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Subject: ERA24LA360 Pilot Interview

Contact: Timothy Scheuing

Mr. Scheuing was contacted via telephone to discuss the accident events of N686AC. The following is a summary of that conversation.

Mr. Scheuing was asked to describe the events that led up to the accident. He replied that they were coming in from Ocala and that he did an instrument approach for runway 11. Immediately after landing, the airplane turned left. Mr. Scheuing stated that he input right rudder and thrust reversers, but the airplane continued to turn left off of the runway. He also commented that the right rudder and thrust reversers did keep the airplane straight initially. Once the airplane came to a stop, everyone was able to exit and there were no injuries.

Mr. Scheuing was asked if he remembered seeing three green landing light indicators prior to landing. He responded that he did, and he had full flaps. He added that he "definitely landed on the wheel". He recalled that the FAA FSDO inspector commented that a "locking pin was found sheered".

Mr. Scheuing was asked if the landing felt normal or if he had a hard landing. He replied that it was not an "ideal" landing, but it was not a hard landing. He did not believe that the airplane bounced after touching down. He commented that the left main touched down first, followed by the right main, intentionally to counteract a crosswind.

Mr. Scheuing said he spoke to the passengers about the landing and the consensus was that it felt like the left main tire "blew" and caused the initial turn to the left. One passenger felt that the landing was a little hard, but not hard enough to break the

landing gear. Mr. Scheuing also commented that the landing gear was recently replaced.

Mr. Scheuing was asked where the maintenance logbooks would be? He replied that they would be with Trey DeBois and that his cellphone number is [REDACTED] Mr. DeBois attends school so a text message prior to calling was recommended.

The NTSB 6120 form was explained to Mr. Scheuing, and he was asked for his email address. He replied that his email is [REDACTED]

Mr. Scheuing was asked if he had any additional questions or comments. He replied that he did not.

-End of conversation.