

RECORD OF CONVERSATION

Jason Aguilera Air Safety Investigator Central Region

Date: April 30, 2020

Person Contacted: Robert Nance, FAA Inspector, Denver FSDO

NTSB Accident Number: CEN20CA163

Narrative:

Inspector Nance received the following statement from the accident pilot:

From: Michael McMinn < >
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 6:53 PM
To: Nance, Robert (FAA) < >

Subject: 8020-23.pdf - signed using Adobe Fill & Sign.

I will preface this by saying that the memories from the accident its self are fuzzy. It all happened very quickly. This is my attempt to put all the memories together into a cohesive narrative.

I left from KBJC on a time building flight. I flew direct to KFLY (full stop) and then direct to KAKO (touch and go.) I was scheduled to be back at KBJC at 1800 hours and was running into that deadline. The ATIS was calling winds above my personal minimums but decided to fly in closer to see if they lessened. I got as far as joining the downwind before i got my clearance ammended to depart the area back to the north. As soon as I cleared the BJC airspace I got the AWOS for LMO, it was calling calm winds. I joined the pattern for runway 11 and realized that there was a wind from the south. On final I initiated a slip and had a stable approach established. Right before touchdown, though, the wind let up, which turned my nose to the left. As soon as my nose got out of line I added full power for a go around without compensating with the appropriate amount of right rudder, which turned my nose more out line. In a panic all I could think to do was pull back and try to get off the ground. I clipped a taxiway sign with my left strut and came back down to earth in the grass where I rolled to a stop. By the time I was stopped the engine had died. A man came to help me tow the plane out of the grass and into a parking spot.

Feel free to call me with any questions. I am a night person so the afternoon is a better time for me, but if I miss a call I'll return it as soon as I'm up.

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