Communication Summary

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Information From: Mr. Shane L. Vande Voort, FBO at PEA



Summary & Factual Information: Mr. Vande Voort reported that N2806R has been based at the Pella Airport in a T-hangar for a number of years. He further stated: Since the airplane is in a T-hangar Mr. Terpstra could come and go without checking in with us at the FBO. The last time that Mr. Terpstra purchased fuel from us was September 23, 2016 and the amount was 33 gallons. Normally when Mr. Terpstra bought fuel he requested a top off, so I believe the airplane was filled to its capacity at that time. Myself and none of my staff has any recollection of Mr. Terpstra flying the airplane since it was fueled, but again could have missed him coming and going since he normally parked by his hangar and left from there.

On December 31st Mr. Terpstra came in the shop hangar where I was working and asked for an air tank to fill a low tire on his airplane. While I was getting a tank and gage we chatted about his business and a recent issue they had on a job in Albia where a wall had collapsed. He seemed to be relaxed and in a good mood even though we were talking about an unpleasant event at work. He didn't seem to be in a hurry at all and stood and talked a few minutes. I did not see anyone with him at all, but I did not follow him out of the shop to the hangar. Mr. Terpstra did not discuss his flying plans at all and I did not ask him what he was up to. The weather was clear and just a little windy at Pella at the time, so I assumed he may be going out for a local flight or that he might be just checking on the plane and getting it ready for a future flight. He said nothing to lead me to believe he had a cross country flight planned for that day. I estimate the time of our conversation between 11am local and 12 noon. I sent a mechanic into town for a tool around 11 (in case the hardware store closed at noon), and he returned before noon. Mr. Terpstra came into the shop after the mechanic left, and when the mechanic returned we both heard N2806R make a taxi for departure call on the Unicom.

I can attest that the above summary is correct to the best of my knowledge:

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