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From: [REDACTED]
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Not sure if you need this but my wife and I were refueling and the same time (they used the south pump while we used the north) as the aircraft that went down. The pilot appeared to hand prop the aircraft at which point I noticed how well the engine started and idled. They took less fuel than we did and completed refueling before we could. We were #3 for the rwy, taxied out behind them and held short as they back taxied to the overrun area and executed what looked to be a flawless takeoff from RWY22.

We had no issues with the fuel. Not knowing their direction of travel we joined a short search to the east of szp until we heard the reports from the west.

Regards,
Jim Deas
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