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Subject: ERA23LA268, Correspondence with Pilot

The following is a summary of the conversation with the pilot of N828WD, Michael G. Crawford:

Mr. Crawford was asked if there were any mechanical issues with the aircraft, and he stated that he was not sure. He stated that he had "played with the autopilot" on the ground prior to the flight. He could not maintain directional control with the rudder, and it would not remain on the runway despite full right rudder inputs.

He stated that there were thunderstorms in the area.

He stated that he had completed the NTSB form 6120.1 and would text it in photos.