



RECORD OF INTERVIEW

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Date:
Person Interviewed: William Jennings – Friend of Pilot
NTSB Case Number: ERA20FA085

Narrative:

Mr. William Jennings was interviewed by telephone.

Mr. Jennings stated he was a close friend of the pilot Selena Short. Mr. Jennings stated Selena flew out from Tyler Texas to Lake City Florida, 15FL, the weekend before the accident to see spend some time with him. He stated when she landed the weekend before the accident flight, Selena stated the engine cut-out when she was on short final. Selena then wanted to check over the airplane and engine and make sure everything was okay. Selena started the engine and performed a run-up and it ran good. When Selena opened up the engine cowling, she noticed oil was leaking from the engine. She contacted a local mechanic, located at 15FL and asked if he could fix the oil leaks. The mechanic repaired the oil leaks by replacing a couple push rod tube seals and also repacked the nose gear. A couple days later, Selena tested ran the engine and no oil leaks were noted. The night before the accident flight, Mr. Jennings stated that Selena taxied the airplane over to the fuel tank and filled up the wing tanks, left tip tank but did not put fuel in the right tip tank and it had a problem.

The next morning, Mr. Jennings took Selena out to the airplane so she could depart and go back to Tyler Texas. Selena checked the airplane out and it was ready to go. Mr. Jennings stated he watched her take off and noticed she turned left early, in his opinion, right after she cleared the trees, she turned hard left. Once she turned left, Mr. Jennings stated he got in his vehicle and was getting ready to leave when he heard a loud bang and then saw smoke, he drove over to the smoke and saw that it was Selena in an accident. The airplane was completely engulfed in flames.