



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: September 9, 2019
Person Contacted: Hannah Gray, Student Pilot
NTSB Accident Number: CEN19LA194 – Ft. Smith, Arkansas

Narrative:

Ms. Gray reported that the accident occurred during a familiarization flight with the flight instructor. She had been flying with another individual; however, he was no longer providing flight instruction.

Ms. Gray stated that after takeoff they proceeded to the practice area and completed some private pilot maneuvers. They were returning to the airport with the intention of conducting some touch and goes. The flight instructor changed fuel tanks since they had been drawing from one tank for the entire flight up to that point. She did not recall which tank was selected. About 5 minutes later, as they approached the Arkansas River, the engine started to “sputter” and then lost power. She had been flying and the instructor took control of the airplane at that time. She noted that the instructor verified the fuel selector position, mixture control setting, and ignition switch position. She did not recall the instructor resetting the fuel selector position at that time.

Ms. Gray was not injured during the forced landing.

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