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Date: February 28, 2024
Subject: ERA24LA124, Pilot Receiving Instruction Interview
Contact: Alan Villon

Mr. Villon was contacted via telephone to discuss the accident events of N485DA. The following is a summary of that conversation.

Mr. Villon was asked how he was doing after the accident. He replied that he had a significant back injured, but he was home now.

He was asked to describe the events leading up to the accident. Mr. Villon stated that they went up for an instructional flight that included VOR and GPS tracking. Concluding the lesson and back at the departing airport, Mr. Villon stated that they were attempting an approach to Runway 9R. He stated that they kept getting switched back and forth between 9R and 9L. When they were on the final approach, the instructor requested 9C with the Tower. Mr. Villon was "under the hood" at this point. Once lined up for 9C, he was told to go visual, and he removed the hood. Once he went visual, he noticed that they were low, and the instructor requested the controls. The instructor took the controls and immediately added power, however, shortly after the instructor said, "did we lose engine, I think we lost engine". Mr. Villon looked at the instructor and realized that he was serious, and this was not a training scenario. At this point everything happened quickly and before he knew it, they were on the ground.

Mr. Villon stated that everything was going "smoothly" until the instructor took the controls and said that they had lost the engine.

Mr. Villon was asked that when they lost the engine, could he feel a power change. He replied that he was not sure and that this was only his third time in an SR20. He had completed all of his prior training in an Archer.

Mr. Villon was asked if the propeller stopped. He replied that he was not sure and that everything happened so quickly. He did not see anything on the gauge, he was just trying to remain calm and that he was preparing himself to help if the instructor called out for any assistance. He also stated that he was looking outside at locations to land.

Mr. Villon was asked to confirm his flight instructors phone number. He provided [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Mr. Villon was asked to provide his email address. He provided [REDACTED]

Mr. Villon was asked for clarification on who was flying at the time of the accident. He replied that the instructor was flying and that he had taken controls. The instructor applied power and felt it initially before the instructor said, "did we lose engine". He felt the increase in altitude stop. The instructor also pitched down to reach the runway.

-End of conversation