

Case# 10-15-7508

CITY OF JASPER POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Greg Lovell

Jasper, GA 30143 -

VOLUNTARY STATEMENT

Date 10-8-15 Time 8:45pm Place Pickens County / Jasper AirportI, Jasen P. Dietzel, am 31 years of age with DOB of [REDACTED] andmy address is [REDACTED] Kennesaw GA 30144

I declare that the following statement is made of my own free will without promise of hope or reward, without fear or threat of physical harm, without coercion, favor or offer of favor, by any person or persons whomsoever.

I was on the porch watching Joseph Hughes land the plane and
take-off again (knowing a touch-and-go). After takeoff, on the
upwind leg, it sounded like the engine quit. The plane started
to descend and Joseph banked the plane to the left. It looked
like the plane stalled and spun because the bank increased
and nose dropped into a pitch attitude that would suggest a spin.
I lost sight of the plane but a few seconds later I heard the
impact. I immediately called 911 and tried to find where the airplane
went down by driving to the edge of the runway.

I have read this statement consisting of _____ page (s), and I affirm to the truth and accuracy of the facts contained therein.

This statement was completed at _____ M., on the _____ day of _____

Witness

☒ Person Giving Statement

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RECORD OF CONVERSATION

Todd Gunther
Air Safety Investigator
Eastern Region

Date: October 8, 2015
Person Contacted: Jason Dietzel (Flight Instructor)
NTSB Accident Number: ERA16FA005

According to Mr. Dietzel, he observed his student (Mr. Hughes) do the preflight, and that the airplane appeared to takeoff normally. Mr. Hughes then went out to the practice area for about an hour and then returned. Mr. Hughes then did a touch and go landing, and after takeoff, Mr. Dietzel heard the engine stop. Mr. Dietzel stated that, "it went from full to nothing."

After the takeoff, the airplane "sunk down," it appeared to him that Mr. Hughes tried to turn to the left to return to the airport. The airplane then stalled, entered a spin to the left, then went behind the trees, and then he heard a "thunk."

Mr. Dietzel also stated, that there was 14 to 17 gallons of fuel onboard before Mr. Hughes took the airplane.

Mr. Dietzel also added that, the airplane had just come out of a 100-hour inspection, that he had been flying the airplane since December, and had never had any problems with it.



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Date: October 10, 2015
Person Contacted: Jason Dietzel (Flight Instructor)
NTSB Accident Number: ERA16FA005

According to Mr. Dietzel, He watched his student (Mr. Hughes) do the preflight on the airplane.

- Mr. Hughes reported to him that there was 14 gallons of fuel in the airplane.
- They discussed that he had about 2 hours of fuel on board.
- He advised Mr. Hughes to go and fly (solo) for about an hour.
- He could not recall if Mr. Hughes used a fuel stick to verify the fuel level in the tanks.
- He could not recall if he personally looked in the tanks to verify the fuel level.
- He did not recall looking at the flight log for the airplane.
- He did remember telling him to switch tanks every 30 minutes.



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Eastern Region

Date: October 11, 2015
Person Contacted: Ted Scott (General Manager Asterix Aviation)
NTSB Accident Number: ERA16FA005

According to Mr. Scott, Asterix Aviation operated out of two airports; Pickens County Airport (JZP), and Cobb County (RYY). They had 4 airplanes, 2 of which were based at Pickens County, both of which were Piper Tomahawks.

They were a Part 61 school and hoped eventually to become a Part 141 school.

Mr. Dietzel had been the only flight instructor at Asterix Aviation that the student pilot (Mr. Hughes) had been flying with.

On the day of the accident, Mr. Scott who was leaving the airport at the time, observed Mr. Dietzel on the ramp on his cell phone while the student was preflighting.

Mr. Scott advised that they did not have any written policies regarding fueling of the airplanes.