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Subject: ERA24LA039

Contact: Gary Austin, FAA LOU FSDO

The following was extracted from an email by Mr. Austin:

“Good Morning,

1. Pilots Info: Mark Evan Garrard
2. Damage: Multiple bent and sheared frame tubes. (See Attached Photos)
3. Handling as an accident, unless NTSB directs otherwise.
4. Mechanical Issues: None, however pilots statement indicates he may have inadvertently moved the trim control handle while adjusting the throttle. (See statement and pictures)
5. Pilot Statement: (See attached emails)”