



MEMORANDUM for RECORD

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Date: June 2, 2022
Person Contacted: David Dillard (REDACTED) Pilot of N310DC
NTSB Accident Number: ERA22LA235 – Caryville, FL

This investigator spoke to Mr. Dillard by phone. He reported the following:

- The day before the flight, all the tanks were topped at ECP. He did not do the fueling, and wasn't present for the fueling, but he physically checked the tanks before departure. Got fuel on his hands and had to wash up. 160 gallons total.
- Ground ops, preflight, all OK. Engines cranked fine, one spin to start them. Had just done top overhaul on both engines, spent \$50K.
- On main tanks, pumps on, loss of power on left engine. Went through troubleshooting checklist and contacted ATC. Right turns back to ECP. At 5,800 ft MSL.
- Thought the engine was "running a little" and maybe had an injector problem. Engine wasn't making any power at all.
- Continuing to troubleshoot left engine when right engine "hiccupped." The right engine sputtered and lost power. There was barely any light by now, it was dark and wispy clouds but could make out the ground.
- Could not maintain altitude and set up for gear up landing. Looked for a clear area. Pulled nose up prior to touchdown and landed. Slid to a stop. Saw a flash on left and left wing was on fire. Turned off fuel selectors. Pulled breakers and got out.
- Tried aux tanks but that did not work, never used crossfeed.