



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: 07/31/2018
Person Contacted: Jeremy Saul (Accident Student Pilot)
NTSB Case Number: CEN18LA274

Narrative:

The following is a synopsis of the information provided by Jeremy Saul in a telephone conversation regarding CEN18LA274 to the NTSB investigator-in-charge.

- He is a student pilot with about 110 hours of total flight time in airplanes.
- The purpose of the flight was to takeoff, view the sun setting, and then land back at the resort. He was staying at the resort.
- The airplane had about 7 gallons of fuel in it for the flight.
- The windsock at the airstrip was dead at takeoff.
- He was sitting in the left seat of the airplane by himself.
- He does not remember what runway he used for takeoff.
- On takeoff, he remembered seeing the left wing impact various tree branches.
- He assumed that he tried to recover from impacting the various tree branches, he pulled up, and stalled the airplane.
- Next thing he knew, he was out of the airplane, and in an air ambulance helicopter.
- Nothing was wrong with the airplane.
- He did not hear any engine malfunctions or failures.
- The accident happened about 1900 local time.
- He sustained serious injuries from the accident.



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Date: 07/18/2018
Person Contacted: Danny Brickey (Federal Aviation Administration
Aviation Safety Inspector)
NTSB Case Number: CEN18LA274

Narrative:

The following is a synopsis of the information provided by Danny Brickey in a telephone conversation regarding CEN18LA274 to the NTSB investigator-in-charge.

- He spoke with the student pilot on the telephone, on 07/16/2018.
- The student pilot reported that after takeoff from the grass strip (heading 240°), the right wing impacted a tree branch.
- The student pilot overcorrected from impacting the tree branch and aerodynamically stalled the airplane.
- The airplane impacted a grass clearing and came to rest inverted near trees.
- The student pilot was extracted from the airplane and transported via an air ambulance helicopter to a hospital for medical treatment.
- The student pilot did not report any preimpact mechanical malfunctions or failures with the airframe and engine that would have precluded normal operation.
- The student pilot sustained serious injuries.
- The airplane sustained substantial damage to the fuselage, both wings, and the empennage.



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Date: 04/02/2019

Person Contacted: John Schulte (Investigator - Baxter County Sheriff's Office)

NTSB Case Number: CEN18LA274

Narrative:

The following is a synopsis of the information provided by John Schulte in a telephone conversation regarding CEN18LA274 to the NTSB investigator-in-charge.

- A white cup was found outside of the airplane.
- A lid and straw were found outside of the airplane.
- The liquid found in the cup is believed to be alcohol.