



NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

Eastern Region – Ashburn, Virginia

Memorandum of Record of Conversation

Who: Joshua Pierre, co-owner of airplane and pilot being instructed by CFI

Date: March 8, 2022

RE: ERA22LA204

In a telephone conversation, Mr. Pierre stated that he was a rated pilot (~120 hours total) but was “rusty.” He co-owned the airplane and hired the flight instructor to help get him current. Mr. Pierre said that he was an aviation maintenance technician (40+ yrs experience) and based the airplane at Berry Hill Airport. He and the flight instructor departed earlier on the day of the accident, practiced maneuvers, then returned to Berry Hill Airport. Upon their return, they made one landing and then the accident happened on the second landing.

Mr. Pierre said that on the second approach to runway 29, the approach was not stabilized. When the airplane was halfway down the 3,000 ft-long runway and about 150 ft above the ground, the flight instructor took control of the airplane and added full power to go around. The flight instructor also raised the flaps from 30 degrees to 20 degrees. Mr. Pierre said that the airplane did not have enough airspeed and altitude to clear the trees and power lines located off the end of the runway. At one point he stall-horn went off. The airplane snagged the power line, and the airplane impacted the ground. Mr. Pierre was not injured.

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