



RECORD OF INTERVIEW

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Person Interviewed: Hunter Craig - Passenger
NTSB Case Number: ERA20LA084

Narrative:

Mr. Hunter Craig was interviewed by telephone.

Craig stated he is a police officer in Sarasota Florida. He also stated he is a helicopter pilot but does not know to much about fixed wing airplanes.

He knows Adam Korinek from flying. He met him a couple times before this accident.

Craig stated they left Wauchula airport around 9am or so. They landed in Enterprise Alabama around noon, but he is not sure of the exact times. They flew a helicopter with another pilot around Enterprise Alabama, had lunch and started the return flight back to Wauchula. After an hour or so of flying, around 9,000 ft. he saw Adam grab the controls with both hands and asked where closest airport was. Craig responded it was Tallahassee airport and gave him the radio frequency for the tower. Adam called the tower and declared an emergency with an engine out. He watched Adam restart the engine once and it lost all power seconds later. They knew they would not make the airport so Adam set up for an off field landing. When Craig saw tree tops, he looked down and does not remember anything after that until they were on the ground. He woke up and jumped out of the airplane, he saw fuel leaking out of the right wing and quickly helped Adam out of the airplane and to a safe place, Adam was not conscious at this time. Shortly afterwards, he heard a helicopter and rescue people.