


On 17 February 2020, I Stephen Scott Biddinger Jr., a Flight Instructor at Cape Fear Aviation witnessed the accident of Cessna 172 Skyhawk Tail number 5185R. At approximately 1340, I had just landed 5185r, taxied off the runway and shut down by the maintenance hangar with another Fayetteville Technical Community College Student (FTCC). On shutdown I exited the aircraft with the student and was fighting a headache so I asked Jake Parsons if he could fly the next FTCC students around which he agreed. There were three passengers going on the flight with Jake. One heavy set female approximately 5'4" looks like she weighed about 160-180 lbs. in the back behind Jake, another female sat next to that girl in the back seat she was tall, about 6' or so but was not overweight. The male sitting in the left front seat next to Jake was medium build maybe 180-190lbs. Once they all got in Jake went to the runup area and conducted his runup of the plane. After that he made a radio call and taxied the aircraft on the runway. Once they started their takeoff roll the plane sounded normal and I began talking to the students on the ground next me and another CFI Elayne Humphrey. I then looked back at the runway and noticed the plane starting to rotate pass the windsock by the dip we have in the runway at Grays Creek. As soon as the main wheels left the ground the plane pitched aggressively nose high and went completely vertical almost 90 degrees. The aircraft then stalled about 60-80 feet above the runway the nose dropped to the left, the plane banked hard to the left then to the right and finally impacted on the left side of the runway in a farm field. During the accident I never noticed the elevator move once it went vertical and never heard the engine have problems mechanically.


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