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Subject: CEN23LA346, Pilot Interview and Airplane Inspection

Contact: Perry Ochsner, Safety Inspector, Federal Aviation Administration-
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Mr. Ochsner interviewed the pilot and inspected the airplane shortly after the accident occurred on 2 August 2023. Mr. Ochsner stated that when he spoke to the pilot, the pilot told him that he took off on the downwind (tailwind) with one notch of flaps. The pilot also stated that he had about 300 feet of runway remaining when he rotated. Mr. Ochsner confirmed continuity of the engine control cables and stated that propeller damage was consistent with the engine producing power. The pilot also told Mr. Ochsner that he over torqued the engine. The pilot agreed with Mr. Ochsner that he most likely rotated too quickly and was unable to get out of ground effect.