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Subject: Re: CEN25LA188 (N7175D, Piper PA-18 @ Vega, TX) - Accident Question
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Blue mark is grass strip 170 as stated.

Darren

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 6, 2025, at 9:55 PM, Michael Hodges [REDACTED] wrote:



Hi Darren,

If you don't mind, could you please draw out, on the attached image, where the grass strip is located?

Thank you.

Mike

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From: Darren Elliott [REDACTED]
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Mike, I usually land just south of the wind sock/seg. Circle. That’s where I was attempting to land. It’s a 17 grass strip.

Darren

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 6, 2025, at 5:29 PM, Michael Hodges
[REDACTED] wrote:

Hi sir,

I have a question for you please.

In your statement that you provided to me, you reported that you

were landing to the grass strip that was flanking runway 17, when the accident occurred.

Here is a screenshot from Google Earth Pro, facing to the south, showing runway 17:

<image003.png>

Just so I understand correctly, were you trying to land to the grass strip to the right (in between runway 17 and the segmented circle) or to the left (in between runway 17 and the taxiway) of runway 17?

Thank you.

Mike

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