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Date: 10/11/23

Subject: ERA24LA006

Contact: Danny Cox, FAA ATL FSDO

Mr. Cox was interviewed via telephone. He stated that the flight proceeded from 2R0 to DTS. At DTS, the pilot purchased 15 gallons of fuel (10 in the left tank and 5 in the right) as that was the minimum purchase to avoid the ramp fee. The flight then proceeded to HMB and the pilot reported a loss of engine power to ATC.

Mr. Cox responded to the accident site around 1:30am this morning. When he arrived he stated both wing tanks had been breached. There was no smell of fuel at the accident site and no browning of vegetation near the breached wings. The right fuel cap was missing from the right wing and not located.



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Date: 10/16/23

Subject: ERA24LA006

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Mr. Cox was interviewed via telephone. He stated that he returned to the accident site on Friday October 13, with a friend of the two pilots to collect personal belongings from the wreckage. The return also gave Mr. Cox an opportunity to examine the wreckage during daylight hours. Mr. Cox added that the wreckage had not been recovered as no insurance information has been confirmed.

Mr. Cox further stated that the fuel cap had separated from the right wing tank and he was still unable to locate the cap at the accident site.



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Date: 10/20/23

Subject: ERA24LA006

Contact: Chloe Veal, Owner/Pilot
Christopher Safford, Boyfriend

Ms. Veal was interviewed via telephone conference call. She stated that she was seated in the left seat, working the radios but was not pilot-in-command. She added that Ms. White was flying from the right seat as they alternated legs to build flight time.



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Date: 10/27/23

Subject: ERA24LA006

Contact: Shymarque White, Pilot

The following was extracted from an email by Ms. White:

"Mr. Gretz.

My apologies, I forgot to mention this in the statement.

She was PIC I was the co-pilot (selected wrong on the pdf)

I sat in the right seat. She sat in the left seat.

White"