



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

John M. Brannen II
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Date: 7/23/2013

Person Contacted: Dan Sedberry – South Bend FSDO

NTSB Accident Number: CEN13LA428

Narrative:

Mr. Sedberry said that he had examined the accident airplane, N1519, and that there was no fuel in the fuel tanks, or in the carburetor fuel bowls. There was also no evidence of a fuel spill at the accident site. He said that the examination of the airplane didn't show any pre-impact deficiencies. He stated that, based on the impact evidence, he believed that the airplane was inverted when it impacted the ground. He said that he had talked to another pilot that had departed Niles, Michigan at the same time and that pilot said they were flying to Plymouth, Indiana for breakfast. He told Mr. Sedbury that when he got to Plymouth and N1519 didn't arrive he flew his airplane back to Niles. When he found N1519 wasn't there a search was started by air. They searched the area where the witness pilot last had radio contact with the accident pilot. They found the airplane in a corn field.

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