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Contact: Ron Hofer, [REDACTED], [REDACTED]

Ron Hofer sent an email to inspector Delbert Areford of the Charlotte FAA/FSDO on January 14, 2024, to describe the accident events that he witnessed involving N512SP near Lake Norman Airpark. Below are the statements that Ron provided to inspector Areford.

"I met you this afternoon at the accident site where N512SP crashed near Lake Norman Airpark, 14A, and you asked me to send you an email reporting what I saw before the accident. I live on Lake Norman Airpark and hold CFII and CFIG ratings. I live at [REDACTED] which is on the left (~North) side of runway 14.

On January 14th at about 12:15 P.M. I was sitting at our dinette and noticed Cessna N512SP as it was landing on runway 14. I first noticed the aircraft when it was about 1/4th of the way down the runway and had not yet landed. I then observed the right wing tip move upward about 2 feet as if it had encountered a wind gust. The pilot immediately leveled the wings and I stopped looking at the aircraft until a few seconds later when I observed the aircraft at about the 1/2 way sign apparently starting to go around. I then lost sight of the aircraft because my view was obstructed by my neighbor's home.

A few minutes before N512SP attempted to land on 14, I observed a SR22 encounter a similar wind gust at about the same place down the runway.

Please don't hesitate to call or email me if there is anything I can do to assist you in your investigation of the N512SP accident."

-End of statement