

Interviews with IA Scott Dodge

Interview with IA Scott Dodge ([REDACTED]) conducted on 09/18/2024 at 10am.

Location: Houston Southwest Airport

Persons involved: ASI Phil Powell, ASI Joe Chaundy, ASI Ramon Reyes, and IA Scott Dodge

Mr. Dodge was given a FAA Compliance Program along with a Pilot's Bill of Rights acknowledgement form which he signed and return to inspectors.

Mr. Dodge was asked about his experience as an IA and how many times he had worked on this aircraft. He stated he had been an IA since early 2000s and that he had performed maintenance on N1941V 3 times prior to the accident. The final time was when he conducted an annual inspection and replaced the aircraft's fuel pump. Mr. Dodge stated that this maintenance took about a month to complete, and he was assisted by an A&P mechanic, Mr. Derryn McWilliams ([REDACTED]). Inspector Powell pulled up pictures of the aircraft that was taken of the aircraft during the investigation inspection, which included a picture of the Gascolator. Mr. Dodge noticed that the Gascolator was not seated correctly and when asked to look at the picture again he noticed that the required safety wire was missing. When asked what maintenance reference he used he stated he used the aircraft's maintenance manual and that he had it with him at the aircraft. Mr. Dodge admitted to missing the fact that the safety wire was not installed as per the manual.

Interview with Derryn McWilliams

Interview with A&P Derryn McWilliams ([REDACTED]) conducted on 09/19/2024 at 10am.

Location: Houston FSDO

Persons Involved: ASI Phil Powell, ASI Joe Chaundy, and A&P Derryn McWilliams

Mr. McWilliams was sent an email on 09/18/2024 which contained an FAA Compliance Brochure and a Pilot's Bill of Rights acknowledgement form. Mr. McWilliam signed and returned the PBR form.

Mr. McWilliam was asked about his work history and how long he had been an A&P. He stated he had been an A&P since 2013 and use to work for BK aircraft services before losing his job because of some legal issues. He stated he had worked with Mr. Dodge a few times to earn some money and that he was assisting in completing the annual inspection on N1941V. Mr. McWilliams was shown a picture of the Gascolator and asked if he remembered working on the part during the annual inspection. Mr. McWilliams stated that he had worked on it and that he must have left the safety off.