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**Subject:** ERA23LA374 Record of Conversation

**Contact:** FAA Inspector Michael Mantione, Rochester FSDO

The following is a record of conversation with Inspector Michael Mantione of the Rochester, New York Flight Standards District Office. Inspector Mantione returned my call on September 20, 2023.

Inspector Mantione stated that the pilot was not admitting any error and that he has over 5,000 hours of flight experience. He stated that the pilot is a crop-duster by trade, so he is familiar with taildraggers; however, this was his first time flying this airplane. The pilot told him that he came over the trees and there may have been turbulence from flying over the trees, and there may have been a quartering tailwind also. When he landed, the airplane pulled to the right, so he used left pedal and the airplane flipped over. The pilot told him that the pedals were different from the C188 he is accustomed to flying.

Inspector Mantione could not identify specific skid marks on the asphalt, grooved runway. He stated that the airplane sustained substantial damage to the wings, fuselage and empennage when it nosed over.