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Subject: N5136E (Cessna 172N Airplane) - Accident

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The NTSB investigator-in-charge communicated with [REDACTED] over email. [REDACTED] interviewed the accident flight instructor, [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] also reviewed various training records from the US Aviation Academy.

Postaccident investigation with training records from the US Aviation Academy showed the flight instructor's attendance during the company onboarding process, which included lessons on the accident maneuver.

Training records from the US Aviation Academy also showed that the flight instructor was observed demonstrating the accident maneuver to a check pilot.

The flight instructor was in possession of a procedures manual that described the accident maneuver.

[REDACTED] interviewed two other flight instructors at the US Aviation Academy, who both remembered receiving training on the accident maneuver.

*** Nothing Follows ***