



# NTSB RECORD OF CONVERSATION

**Lynn Spencer**  
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**Eastern Region**

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**Date: 3/1/2019**

**Person Contacted: Charles McKinley, FAA Inspector, FAA/IFO Miramar, FL  
N1563X, Piper PA32-260**

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The following is a summary of a conversation that occurred with the above-named individual:

- The FAA Inspector stated that he spoke to the pilot when he called the phone number associated with the airplane owner.
- He stated that the pilot reported fueling at Fort Pierce and was VFR to MYBG (Great Harbour Cay, Bahamas).
- The pilot did not file a flight plan, but had flight following with Fort Pierce.
- The pilot was flying at 3700 ft, and Miami Center cleared the pilot to 7500 ft, at which time the pilot started his climb and the engine immediately began to run rough.
- The pilot tried carburetor heat and switching fuel tanks, but nothing worked.
- He stated that the pilot had a life vest, raft and emergency position-indicating radio beacon, and notified Miami Center that he was ditching.
- The US Coast Guard threw a flare, and the Palm Beach Sheriff's office used the smoke from the flare to rescue the pilot.
- He reports that the pilot was uninjured.