



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Person Contacted: William Granger - Pilot
NTSB Accident Number: CEN20LA373

Narrative:

During the conversation, Mr. Granger stated the following:

- He and his wife had visited Midland, MI, the week before with a group of pilots – a small fly-in. At the time, Midland had inexpensive fuel.
- He characterized his wife as a very good pilot – very strong in aviation. He estimated that she had about 600 hours total time; 80 hours of which were in the Comanche.
- The morning of the accident was a nice morning. They would fly to Midland and then on to meet another pilot.
- Before their departure from Lake City, MI, they preflighted the airplane and checked the fuel. He stated that the right fuel tank was full of fuel and the left fuel tank was partially full of fuel.
- His wife was the pilot flying on their leg from Lake City to Midland. He remarked that “she made a beautiful landing.”
- She landed, came to a complete stop, and taxied back for takeoff.
- After the second landing they taxied to the fuel pumps, refueled the left fuel tank with 18 gallons of 100-LL aviation-grade gasoline, and prepared for the next leg of their journey with another “walk around of the airplane.” He did not recall which fuel tank was selected.
- The pilot recalled that he was likely the pilot flying for the next leg of their flight. He recalled taxiing the airplane for takeoff and performing an engine runup before takeoff.
- He stated that when he flew with his wife, they always practiced CRM and would run the checklists together. As they would accelerate down the runway, she would usually scan the engine instruments and would call out that everything was in the green.
- He did not recall anything after the takeoff roll.

- Mr. Granger was told after the accident that the airplane was put down in a field near a road. The airplane struck a berm. He was told by the FAA inspector who responded to the accident site that the fuel selector valve broke and drained all 60 gallons of fuel out of the airplane. He was further told that the insurance company had to pay to remove contaminated soil.

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