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Eastern Region – Ashburn, Virginia

Summary of Email

Date: November 28, 2020 at 7:54 am EST

The following is a summary of Lt. Colonel Lorraine Denby's written statement provided via email to FAA Inspector Michael Reichert.

"I was facilitating an Onboarding flight out of 47N on November 24, 2020 for Lt Jim Finley whose F5 and MP qualifications were expired. The weather was VFR with quartering crosswinds at about 7 knots. Lt Finley was in the left seat and I was in the right seat. Upon departure from Central Jersey, he flew crosswind, downwind, base and to final. While on final he appeared to be low. I stated, "Jim, we are getting low, you need to add power.", more than once. The aircraft was then right of centerline, he didn't add what I perceived as appropriate power, I reached for the throttle and the aircraft turned towards the centerline and the left-wing struck the tree branch."