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Date: 01/23/2024
Subject: Record of Conversation with the CFI
Contact: Andrea Stewart

The CFI was contacted by telephone on January 23, 2024, to summarize the accident events. Below is a summary of the conversation.

Andrea stated that her student was at the airplane finishing the preflight when she arrived. She looked over the maintenance sheet and noticed it had a maintenance issue for the brakes. She looked extra close at the brakes during the preflight and did not notice anything out of the ordinary. The student started the aircraft, and they tapped the brakes and they felt operational. They taxied the airplane to the runup area, which has tight turns that require braking, leading up to it and the brakes felt normal. The brakes held during the run-up. ATC cleared them to taxi to Runway 02 via Delta. They taxied slowly but had a tailwind, so they did pick up some speed. Towards the end of Taxiway Delta there is a sharp bend to the runway and the airplane did not turn. The student pulled the engine power. Andrea stated she also got onto the controls and pressed the brakes and pulled the yoke, but nothing helped. It happened quickly. The airplane did steer slightly left to avoid a very deep ditch, but the airplane still went into the trees.

Question 1: Were you both wearing seatbelts? Yes

Question 2: Can you provide the students name and contact information? Zeynep Tuncay, [REDACTED], [REDACTED]

Question 3: Can you provide me your email address? [REDACTED]

Question 4: Where is the aircraft currently? American Aero in New Smyrna.

Question 5: Have they started to look at the airplane? They did a quick look. The brake caliper did break off, so the caliper is now in-op.

I asked that they preserve the caliper until either the FAA or a delegate can inspect the caliper and photograph it. I then discussed the 6120 form with Andrea and asked that this was completed with the student within 10 days. She did not have any questions about it.

Question 6: Do you have any questions for me? No.

-End of Conversation-