

Inspectors Statement

10-13-2015- During the approach and landing phase of a flight from KCUB to KRUQ, the pilot of N300KG inadvertently shut the fuel off while changing from the right fuel tank to the left fuel tank. As the aircraft was approaching the airport the engine began to lose power. The pilot set the aircraft up for best glide but was unable to make the runway. The aircraft struck the 400 foot then the 200 foot runway lead in lights and came to rest approximately 150 short of the runway. The landing gear were knocked off the aircraft and the aircraft sustained major damage to the following areas: Propeller, engine, left wing, landing gear, horizontal stabilizer and rudder. There was approximately 70 gallons of fuel removed from the aircraft and a test of the fuel remaining indicated that there was no contamination of the fuel. Pictures of the flight deck indicate that when the aircraft struck the ground that the fuel selector was in the off position, mixture lever was in a position that would indicate it was in the leaned engine but not off, the propeller lever was still in the cruise position and the throttle was in the full throttle position. There were no injuries.

It is this inspector's opinion that Mr. Kevin Griggs the Pilot in Command of N300KG inadvertently turned the fuel off during the landing and approach phase of the flight.

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