



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

Pilot Statement

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Air Safety Investigator
Eastern Region Aviation

Date: 04/12/2022

Person Contacted: Paul M. Rogers (Pilot)

Contact # [REDACTED]

NTSB Accident Number: ERA22LA185

Narrative:

The following is a summary of a conversation that occurred with the individual named above:

Mr. Rogers stated he was practicing take-offs and landings at Collegedale Municipal Airport (FGU) Collegedale Tennessee. He taxied the airplane to the end of runway 21 and let the engine warm up before conducting his run-up, then departed runway 21.

He stated the take-off was normal but that once he was airborne the downwind leg was extremely windy and the airplane crabbed about 45° to stay on course. He stated that he made a low pass to check the controllability of the airplane close to the runway. While passing the windsock, he noted the surface winds had increased and appeared to be a direct crosswind from right to left.

As the airplane touched down the wind had shift to a quartering tailwind and wing and tail began to lift even though he was applying full aft and right stick. The airplane departed the runway, and the propeller impacted the grass resulting in the airplane nosing over and coming to a rest inverted. He stated he secured the airplane and exited.

The pilot reported that the airplane had no preimpact mechanical malfunctions or failures that would have precluded normal operation.