



RECORD OF CORRESPONDENCE

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Person Contacted: Nikolas Halatsis; FAA Inspector, MSP FSDO
NTSB Accident Number: CEN20LA354
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Narrative:

The pilot held a private pilot certificate with a single-engine land rating. According to the pilot's business partner, the pilot received instrument airplane instruction in preparation for an instrument airplane examination that he planned to undertake in the Fall of 2020.

The pilot's flight instructor had provided the pilot with about 10-15 flights instrument training flights that totaled about 15 hours using a view limiting device. He last flew with the pilot on August 16, 2020. The flight instructor said that the pilot struggled to maintain an RNAV course and on one flight he had to take the flight controls from the pilot during an approach in actual meteorological conditions. He said the pilot was not ready for flight in instrument meteorological conditions and was "nowhere near ready for a [instrument rating] checkride."

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