from my back yard via a ramp to the St. Johns River, I put the gear ~~down~~ and did three landings at the Palatka Airport (285) I then flew back to the river for a final river landing. I had a lot on my mind and somehow forgot to raise the landing gear. When the wheel hit the water the plane flipped immediately, I went underwater and was able to get the seat belt off and swam out. My neighbor came out to make the recovery (of me, not the plane).

\* "down" was corrected to "UP" by mistake. IT IS "down"

12. SIGNATURE OF WITNESS: [Redacted] RAN SASSEK	13. DATE OF SIGNATURE: JAN. 15, 2020
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