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Subject: ERA23LA173, Correspondence with A&P Mechanic Brandon Peavy

This investigator interviewed Mr. Peavy by telephone (cell [REDACTED]) regarding an examination of N9777Y, a Beech P35 that force landed at Perry, Florida on March 5, 2023. Mr. Peavy, along with Mr. Richard Connell from GFAST Air Recovery, examined the engine on N9777Y at the recovery facility in Perry.

Mr. Peavy reported that the oil filter adapter separated at the engine case, resulting in the loss of the engine oil in flight. There was residual oil covering the affected area and below. The adapter threads appeared stripped. The adapter was safety wired in place, and there was red torque putty applied as well.

Mr. Peavy took video of the affected area and provided it to the NTSB.