

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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NTSB Accident Number: GAA18CA281

Aircraft Registration & Make/Model: N25WE, Piper, PA-32R-301

Accident Location: Cape Carteret, NC Accident Date: 14MAY2018@1230(EDT)

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In support of the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), Air Safety Accident Investigation involving accident airplane N25WE, the Eastern Region Duty Officer spoke with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Aviation Safety Inspector that was present at the accident site. The following is a synopsis of the conversation:

FAA Aviation Safety Inspector

N25WE, PA-32R, landing at 60NC, pilot states he had three green lights and when he touched down, all three-landing gear collapsed, the wings exhibited wrinkles and a prop strike occurred.

Witnesses on site stated that the pilot made a hard landing, but the pilot stated he did not. Pilot did state however, he really had to bring it in steep over the trees to get it on the runway... all three gear broke off and the wings buckled. FAA can see gouges in the grass runway where the airplane impacted the ground.