



NTSB MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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Date: 4/29/2021
Person Contacted: CHRIS CHRISTIAN (Mechanic)
NTSB Accident Number: ERA21FA189

Narrative:

- He stated he completed an annual inspection on the airplane in early April 2021.
- On the day of the accident, about 1000-1100, at the departure airport, Mr. Christian reported that he observed the student pilot receive fuel. Mr. Christian reported that he sold him 2 quarts of oil as well. They had a brief discussion, where the student pilot informed Mr. Christian that his father was in the hospital, and he was flying to go visit him for a while. The student pilot told Mr. Christian he was leaving at 1300 for his cross-country trip. After their conversation, Mr. Christian observed the student pilot push his airplane back into the hangar.
- Later in the day, about 1700, Mr. Christian observed the student pilot taxi his airplane, and he observed that one passenger was onboard.
- Mr. Christian reported that the day after the accident, he received a call from the student pilots flight instructor (Mr. Stenvall). The flight instructor told Mr. Christian that the plane had crashed, and they found the wreckage. Mr. Christian asked if they found the pilot and passenger. According to Mr. Christian, the flight instructor responded in surprise that a passenger was on-board and seemed to get upset.
- Mr. Christian stated that he possessed copies of the annual endorsement. He agreed to provide those copies to the NTSB. [Several attempts were made by this investigator to obtain the annual endorsement record, however, the mechanic did not provide it]