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Subject: ERA24LA124 Witness Interview
Contact: Victoria Wolter (Degouse)

Ms. Wolter was contacted via telephone to discuss the accident of N485DA. The following is a summary of that conversation.

Ms. Wolter stated that she is a flight instructor for L3 Harris and was in the airplane that was being tended to by emergency responders prior to the accident on the flight school ramp. They had an aileron issue and had declared for an emergency landing that was uneventful. Her airplane was parked "in the first for that faces the tail of the jets", the first spot in the first line. She exited her plane, along with two other occupants. The firemen asked her for documentation. As she turned back to grab her documentation, she saw the Cirrus right as it began to drop, then it hit the tail of the Archer. She reported that the "belly dropped", it hit the Archer, and there was a small explosion as they skidded towards the grass.

Ms. Wolter was asked if she could hear the engine running prior to the collision with the Archer. She responded that "it went from no power, idle power, to engine howling" right before the collision. She stated that she was not positive but heard the engine throttle go full forward. Immediately after the airplane stopped, the occupants exited in less than 10 seconds.

-End of conversation