



NTSB RECORD OF CONVERSATION

Investigator name: Shaun Williams
Mode: Senior Aviation Accident Investigator
Region: Central

Date: June 22, 2022
Person Contacted: Maurice Luster
NTSB Accident Number: CEN22LA255

Narrative:

On June 18, 2022, about 0945 central daylight time, a Mooney M20E airplane, N5895Q, sustained substantial damage when it was involved in an accident near Stillwater, Oklahoma. The pilot and passenger were not injured. The airplane was operated as a Title 14 *Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)* Part 91 personal flight.

Mr. Luster stated that he was the pilot-in-command of the accident flight. He said that while in cruise flight about 4,500ft, 20-25 minutes into the flight, he experienced a loss of engine power. The power had been set to 2400 RPM and 24" of manifold pressure and it decreased to 2000 RPM and between 11 and 12" of manifold pressure. He moved the throttle, but the engine did not respond. He moved the fuel selector through all positions while moving the throttle, but there was still no response from the engine. Unable to maintain level flight, he looked for a place to land and found a highway. As he was about to land, a white SUV appeared. He became distracted with avoiding the vehicle and failed to extend the landing gear. After a soft touch down, he turned slightly left to keep the propeller from impacting the vehicle, which resulted in the left wing impacting a barrier.

Mr. Luster said that he purchased the aircraft on April 9th, 2022 and a prebuy had been accomplished using a 100 hr checklist. The annual inspection was due June, 2022 and was scheduled for the week of June 27th. The mechanic stated that the induction filter needed to be changed during the annual inspection.

END OF INTERVIEW