



## MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

**Douglass Brazy**  
**Air Safety Investigator**  
**Eastern Region Aviation**

**July 16, 2020**

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**Subject:** NTSB investigation ERA20CA249, N737WA, Cessna 172N, Pickens, South Carolina, July 11, 2020.

William Thompson, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Inspector, Columbia, South Carolina Flight Standards District Office, provided the following information via telephone on July 16, 2020:

The student pilot had flown solo from Greenville Downtown Airport (GMU) to Pickens County Airport (LQK) (both located in South Carolina) to practice tough-and-go landings. On the 7<sup>th</sup> landing, the pilot said that he “came in a little faster than normal” and the airplane bounced several times on landing. The student pilot attempted to initiate a go around but was unsuccessful.

The airplane sustained substantial damage to the bottom of the forward fuselage, aft of the nose gear, and on the left and right sides forward of the rudder pedals on the pilot’s and co-pilot’s sides.

Mr. Thompson provided the attached student pilot’s statement, via email on July 16, 2020.

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On July 11<sup>th</sup>, I flew from KGMU to KLQK to do touch and go's. On my 7<sup>th</sup> lap, I came in a little faster than normal. When I touched down, I started bouncing. Each bounce was harder/higher than the last. I tried to go around, and the airplane hit the ground hard on the nose gear. The propeller hit the ground. I steered the airplane off of the runway. I was the only person on board.

Collin Burchette