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Date: 1/21/2025
Subject: CEN23LA149
Contact: Jashwant Patel - Pilot

Spoke with Mr. Patel regarding the accident on April 7, 2023. He provided the following information:

- Total flight experience 633 as of accident date
- Total time in Cessna 182 airplanes: 23 hours as of accident date
- Flight originated KIXD and was bound for 1K1 as a yearly personal flight on Good Friday to meet friends for lunch.
- Asked to provide a description: About 30 minutes after taking off from IXD he noticed a subtle vibration that he thought was not normal. He decided to turn around. Noted that his passenger didn't notice the vibration he was talking about, but the passenger was not a pilot and not very familiar with flying in general aviation airplanes. At the time he first noticed the vibration all engine gauges read normal. After turning around and heading back toward IXD, he noticed that the CHT on one cylinder was reading high but he could not remember which cylinder. He adjusted mixture which brought the CHT down some. About 15 to 20 minutes after reversing course, the airplane's engine went from full power to a loss of power and ultimately to failure over the course of about 30 seconds. He said that the engine gauges were still reading normal up to the point where the engine began to lose power. He landed in a field and the field was rough and the airplane nosed over.

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