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Subject: ERA23LA291, Safety Pilot Interview
Contact: Kody Winner, Safety Pilot

Mr. Winner contacted the IIC on July 10, 2023, by phone to discuss his role in the accident. The following is a summary of that conversation.

- When asked the purpose of the flight Mr. Winner reported that the pilot had asked him to ride along as a safety pilot to help familiarize himself with the local area.
- When asked how much time Mr. Winner had in the make and model of airplane, he stated that he had no time in the make and model.
- He reported that he was the only active CFI on the airfield and the pilot contacted him to act as a safety pilot and point out things in the local area so the pilot could become familiar with the area.
- He stated that after departing the airfield the engine indications showed a high cylinder head temperature and the pilot elected to return to the airfield of departure.
- He stated that during the first attempt to land the pilot overshot the runway and was high so decided to perform a go-around maneuver.
- He stated that when he asked the pilot what the normal final approach speed was the pilot told him it should be about 75 knots.

- He reported that on the 2nd landing attempt the airplane was at about 85 to 90 knots on final and when the pilot started to flare the airplane continued to sink and impacted the ground.
- The airplane bounced when it impacted the ground and slid down the runway.
- Mr. Winner reported that he was not being paid for the flight and was just along for the ride.
- He reported that the approach did not seem out of the ordinary it seemed to be about a 3° approach.
- When asked if the pilot did a flight control check he reported that yes a flight control check was performed before the flight and all appeared normal.
- When asked if there was a large amount of sink felt he reported that there was no massive down thrust the descent was just never arrested.
- Mr. Winner reported that the airplane did not do anything out of the ordinary from his perspective.

Mr. Winner was thanked for his time and help with the investigation.