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**Subject:** WPR26LA092, Conversation with Student Pilot

**Contact:** [REDACTED], student pilot P: [REDACTED]

I spoke with Ms. [REDACTED] regarding her accident in N505AF at Scottsdale Airport.

- Student pilot with approximately 34 hours of flight time.
- She has been training since November 2025.
- The morning of the accident, she had just finished ground and went out to preflight.
- Said she normally doesn't fly on the first flight of the day and usually flies in the afternoon.
- She was waiting for her flight instructor to come out to meet her at the plane, and she decided while she was waiting that she would start the airplane.
- She was new to doing a "cold start" on an engine.
- She stated she used the checklist for the start.
- She said she assumed the brakes were set when she got to that part of the checklist.

- Immediately after starting the engine, the airplane lurched forward and began to taxi.
- She attempted to use the brakes but was only able to apply the rudder.
- She mentioned that the seat wasn't adjusted correctly and that she couldn't reach the brakes when she tried to press them.
- After the accident, a mechanic checked and found the parking brake was not set.