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Date: December 13, 2023

Subject: Phone Conversation with the Pilot

Contact: Jorge A. Garcia, Pilot

On December 12, 2023, a phone conversation was made with the pilot who was asked to describe the accident sequence events. The pilot provided the following information:

The pilot reported that the airstrip was privately owned by his father and that he had flown there earlier in the day. While preparing to depart, the pilot noted that the runway was narrow with bushes lining the edge of the runway. He began his departure and as he began to rotate the aircraft contacted a bush, similar to a sugar cane plant, with the right-wing tip. The collision caused the aircraft to yaw to the right. The pilot stated that he attempted to pull back on the yoke, but he lost control, impacted the terrain and flipped. The airplane was substantially damaged but he was not injured.