



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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Subject: CEN23LA063 - FAA Inspector Statement
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Statement provided by the FAA Inspector:

- On December 6, 2022, FAA Inspector received a call, reporting an aircraft accident. Police Officer on the scene stated an aircraft appeared to strike and damage a utility (box) structure.
- There was no report of an aircraft missing and the accident was not reported.
- At the scene, there were pieces of an aircraft located on the ground. A left-wing winglet, a piece of the aileron, along with other additional unidentified articles. There was also a yellow paint witness mark located on the electrical box. No main frame, engine, or personnel were present at the scene.
- After numerous calls and some research, the FAA office contacted a Part 137 operator who admitted that the parts had come off one of their aircraft. The operator was asked about damage and injuries, and they stated that only a winglet had fallen off and that there was no other damage.
- FAA recovered the pieces on December 8, 2022, and determined that one piece was the trailing edge of the wing, with folds resembling the leading edge of a control surface.
- Pictures taken of the aircraft, also show that the wing was torn off from the area immediately outboard of the aileron to the wingtip, with the aileron unaffected. In addition, the front and rear spars were damaged.
- FAA and NTSB have been unable to locate the pilot and get a statement.
- Pilot very briefly stated to the owner / operator when the aircraft was returned that he “screwed up” by boxing himself in a position that he could not get out of.

END OF REPORT