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Date: February 19 & 20, 2025

Subject: N151GW, WPR25LA096

Contact: Dean Lee, pilot/owner

In a phone interview on Feb 19, 2025, Mr. Lee stated he had purchased the airplane in December 2024. The seller told him the airplane had suffered a hard landing in 2010 which resulted in the collapse of the nose gear and a propeller strike. On the morning on the day of the accident, his preflight inspection of the airplane included a close visual examination of the propeller. He remembered this clearly because he had taxied the airplane through a dirt lot previously and wanted to ensure the propeller had not suffered any rock chips. He did not observe any chips or defects during this preflight inspection.

In email correspondence on February 20, 2025, Mr. Lee sent copies of the airplane's maintenance records. He stated that he looked through the records he had received when he purchased the airplane and did not locate any logbooks or parts tags for the propeller. He also stated that there was no FAA Form 337 for the repairs in 2010 among the paperwork he received from the previous owner.