



## RECORD OF INTERVIEW

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**Date: 1/29/20 @ 1100 EST**  
**Person Interviewed: Adam Korinek - Pilot**  
**NTSB Case Number: ERA20LA084**

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### **Narrative:**

Mr. Adam Korinek was interviewed by telephone.

Adam stated that earlier in the day, they topped off the fuel tanks with 56 gallons of fuel and departed Wauchula Municipal Airport (CHN), Wauchula, Florida. They departed around 0830 EST and flew to Enterprise Municipal Airport (EDN), Enterprise, Alabama. They landed around 1130 CST. About 1300 CST they departed for CHN, he stated he was going to stop for fuel somewhere along the route but did not know where. During cruise altitude about 10,500 ft., the engine "sputtered." Adam pushed in the mixture control and turned on the electric fuel pump. The engine ran good for a couple seconds but then started sputtering again. At this time, he asked his friend to look up the closest airport. Tallahassee International Airport was the closest airport one, so he radioed the tower and declared an emergency. He stated he still had partial power at this time but shortly the engine lost all power. He shut off the magnetos, pulled the mixture to shut-off. Then he primed the engine a couple times and tried a re-start of the engine, the engine restarted and ran for about 5 seconds before losing all power again. He stated the right fuel gauge showed a little over a quarter tank and the left fuel gauge was broken and did not work. He was about 7 miles away from the airport and at 5,000 ft. He determined he would not make the runway and set up for an off-airport landing. He was surrounded by trees but saw a small sand pit that he was going to try and land in. He slipped the airplane with the left wing down to lose altitude and the left wing contacted some trees. He does not remember anything after that.