



RECORD OF INTERVIEW

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Date: December 7, 2017 at 0930 EST
Person(s) Interviewed: Chris Stayton– pilot
NTSB Case Number: ERA18LA041

Narrative:

Mr. Chris Stayton was interviewed by telephone.

Mr. Stayton (pilot) stated his father owned the airplane and they were both flying from Peachtree airport (PDK) in Atlanta to Pensacola Florida (PNS). He stated he topped off the tanks before they departed PDK. The pilot stated they were at cruise altitude at 8,000 ft. for a couple hours, when ATC lowered them to 4,000 ft. and then they flew around some thunderstorms. The pilot stated they had strong headwinds at 25 mph. During cruise flight at 4,000ft. the pilot stated the engine just quit. He told ATC his engine quit and wanted to divert to Brewton Municipal Airport (12J). The pilot stated with the headwinds he was experiencing, he knew he would not make the airport. The pilot then found a field to land in and set up for a forced landing. During the approach to the field, he hits some tree tops and continued to the field for landing, during the rollout, he contacted a fence post and damaged the wings.

He stated no injuries to either himself or his father.