Cessna 410, N425TV

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Aircraft Type and Registration: Cessna 410, N425TV

No & Type of Engines: 2 Pratt & Whitney 135A piston engines

Year of Manufacture: 1983

Date & Time (UTC): 22 February 1998 at 1930 hrs

Location: Aberdeen Airport

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 - Passengers - 3

Injuries: Crew - None - Passengers - None
Nature of Damage: Both propellers FOD both engines

Commander's Licence: Commercial Pilot's Licence issued by the FAA

Commander's Age: 46 years

Commander's Flying Experience: Total flying hours unknown

(453 hours were on type)

Last 90 days - 67 hours

Last 28 days - 26 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

On intercepting the glideslope during a night ILS approach, the pilot went through his landing checks but omitted to lower the landing gear. He realised that the approach was faster than expected but put this down to the fact that the aircraft was unusually light. Using the same logic, he switched off the landing gear warning horn when it operated. When the propellers contacted the runway, the pilot raised the nose, applied power, lowered the landing gear and relanded the aircraft. On the subsequent roll-out, the aircraft departed the side of the runway where the left main landing gear bogged down in soft ground.

The pilot attributed the cause of the accident to his failure to use a written check list and to the distraction of an annoying buzz on his audio system which had started some 40 minutes before the accident.