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Air Safety Investigator
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Subject: CEN23LA427

Contact: Bryant Baylor, Indianola Municipal Airport (IDL) Manager

Mr. Baylor reported to an FAA inspector that he was made aware of an accident that occurred on June 13, 2023 about 2230 central daylight time involving an unregistered Challenger II light sport airplane. The pilot, Brad Griffin, was attempting to land his airplane on runway 36 at IDL. The airplane was not equipped with a two-way radio to activate the pilot-controlled runway lights. After an attempted landing, the pilot conducted a go-around and called a friend to shine headlights from a vehicle onto the runway. On the second landing attempt, the pilot made a hard landing, bounced, attempted a go-around, but crashed into a beanfield. The pilot, the sole occupant, was injured, but refused medical treatment. The airplane sustained substantial damage to both wings and the fuselage.

Mr. Baylor reported that after the accident, the pilot pushed the airplane wreckage into his rented hangar at IDL and left the scene. The event was reported to the NTSB on November 15, 2023.

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