

**Pilot's Statement:** At about noon on Sunday June 26, 2016, I was departing runway 26 at KCMA with a passenger for a ride in the PT-19 N641BP. The initial roll was uneventful and as the aircraft accelerated right rudder was applied to maintain tracking of the runway center line. Suddenly the aircraft started veering to the left despite addition of right rudder. The aircraft veered off the runway to the left coming to a rest about 200 feet from the runway at about 120 degrees from the runway heading. There were no injuries but there was damage to the aircraft's left main landing gear. The left tire was off the wheel and on the ground behind the left wing.

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The tire was intact, however the tube had a slit in it. The left wheel was damaged with pieces missing.

Airport Operations arrived at the aircraft shortly there after. They advised that no debris was found on the runway and that the aircraft had struck the PAPI system on left side of the runway. They retrieved a piece of the wheel found along the aircraft track shortly beyond the PAPI. Airport Operations called NTSB, made a report and sent them photographs. I briefly spoke to Samantha at NTSB describing the damage to the aircraft. NTSB authorized removal of the aircraft.

Witnesses (husband of the passenger, my son and others) reported a loud pop from the aircraft and then saw the aircraft veer to the left and go off the runway.

Winds prior to taxi were 220@8.