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Date: December 16, 2022
Subject: ERA23LA020, Record of Conversations/Interviews
Contact: FAA Inspector Laura Burns

Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) inspector Laura Burns contacted NTSB on October 17, 2022 at 1505 EDT. The phone number was not recorded.

She indicated that the pilot had just filled the fuel tanks from the self service fuel pump, and he was initiating takeoff with no flaps. He said there was nothing wrong with the airplane and would prepare a Record of Conversation. The pilot had the wrong Airplane Flight Manual (AFM) in the airplane, and the wrong weights for the weight and balance. The last annual inspection was April 11, 2013. The airplane was a 4-place aircraft and per the pilot's medical he weighed 228 pounds.

A flight control continuity check was performed and the only discrepancy noted was binding of the left aileron which was attributed to be associated with impact.

There was a slight postimpact engine compartment fire.

FAA inspector Laura Burns contacted NTSB on November 9, 2022 at 1201 EST. She called from [REDACTED]

She indicated that the pilot won't provide her (FAA) the passenger information so she can confirm that persons weight. The pilot was not current to carry passengers and his last Flight Review was April 30, 2022. There was just 1 passenger in the airplane. Law Enforcement estimated that the passenger weighed over 300 pounds. The pilot departed from runway 36, and the approximate accident site coordinates were 28.981476° north and -80.925251° west.

The digest was reviewed with her during the call and she agreed with the content. The FINAL digest was e-mailed to her on December 16, 2022.