



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: August 22, 2016
Person Contacted: FAA Inspector – Gary Watson
NTSB Accident Number: CEN16FA315

Narrative:

During a conversation with Inspector Watson, who spoke with the student pilot after the accident, the student pilot stated that the flight instructor never touched or manipulated the flight controls during his instruction and during the accident sequence.

The student pilot had accumulated 25 flight hours with a local helicopter flight school prior to flying with the accident flight instructor. He'd stopped flying with the local flight school in October 2012. Since October 2015, the student pilot had flown several flights with the flight instructor and had accumulated 63.7 total flight hours at the time of the accident.

The most recent annual inspection (which included an annual, 100, 200, 400 and 24-month inspections) was completed on August 10, 2015, at a total airframe time of 5,624 hours and a Hobbs meter time of 13.0 hours. At the time of the inspection, the engine had accumulated 3,664.6 hours and 392.6 hours since overhaul. The reviewed maintenance records had no entries or comments related to idle/mixture adjustments or settings.