



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: June 30, 2020
Person Contacted: Pilot/Owner – Tony Presley
NTSB Accident Number: CEN20LA228

Narrative:

During a conversation about the accident circumstances, the pilot stated he left De Ridder (DRI) airport earlier that day and went to the Galveston, Texas, area for lunch with his passenger. On the return to DRI, the pilot stopped at Covey Trails Airport (X09), Fulshear, Texas, to visit a friend. After departure from X09 about 7,500 ft msl, the engine was running rough and began to violently shake on the airframe. The engine subsequently lost power and the pilot attempted a forced landing to the Livingston Municipal Airport, Livingston, Texas. The airplane impacted trees short of the runway and struck the terrain. The pilot and his passenger sustained serious injuries and required hospitalization for multiple days due to required surgeries. The airplane was not equipped with shoulder harnesses.

The pilot stated that no major engine maintenance had been completed on the airplane since he purchased the airplane in March 2019. The pilot did not have insurance coverage on the airplane for recovery and requested that one of his employees be allowed to recover the airplane. The request was approved for recovery and to inform the NTSB on the recovery location for further examination of the engine.

The pilot was requested to complete a NTSB Pilot/Operator Accident Form that had been emailed to him on June 22, 2020.



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Date: August 5, 2020
Person Contacted: Pilot/Owner – Tony Presley
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Narrative:

The pilot reported that he was not aware of the location of the airframe or engine for a follow-up engine examination. He stated the separated engine cylinder had been returned to him from one of his employees as a “souvenir”. The NTSB requested photos of the engine cylinder.

In addition, the pilot was again requested to complete a NTSB Pilot/Operator Accident Form that had been emailed to him on June 22, 2020.