



RECORD OF INTERVIEW

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Person(s) Interviewed: Nikita Nanda– CFI pilot
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Narrative:

Ms. Nikita Nanda was interviewed by telephone.

Ms. Nanda stated she received her CFI rating in 2016, she has a total of 425 hours. 150 hours are in the same make and model.

Ms. Nanda stated that her student pilot performed the preflight on the airplane and she observed him sump the left tank 4 times to get all the water out of the tank. The last sump, she observed no water. She did not observe the right-hand tank sump, she ask her student pilot what he found and he stated there was a little water in the tank but nothing like the left side. She then performed her own preflight and found no anomalies. They taxied to runway 9, performed the engine run-up, no anomalies noted and departed. They stayed in the pattern to perform 3 touch-and-go landings. Afterwards, they departed the controlled airspace and flew out to a practice area about 15 miles away. She asked the student pilot to perform some clearing turns, which he did, then she asked him to perform a steep turn to the right. During the steep turn, the engine lost power, the student leveled the wings and the engine power came back. She then decided to go back to the airport immediately and land. They had full power during the flight home, until they were about 10 miles out. Again, they lost all power and could not make it back to the airport. She looked around for a place to land and noticed a levy with a small access road on top, she also noticed that both sides of the levy sloped downwards, she landed on the levy and the planed veer to the left down the slope, they hit some saw grass and flipped over. She quickly turned off the master and magnetos and both of them egressed through the windows.