



RECORD OF INTERVIEW

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Person Interviewed: Alexis Beauchamp -Co-Pilot
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Narrative:

Mr. Alexis Beauchamp was interviewed by telephone.

Alexis stated he was training in the Navajo and did not have any official time but had over 200 hours flying the airplane. He stated he has about 800 total hours mostly flying the Cessna 206. He flew down on June 10, 2020 and has been flying surveillance since then. Alexis stated he was flying in the left seat and Nate Walton (PIC) was flying in the right seat.

Alexis stated on the day of the accident, both pilots made a comment on how they thought it was strange that they used most of the runway to takeoff this morning. He doesn't remember using that much runway before. He stated they fly their patterns at 300 ft AGL. He stated they flew for 2 hours before switching tanks for the first time. They started off flying on the main inboard tanks and then switched to the outboard tanks. He further stated that they flew for another 1.5 hours when suddenly the left engine started to surge. The PIC started with the emergency checklist while Alexis flew the airplane, the airplane started to lose altitude and he was looking for a place to land. Alexis stated they were over nothing but woods and only saw a small path wide enough for the fuselage to fit through and knew the wings would hit the trees. At this point the PIC took over flying the airplane and Alexis looked down at the fuel gauges and saw both fuel gauges at zero fuel. He was hoping the wings would hit the trees and slow them down. The airplane lost lift a little above the ground but he does not know how far they fell down, but it was not far. Once on the ground, he was trying to shut down the airplane when the right wing exploded, He said Nate quickly went to the back of the airplane and got out of the door and the fire burnt his legs as he was getting out of the airplane.