

RECORD OF INTERVIEW

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Date: 6/13/19

Person Interviewed: Phillip C Jennings – witness in boat

NTSB Case Number: ERA19FA193

Narrative:

Mr. Jennings was interviewed in person.

Mr. Jennings stated he was in a boat on the north east side of Lake Maitland when he heard and saw an airplane flying overhead. He stated the engine was sputtering like it was running out of gas. He watched the airplane fly over the lake to the north and make a 180 turn and come back to the lake, Mr. Jennings stated that he thought he was trying to make a water landing. Mr. Jennings was in the path of the airplane so he started up the boat motor and went perpendicular to the airplane path so he would be out of the way. Mr. Jennings further stated it looked like the airplane may have hit some treetops right at the edge of the water because the airplane drastically nosed over and went straight into the water and hit very hard. He immediately went over to the airplane which was still on top of the water but the nose of the airplane was starting to sink. The airplane immediately went under water and they were searching for survivors. They did not see anyone surface and another boat showed up and when one of the passengers in that boat dove into the water and tried to dive down to the airplane. He could not find the airplane and they called 911 and waited for the fire department to show up.