



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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Subject: ERA16LA110, N256CD, Cirrus SR22, February 23, 2016, Palatka, Florida.

On February 25, 2016 Mr. Thomas provided the following information via telephone:

The flight's destination was Leesburg, Florida.

While in cruise flight, he was given a lower altitude from either approach or center control (he couldn't recall which), and he reduced power for the descent. When he subsequently tried to add power, nothing happened. The propeller was turning, the engine was not seized up (he mentioned a couple times), and he could not get any power and was confused about why he couldn't. He moved the throttle back and forth, he moved the mixture back and forth, but he couldn't get any power. It wasn't clear to the engine was at idle, or if it had stopped running and was windmilling. He said that he didn't look at the RPM. He had switched tanks per his normal ½ hour schedule, and he had done that a while before the problem, he couldn't recall how long. During the glide after the engine lost power he also switched tanks and switched magnetos.

He asked ATC for the nearest airport (Palatka) and was given vectors toward it, and he indicated that he waited as long as he could in terms of altitude, before deploying the CAPS.

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