

RECORD OF		☐ VISIT	☐ CONFERENCE OR	☒ TELEPHONE CALL	TIME 1300	DATE 9/22/2020	
NAME (S) OF PERSON (S) CONTACTED OR IN CONFERENCE AND LOCATION						ROUTING	
						SYMBOL	INITIALS
Patrick Tafta (Pilot/Owner)							
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SUBJECT oral eyewitness statement on N51524M							
DIGEST							
Visited Mr. Tafta at his residence. Inspector Clamp asked Mr. Tafta what happened.							
Mr. Tafta stated He turned right after takeoff as he normally does. He stated this allows him to easily return to the airstrip if needed..							
Mr. Tafta stated after a few minutes into the flight he saw a puff of smoke and saw a "jug" fly by from the drivers side. Mr. Tafta stated that he had a 50% loss of power and was surprised by the dramatic drop of power.							
Inspector Clamp asked if there was any maintenance performed recently. Mr. Tafta stated he had the engine overhauled several years ago by a gentleman named Duckett. Inspector Clamp asked if he had any idea why the cylinder would fall off. Mr. Tafta could not provide an answer or had any clue what could have caused it.							
Mr. Tafta also provided the contact information for his Aircraft insurance provider.							
We both thanked Mr. Tafta for his time and stated we would be in contact if he had any follow-up questions.							
CONCLUSION, ACTION TAKEN, OR REQUIRED							
DATE 10/01/2020		TITLE Aviation Safety Inspector			SIGNATURE [REDACTED]		
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RECORD OF ☒ VISIT ☐ CONFERENCE OR ☐ TELEPHONE CALL		TIME 0930	DATE 09/23/2020
NAME (S) OF PERSON (S) CONTACTED OR IN CONFERENCE AND LOCATION		ROUTING	
		SYMBOL	INITIALS
Jim Covan (Property owner)			
Hoena Path SC 29654			
SUBJECT Oral Eyewitness statement from N5124M accident			
DIGEST			
Inspectors Jackson and Clamp met with Mr. Covan and another person and was escorted onto the property. During the short walk to the crash site I asked Mr. Covan if he had recalled seeing or hearing anything?			
Mr. Covan stated he was outside and heard the Airplane "sputtering". Mr. Covan also stated that his when he saw the aircraft the propeller was still turning and it sounded like he had "lost engine". After he heard the impact Mr. Covan said his children stood on bales of hay to see if there was smoke or fire.			
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