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Subject: ERA23LA186 Phone conversation with FAA Inspector

Contact: Inspector Donald Smith, Farmingdale, NY FSDO

The following is a record of conversation with Inspector Smith regarding the accident involving N8500D, a Piper PA-22.

Inspector Smith stated that he has not yet received the pilot's written statement; however, in a conversation with the pilot, the pilot stated that he touched down and the wind was gusting. The airplane nosed over and there is substantial damage to the wings and fuselage. The left wing flap tore the fabric and tubing at the wing root, where the fuselage is now wrinkled and soft. They are not going to attempt to repair the airplane.