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Subject: ERA24LA090, Pilot Interview
Contact: Peter Granow, Pilot of N512SP

On January 17, 2024, the pilot of N512SP was contacted via his wife's cellular phone. Peter remained in the hospital but was available to discuss the accident events. Below is a synopsis of the conversation.

The pilot was asked to describe the accident sequence. Peter reported that he configured to land the airplane. He was unsure if the airplane hit the runway, but he experienced a crosswind from the right. He described it as a "heavy crosswind" coming from the West, from the 250-255 direction. Peter attempted to do a full power go-around to avoid an accident but ended up in the trees. The last thing he remembered was seeing the trees. Peter stated that he begins to remember things when there were several people around him.

Peter was asked if he departed that airport and what the purpose of the flight was. He responded that he did depart from that airport, and it was a training (slow flight) flight in the training area. Based on the wind conditions he decided to head back. Peter was asked if the airplane is owned by a flight school. He responded with "yes", Race City Flight.

Peter went on to state that the airport is like "like landing on a postage stamp" because it is in a tiny neighborhood and that the accident happened so fast. The pilot stated that there were no mechanical issues with the aircraft and that the aircraft was in good shape prior to the accident. Peter was asked how recovery was going and the NTSB 6120 form was explained to him. An extension was given to return the form so that he could focus on recovery.

-End of conversation