



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

All persons listed were interviewed by Zoë Keliher:

The following is a summary of conversation:

ODED MOORE (FAA INSPECTOR)

The CHP officer who responded to the accident was being interviewed on site by the news. The reporter made a comment "doesn't look like there is much of a spill" and the CHP officer responded "no not at all, there's no uh barely any oil or fuel leaked out of it so it's a pretty small scene"

When we (FAA) showed up we did not see any signs of fuel spill. One of our inspectors opened the fuel drain valve on the right wing and he barely got any fuel to come out. The salvage crew reported around 3-3.5 total gallons recovered from the entire aircraft.

Prior to the accident the aircraft was undergoing maintenance that started in November of 2021. A local A&P/IA was performing a major airframe repair to the right doorjamb area due to a hard landing by Mr. Carol.

The major repair required the removal of the right wing. The mechanic stated that he drained all the fuel from both wings in order to re-seal both right and left wings fuel sending units.

The mechanic completed the work and he estimated refueling each wing back with around 7 gallons. He was surprised to hear that the owner took the aircraft flying without fueling the wings.

The accident flight was the first flight after maintenance and the pilot intended to fly about 5 miles downwind and return to a full stop. He crashed 2.89 miles short of the runway. He stated the engine just "stopped". He tried to restart it unsuccessfully.

The mechanic has the logbooks but he is in Germany right now.

Pilot experience:

Total hours in make and model about 60

Had not flown in 90 days, plane was under repair and new interior and new windows and windshield, All hours in AC were in first year and then went under maintenance and repair since Thanksgiving 2021.

Total hours approximately 3000 hours as PIC. Most all of those hours were in tail dragger, Cessna 170 and Citabria before that.

Pilot did not fly from Thanksgiving 2021 until accident flight.

MIKE CARROLL (PILOT)

My mechanic had told me that he put all my fuel that he had taken out which would have been about 35-40 gallons, which is what I landed with when I had returned from Deer valley airport last thanksgiving weekend. He did some repair work which he needed to drain both tanks, my gauges

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erroneously showed same when I preflighted that morning.(and yes I trusted but my mistake was that I didn't verify) My problem was that I trusted him but he lied and stole my fuel and that was the problem. I confirmed my fuel situation when I asked the FAA agents that when the wings were removed after crash to transport that there was only 3 gallons left.
Hope that helps with your investigation,