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Subject: ERA24LA185, Witness Statement
Contact: Eric Williams, Airport Manager

According to Mr. Williams, he knew the pilot involved in the incident and had spoken with him several days prior to the accident. During that conversation, the pilot indicated that the aircraft had not yet been registered. Mr. Williams further noted that the aircraft was not equipped with a parachute, which was a matter of concern. Mr. Williams reported that on the day of the incident he heard a "loud pop" sound and immediately went outside, where he observed the aircraft crash. Upon examining the wreckage, he observed that the bolt for one of the wing struts was not properly aligned with the holes in the inner tube.

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