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Subject: ERA23LA037

Contact: VADIM SHPAKOVSKIY (Pilot in Command, Co-Owner)

The individual noted above provided the following information via a telephone call. The below contents are a summary of what was reported:

- He reported the airplane was in a climbing left turn, 600 - 650 ft agl and then he heard a "boom" and "the RPM went zero." He recalled that it was 31 seconds from the boom to the landing. He believed he struck powerlines before landing on the road.
- He did not recall any smoke in-flight emanating from the engine. He recalled that the engine lost all power after the boom. He cannot recall whether the propeller stopped turning.
- The pre-flight was normal. He followed the checklist for the runup and the engine functioned normal. All engine gauges were normal prior to takeoff.
- He is a private pilot.
- The flight was a personal flight, with a destination of 24A Airport, with an eventual return to SPA (Spartanburg Airport) later in the day.
- He bought the airplane in 2015. There were no propeller strikes that he was aware of and does not know why a 'propeller strike AD' was in the maintenance logbook, recorded in 2021.
- He recalled that when he arrived at Pickens Airport for the most recent annual inspection, the airplane experienced a flat main landing gear, but no damage resulted to the airplane.

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