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Subject: ERA24LA117 FAA Interview and Notes

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Inspector Oaks from the Tampa FSDO responded to the scene for N8158F. Inspector Oaks interviewed the pilot and performed an inspection of the airplane and reported his findings:

"At 1:30 local Time I received a call from the ROC that a Cessna 150 N8158F landed off airport in a blueberry field near [REDACTED] Dunellion Florida. 1 soul on board a Lawrence dean Franklin. ([REDACTED])

Spoke with the officer on scene Charles Adolf he said the pilot said the engine just quit and there was alot of oil on the belly of the aircraft. said the pilot stated he had 3 gallons in the left tank and min fuel in the right. and oil was at 5.5 quarts.

I spoke with the pilot Lawrence franklin before he left the scene. I asked how much fuel he had he said the gauges showed about half tanks he stated he did not dip the tanks prior to taking off from Brooksville KBKV on the flight to X35 Marion county. the purpose of the flight was to get cheaper fuel.

The following day I drove to the scene and met with Charles Adolf and Lawrence Franklin at the aircraft. I brought a Cessna 152 dip stick to stick the tanks. the stick was the same tank size as a C150. Both tanks were below 0 gallons on the dip stick.

The fuel gauges read at E on the left tank and just above E on the right tank. the tanks did not read above a quarter of a tank on either gauge. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] There was damage down the leading edge of both main wings and on the cowling."