



NTSB RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: 11/5/2018
Person Contacted: Greg Livingston (Mechanic)
NTSB Accident Number: ERA19LA022

Narrative:

Mr. Livingston stated that he is an airframe and powerplant mechanic that has worked on the accident airplane in the past. He reported that the student pilot spoke with him about the accident, two days after the event on October 22nd, 2018. The conversation occurred in person at the Clarksville, Tennessee airport.

Mr. Livingston was asked to recall what the student pilot stated to him. The following is a summary of what Mr. Livingston reported he was told by the student pilot:

- The student said he was flying at 2,700 ft mean sea level, and it was pitch dark outside.
- The student said he was flying with the landing light on, the taxi light on, the cockpit panel lights were on bright, and his cell phone and tablet were charging from the airplane's electrical system.
- The student said the cockpit panel suddenly went black. In response, he said that he reached up and turned the magneto switch off. He said the prop was spinning at this time.
- The student said he subsequently moved the electrical master switch location, but electrical power, nor engine power, were restored.
- The student said that at 1,700 ft, he looked for the darkest spot on the ground, and landed into the forest.
- The student said he had leaned the mixture and he had carburetor heat half way applied. He did not say that he moved either lever, after the loss of engine power.