



RECORD OF INTERVIEW

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Person(s) Interviewed: Joshua Rodgers – CFI pilot
NTSB Case Number: ERA17LA235

Narrative:

Mr. Rodgers was interviewed by telephone,

Mr. Rodgers (CFI) stated he was taking Austin Rodgers (student pilot) up for a general familiarization flight with this aircraft so Austin could get his instrument rating. The CFI stated they met at 6:15 and Austin started the preflight. It was normal and no anomalies noted. They verified the tanks were at $\frac{3}{4}$ tank with a ladder and the gauges read the same. They taxied to the runway and the runup was normal.

They departed runway 27 and flew for a while to get familiar with the airplane. They returned to the airport and performed 3 touch-an-go landings. After the third touch-an-go, they departed the airspace and performed some steep turns and practiced a stall. After the stall, the front engine surged to full power, then to low power, then lost all power. The CFI told the student pilot to turn back to the airport immediately but the rear engine was still running. The CFI pulled out the emergency checklist and followed the items for engine out by switching the boost pump to low and switching fuel tanks to auxiliary. The CFI then switched the tanks back to main when the engine did not restart. On the way back to the airport, maybe three miles out, the rear engine lost all power. The CFI took over the controls at this time and prepared for a force landing in the trees.