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NTSB Case Number: ERA21I392

Aircraft: Piper PA-16, N5656H

FAA inspector: Andre Cummings

Date: 10/12/2021

**Subject: FAA email stating damage
assessment and NTSB investigators
mechanic discussion.**

The information below is an email that was sent to the NTSB investigator from the FAA inspector regarding the damage assessment of the airplane.

"Good morning Allen. I have spoken with the mechanic that is repairing the aircraft. The aircraft received substantial damage from the occurrence and will require major repair of the engine firewall. The mechanic works at Tri-Star Aviation and his name is Dan Marrouf [REDACTED]. Based off the information given and per 49 CFR § 830.2, a final "substantial damage" determination has been made."

On 10/13/2021, the NTSB investigator contacted Tri-Star Aviation to discuss the damage on N5656H. The mechanic stated that not only was the firewall damaged, but the motor mount was also bent.