



Cory Maxon
Air Safety Investigator
Central Region

Date: April 16, 2024

Subject: CEN24LA159

Contact: Christopher Schlanger - Pilot

On April 16, 2024, I spoke with the flight instructor providing instruction in N594M, Christopher Schlanger. During our phone conversation he stated that he was conducting a review flight for a student pilot. The flight consisted of practice short and soft-field takeoff and landings at KSUS. The student pilot completed a series of successful takeoff and landings before the takeoff leading to the accident. Mr. Schlanger stated that during the accident soft-field takeoff, after liftoff the airplane sunk, and the airplane bounced. He instructed the student to pitch forward, and the airplane turned to the left and maintained a high nose-up attitude. He stated that as he commanded flight controls and began to increase forward pressure on the controls, the airplane quickly turned to the right and pitched up. Mr. Schlanger could not recall the way the airplane contacted the ground, but it came to rest on the side of the runway. Mr. Schlanger stated that there were no preimpact mechanical failures or malfunctions that would have precluded normal operations.