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Subject: Conversation with the Certified Flight Instructor (CFI)

Contact: Michael Brown, CFI

On December 14, 2023, a phone conversation was made with the CFI who was asked to describe the accident sequence events. The CFI provided the following information:

The purpose of the flight was to work towards the student's tailwheel endorsement and to practice crosswind landings. The left-hand main landing gear touched down first and the airplane swerved to the right. The airplane began to come back to the left but swerved very hard to the right and the CFI was unable to take over before the aircraft ground looped. He stated that the student was "overcontrolling" the rudder. The CFI mentioned that he had flown with the student several times previously in other aircraft and that he had instructed the student for 11 hours in this aircraft. The student seemed to be progressing well with the tail wheel endorsement until the accident.

The CFI stated that he had flown the airplane to this airport earlier that day and everything was operating as it should. The CFI stated that there were no mechanical issues with the aircraft during the accident flight.