



NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

Eastern Region – Ashburn, Virginia

RECORD OF CONVERSATION

Who: Andre Cummings, ATL FSDO

When: January 19, 2016

In a telephone conversation, Mr. Cummings stated that the pilot had departed St. Augustine, Florida, en route to Georgia to visit his wife. The pilot experienced a rough running engine and told air traffic control that he wanted to divert to Madison, Georgia. The pilot was unable to make the airport and landed on a road and collided with a pole. Mr. Cummings said that when he arrived on-scene, he found no fuel in the airplane's fuel tanks.

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Who: Sean Gaylor, Chief Flight Instructor Florida Flyers Flight Academy

When: January 20, 2016

In a telephone conversation, Mr. Gaylor stated that the pilot, Rene Vargas, had been employed as a flight instructor with Florida Flyers for about 3 months. Mr. Vargas had rented the airplane from the academy under their rental policy and his plan on the night of the accident was to fly to Georgia with his roommate to have dinner with his wife.

Mr. Gaylor said the airplane was fueled on the morning of the accident with 17.1 gallons of 100LL aviation gas and was not flown until the accident flight.

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Who: Todd Thaxton, Atlanta Air Salvage

When: January 19, 2016

In a telephone conversation, Mr. Thaxon stated that he arrived about 3.5 hours after the accident happened. He said both wing fuel-tanks were intact and completely empty of any fuel. The firewall was wrinkled, the nose gear was bent aft, the right main landing gear had separated, and the left wing exhibited leading edge impact damage. There was no damage to the right wing.

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