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Date: June 24, 2024
Subject: ERA24LA272 Pilot Interview
Contact: Jesse Ward

Jesse Ward was contacted via telephone at [REDACTED] to discuss the accident of N425UW. Mr. Ward also confirmed that the phone number [REDACTED] is a secondary number that he uses. The following is a summary of the discussion:

Mr. Ward was asked to describe the events of the accident involving N425UW. He stated that he was "coming in too fast" and that he did not have the yoke pulled back enough during the touchdown. The initial contact with the water was okay, but he stated that he released the yoke too soon and the nose went down. The fiberglass hull fractured around the nose area and "collapsed".

The purpose of the flight was sightseeing. He stated that he "went up, did a loop, and came back".

Mr. Ward stated that he has flown a similar aircraft with an instructor and has approximately 6 hours in that airplane with 6 or 7 landings. The wreckage remains at his property of [REDACTED].

A discussion regarding the NTSB 6120 form was held and Mr. Ward stated that he would send photos of the airplane to the NTSB IIC. He stated that the NTSB 6120 should be sent to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

-End of conversation