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**Contact:** Inspector Danny Gregory, Louisville FSDO

The following is a record of conversation with Inspector Danny Gregory of the Louisville Flight Standards District Office regarding the accident involving N2448R, a Piper PA-28, in Somerset, Kentucky.

I let Inspector Gregory know that from the photos, there seem to be three areas of denting/deformation of the right wing leading edge. I estimate that one area is about 2 feet long and the other two are each about 1 foot. The total of 4 feet exceeds 10% of the 30-ft wingspan for the PA-28 airplane, so we have classified this as substantial damage. Inspector Gregory stated that he had been down to look at the airplane last week and that he concurs. He stated that the pilot feels terrible about it and that he stressed to him that airplanes can be repaired. He asked if I could release the airplane, and I stated that yes, since the pilot stated that there were no preimpact anomalies of malfunctions that would have precluded normal flight, and since he stated that he should have delayed his rotation for another 5-10 kts due to the gusting winds. There is no need to further examine the airplane.