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Date: 10-30-2024

Subject: CEN24FA218 - telephone conversation

Contact: Mr. Jameson Watts

Mr. Watts was sitting in the left seat of airplane N656MA on June 11, 2024. His flight instructor, Ms. Bailey Maldonado, was sitting in the right seat. Mr. Watts stated that they departed Denton Enterprise Airport (DTO) in Denton, Texas and flew to a practice area to practice flight maneuvers. Then, they flew to Gainesville Municipal Airport (GLE) in Gainesville, Texas to practice touch and go takeoffs and landings. Ms. Maldonado was at the flight controls. Mr. Watts said, on the third takeoff, Ms. Maldonado stated that they were too low and not climbing, so she tried to add more power. Then she told Mr. Watts the engine stopped. Mr. Watts said the propeller was windmilling. When the engine stopped, they were about 100ft above ground level. They glided to a field, hit the ground hard, and bounced back into the air. Then they hit the ground harder and came to a stop. Mr. Watts stated that up until the engine stopped, he thought the engine was working fine. He did not hear the engine cough, sputter, or make any other unusual noises prior to the engine stopping.

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