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Contact: Michael Torrent, FAA S. FL FSDO

Mr. Torrent was interviewed via telephone. He stated that the pilot reported that the airplane touched down near taxiway J5 on the wet runway 10R. The left brake did not work, and he did not want to apply too much right brake and lose directional control. The airplane subsequently travelled off the end of the runway, into the EMAS.

Mr. Torrent added that he went to FLL two days after the accident (Tuesday, 4/11, ~1430 EDT) to examine the wreckage in a hangar. By that time, the pilot had begun repairs without authorization. The pilot stated that he removed and shipped the left brake assembly out for service; however, he could not provide the location of where the left brake was sent.

Mr. Torrent observed substantial damage to the lower forward fuselage. He also noted a large flat spot on the left main landing gear tire and several cuts on the side walls of the tire. He observed that the left main landing gear brake hose was capped. It contained fluid and no evidence of leaks were observed.

Additionally, the pilot walked with a limp. The pilot stated that he had been suffering the past few days from a spider bite on the left leg, and eventually went to the emergency room on Monday, April 10th, due to the pain.