



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: November 27, 2018
Person Contacted: Cynthia Massey
NTSB Accident Number: CEN19FA032 – Santa Fe, New Mexico

Narrative:

Ms. Massey had known the pilot for about 2 years. She had never gone flying with him. He had accumulated over 1,200 hours flight time and had been in the Air Force where he had worked on helicopters. He hadn't flown recently but he had recently completed some recurrent flight training.

The pilot had purchased the airplane from a bank after it had been repossessed and had taken ownership about one month prior to the flight. She noted that the airplane "looked good;" although, it had not been flown recently. He had installed a new battery and new tires since taking ownership. He was planning to fly the airplane to the Colorado Plains Airport (AKO), Akron, Colorado, for an annual inspection.

Ms. Massey expected his arrival at AKO about 7:00pm; she went to the airport to meet him. He had sent her text messages during the flight. At 6:54, the pthe flight was almost over Colorado Springs. At 7:17, the pilot asked what the VOR frequency was for Akron. At 7:36, she replied that the frequency was 114.4 and the identifier was AKO. She did not receive any further text messages from him. She called the airport about 9:00 to report the aircraft overdue and they put her in touch with the FAA.

The pilot was active and in relatively good health. He was retired from the construction industry but occasionally still did light construction and small remodeling projects. He usually slept well, and Ms. Massey was not aware of any issues with sleep apnea. He took one medication for blood pressure and had a history of gout. He also had been diagnosed with polycystic kidney disease. He had 6 – 10% kidney function remaining and underwent dialysis three days per week. He had skipped two dialysis treatments immediately before the accident; on Friday and Monday (the day of the accident). He had skipped treatments before and was usually alright. He did take a medication for the condition which he had with him when he traveled.

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