



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

Aaron M. Sauer
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Date: September 12, 2012
Person Contacted: Randy Ball
NTSB Accident Number: CEN12LA602

Narrative:

During a telephone conversation, Mr. Ball stated that he was a friend of Mr. Smith's and had known him for several years. Mr. Ball stated he would assist in locating the pilot and aircraft records; however, there were issues developing with the estate that may prevent him from obtaining those records. Mr. Ball stated that Mr. Smith's airplane was immaculate and there were no known maintenance issues with the airplane. Mr. Smith had owned the airplane for approximately 6 to 8 years. Mr. Smith was a fit and healthy individual. Mr. Smith was also the Hoppers newest member and had been with the Hoppers for approximately 5 years.