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Subject: ERA23LA206/ correspondence with FAA and Pilot

Contact: Juan Garcia, FAA inspector, FAA FSDO / PIC of N7555X

According to the FAA inspector, the airplane sustained structure damage to the entire airframe. A review of photos that were supplied by the FAA to the NTSB confirmed the damage to the airplane. During the examination of the airplane the fuel system was found to be intact with the main fuel tank undamaged. The FAA stated "Inspection of the aircraft fuel tank found no fuel inside fuel tank, draining of remaining fuel contents of the fuel system resulting in approximately 8 oz of 100LL being collected. All flight control surfaces demonstrated continuity." A cursory inspection was also completed by the FAA inspector on the engine, he stated "Inspection of magnetos, cable connection to plugs found no damage appear to operate normally."

The FAA also stated, "An inventory of items collected at the scene resulted in numerous prescription pills and substances resembling narcotic like material were located within the pilot's personal effects." The FAA inspector stated that when wife of the pilot was contacted, she stated that "that her husband will not be making a statement regarding this matter."

After multiple attempts to contact the pilot by phone, the NTSB investigator finally established contact and forwarded the NTSB's 6120 accident incident form. Upon reviewing the 6120-accident form, the pilot expressed a belief that a magneto problem might have occurred, but he was uncertain about the specific cause of the accident. Despite the NTSB investigator's request for maintenance and fueling records, there was no response or further communication from the pilot.