



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

A&P Mechanic/IA Statement

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Date: March 15, 2021

Person Contacted: Kristopher Gunter (A&P Mechanic/IA)

NTSB Accident Number: ERA21LA081

Narrative:

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

- Mr. Gunter is an A&P mechanic who holds an inspection authorization (IA) and completed the last annual inspection on N6978W on 09/15/2020. At the time of the inspection, Mr. Gunter installed a new fuel valve selector.
- I asked Mr. Gunter the circumstances of this inspection, and he stated that the owner of the airplane and their Director of Maintenance approached him to do the annual. He stated that he normally does not do these inspections for them, but because JET ICU, the med-evac company operating Lear jets next door needed help, he agreed to do the work as a favor.
- He stated that when he got into the airplane before agreeing to do the inspection, it "was wreaking of fuel" and he advised Mr. Hartley that they must replace the fuel selector.
- He stated that Mr. Hartley (the owner) had his company's Director of Maintenance, John Rhodes, look up and order the replacement part, and then asked Mr. Gunter to install it during the annual inspection, which he did.
- I asked if he looked for any Service Bulletins or Airworthiness Directives (ADs) that might have applied to the selector, and he stated that he did not order the part, although he looked for ADs on the airplane when he performed the annual inspection.
- He did not recall changing the fuel selector cover at the time.

This digest was e-mailed to Mr. Gunter to review on March 16, 2021, 1041 EDT. The corrected digest was received on March 16, 2021, at 1101EDT and all additions were incorporated. The corrected digest was e-mailed to Mr. Gunter on March 16, 2021 at 1145 EDT.