



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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Date: 03/17/2023
Subject: CEN23LA136 FAA Inspector Statement from Pilot
Contact: Air Safety Investigator - Mike Lepore, North Texas FSDO

Statement provided by the FAA Inspector.

Walked to aircraft with Mr. Sills and noted damage on left-wing tip, left main wheel rim and left elevator. Damage on left wing was determined to be significant per the NTSB. Walked the runway both North and South, no debris on runway that resembled a wheel/wing strike and no debris on the ramp. He stated that on the airplane, it appears there is asphalt debris from where the left wing impacted the ground.

Mr. Sills reported to FAA Inspector,

"I last flew the aircraft on 2-11-2023. I returned to the airport on 2-26-2023 to check on the chains before a storm moved in. Everything looked fine at that time. I returned on 3-1-2023 planning to fly before work. During the preflight, I noticed the damage to the left-wing tip. Later in the day on 3-1-2023 I met my father at the airport to look at the damage. That is when we noticed the damage to the left main wheel. I added ratchet straps to tie down the aircraft that night and left it alone until we met on 3-6-2023."

The student pilot claimed to the FAA ASI that the damage was found during a preflight inspection and that maybe a fuel truck impacted the parked airplane.

END OF REPORT