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Contact: Mr. Wang - Witness

The following is a synopsis of the communication as relayed to the NTSB Investigator-in-charge, by Mr. Wang, following the light sport airplane accident regarding N377YG.

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Mr. Wang is a Federal Aviation Administration certificated flight instructor, that was conducting a training flight during the accident sequence. A Boeing 757 airplane was cleared to land on Runway 20R, and the accident airplane (N377YG) was No. 2 to land on runway 20L. Mr. Wang's airplane was in the No. 3 position to land on runway 20L at John Wayne/Orange County Airport (SNA), Santa Ana, California. He recalled hearing the communication between N377YG and the tower controller and saw the airliner land on runway 20R. The tower controller cautioned N377YG for wake turbulence from the 757 sequenced in the No. 1 position to land runway 20R. The response to the tower controller came from what seemed like a male voice that read back the tower controller's instructions. N377YG continued the approach and just before reaching the runway 20L threshold, the airplane was about 40 ft above ground level, when it made a hard right bank, descended and impacted the ground. After the impact had occurred, the tower controller had Mr. Wang hold over the University of California Irvine campus until subsequently cleared to land.

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