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Date: 12/21/2025
Subject: N156WM – Bird Strike ROC Call
Contact: [REDACTED], Flight Instructor

On December 21, 2025, NTSB Duty Officer Justin Coe spoke with [REDACTED] regarding a bird strike that occurred. Mr. Coe advised that he was aware that a bird strike happened involving N156WM, a PA44, in the vicinity of Pembroke Pines Florida.

Mr. [REDACTED] confirmed that information and explained that he was on a training flight with his student, [REDACTED]. After returning from performing maneuvers, approximately 8 miles west of the airport and at 1,700ft, he advised that he saw a flock of birds at 9-10 o'clock at their altitude. The pilots were able to avoid most of the birds, but then noticed another bird appear without warning and struck the empennage.

Upon assessing the controls after the strike from the bird, Mr. [REDACTED] found little difficulties with the control yoke. Only then, upon extending flaps to the second position for landing, did [REDACTED] have pitch control issues, so the two elected to land with partial flaps. [REDACTED] stated the landing was otherwise uneventful. He advised that during a post flight inspection that leading edge damage to the horizontal stabilizer was found.

Mr. Coe was provided with contact information for the pilots and the call concluded.