



MEMORANDUM for RECORD

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Date: January 31, 2017
Person Contacted: Mr. Allan Galindo, FAA South Florida FSDO
NTSB Accident Number: ERA16LA096 – West Palm Beach, Florida

This investigator interviewed Mr. Galindo by telephone. He was the FAA inspector assigned to the investigation and reported the following:

- Mr. Galindo interviewed the pilots and examined the airplane.
- He will forward an inspector statement in Word format and photos. The pilot statements were consistent with the written statements that they provided.
- Fuselage damage was substantial. The nose landing gear actuator was jammed upward and penetrated the nose skin. The pressure vessel on the copilot's side was compromised by contact with a propeller blade. Both main landing gear downlock mechanisms were sheared off from impact.
- All damage to the landing gear system was consistent with impact with the runway. His examination of the landing gear system did not reveal any evidence of a preexisting mechanical failure or malfunction.