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Subject: CEN26LA209, FAA email

Contact: [REDACTED] FAA Inspector

The on-scene FAA Inspector reported that he interviewed the pilot-in-command and the student's father. According to the inspector, the pilot stated that he was practicing slow-flight maneuvers when the airplane encountered a whirlwind (dust devil). The pilot reported that, because the airplane was in slow flight, it stalled and entered a spin. The pilot stated that he recovered from the spin but did not have sufficient altitude to arrest the subsequent descent before the airplane impacted trees. The inspector asked the pilot whether the airplane had experienced any mechanical irregularities, and the pilot stated that it had not, adding that the airplane was operating as expected.

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