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Date: June 6, 2024

Subject: ERA24LA247, Pilot Receiving Instruction Interview

Contact: Stephan Amisano

Stephan was contacted via telephone to discuss the accident of N208DB that occurred on June 5, 2024. The following is a summary of that conversation:

Mr. Amisano was asked to describe the event that led up to the accident. He responded that he was the licensed pilot receiving instruction. They entered into the pattern and setting up for the downwind when the instructor pulled the engine power to simulate an engine failure. He noted that the winds that day were "not nice day winds" and they were "howling out of the southeast". He also commented that there were a lot of trees on the approach path. They did an approach but did not plan on landing because this was a private airport. The instructor asked him if he wanted to show him another approach, which he accepted. The instructor took the controls and went around, making the calls as he progressed. They were "bouncing all over" because of the winds.

Once they were approximately 50 feet or so above the ground, the airplane dropped. Mr. Amisano commented that the airplane just stopped flying. Everything happened so fast, and they were so low that there was no chance for recovery. He commented that they had power coming in but that it didn't matter because they dropped so quickly. At the same time, they were also drifting to the right of the runway. He stated that it felt like a hard landing and that they hit on the main landing gear first, but that the nose could not handle it and ultimately the nose gear collapsed.

Mr. Amisano was asked if he and the other pilot were okay. He responded that they were okay and that the seats had four-point harnesses.

He was asked where they originally departed from. He responded that they departed from N19 at 15:05-15:10 and were in the air for approximately 35-40 minutes before the accident. The flying club owns the airplane.

The NTSB 6120 form was discussed with Stephan and that it was requested he complete this with the other pilot. The due date of January 16 was given to Stephan for the completion of the 6120. He provided the email address bethnamos@comcast.net.

Stephan also was able to provide the contact information for the other pilot. He provided 856-912-5329 cell phone and bobmccabe2@gmail.com for the other pilots contact information.

Mr. Amisano was provided the IIC's contact information and asked if he had any additional comments or questions. He stated that he looked at the weather for South Jersey Regional Airport (VAY) and felt that the weather (AWOS) was inaccurate and did not match up with the weather at the time. He occasionally also retrieves weather from the local Air Force base.

-End of Conversation