

## Inspector Statement

Spoke to Mr. Chad Tofteland via phone at approx. 2:10 pm on June 26, 2023.

During that conversation Mr. Tofteland stated he personally installed an engine that was overhauled by Randy Rubbert. He responded "no" when asked if possessed an A&P certificate. After install he was going to take a flight to "break in" the engine then have the engine installation inspected and signed off.

Mr. Tofteland said he loaded 20 gallons of water into the hopper so he could test his spray nozzles since he would be flying around for an hour.

During roll out he said the engine seemed to have no abnormalities and was making 27-2800 Rpm. He did not know what speed he rotated at but said the airspeed "felt good and about normal." He did not remember anything after takeoff related to the flight.

Review of aircraft records indicated the aircraft was out of annual inspection and no record for the engine install was made.

Mr. Tofteland said he would send his pilot and aircraft records to the Fargo FSDO and that he estimated around 400 flight hours total and "50-60 practicing" in a Pawnee.

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