



SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

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Air Safety Investigator (Field)
Western Pacific Region

Date: December 3, 2018
Person Contacted: Steve Miller FAA Inspector Lubbock FSDO
email: [REDACTED]
NTSB Accident Number: WPR19LA027

Narrative:

Inspector Miller reported that the student pilot would not return any of his phone calls. He was not able to verify that the student pilot had the proper instructor's endorsement for the solo flight.

The student pilot broadcasted a mayday call due to a rough running engine. The mayday call was relayed by other aircraft. The airplane made a forced landing approximately 6.5 miles east of Presidio, Texas.

The NTSB Investigator relayed that the student pilot reported that the engine began to run rough, so he switched from the left fuel tank to the right fuel tank, but the engine never regained power.

The fuel tanks were inspected; the left fuel tank was empty. The right fuel tank contained approximately 15 gallons of fuel.