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Date: August 16, 2024
Subject: ERA24LA349 Pilot Interview
Contact: Andrew Dees

Andrew Dees was contacted via telephone to discuss the accident of N2342D. The following is a summary of that conversation.

Andrew was asked to describe the events leading up to the accident. He stated that the purpose of the flight was for sightseeing. There were thousands of birds on the water and he and his passenger were going to fly to take video of them. They took off from the water and were flying low. Andrew stated that they flew too low and one of the airplane floats hit a wave on the water. The wave immediately brought the airplane down into the water and they flipped. Neither occupant was injured.

Andrew then described the recovery effort to remove the airplane from the water before it drifted into a shipping channel.

Andrew was provided a description of the investigative process, and he was told that he would likely hear from the investigator in charge early next week. Andrew commented that he would send photographs of the damage to the airplane via text message.

-End of conversation