

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

Douglass Brazy Air Safety Investigator Eastern Region Aviation

August 7, 2020

Subject: N26929V, Cessna 177RG, 7/26/20, Lakeland, Florida ERA20CA276 Record of Conversation – Marco Grillo (FAA Inspector, Orlando, Florida Flight Standards District Office)

Inspector Grillo provided the following information via telephone on August 7, 2020:

The airplane sustained substantial damage to the right wing spar and engine mount. The left wingtip, nose gear and right door, propeller, spinner and nose cowling were also damaged.

The pilot reported the he had owned the airplane a few months, and that it was not as responsive to rudder pedal inputs compared to his previous airplane, a Piper Warrior. He had previously disengaged the parking brake inadvertently with his leg/knee and may have done so again on the day of the accident. He also reported that during the accident sequence, his wet sandals had slipped off the pedals when trying to stop.

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