



## RECORD OF COMMUNICATIONS

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**Date: March 13 & 14, 2014**

**Person Contacted: Mr. Dayton Murdock (Pilot/Airplane owner at CXP)**

**NTSB Accident Number: WPR14FA132**

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### **Narrative:**

The following is the verbatim text of the information provided by Mr. Murdock in an email to the NTSB on March 13, 2014:

"on Saturday March 8th around 2 o'clock in the afternoon I witnessed a white Cessna 120 departing runway Niner at Carson City I was standing in front of my hanger what I noticed is the engine seems to be running rough and it as not climbing very well as I went past my hanger it was not much higher than my hanger"

The following is a synopsis of the information provided by Mr. Murdock in a telephone conversation on March 14, 2014:

- Mr. Murdock believed that he observed the accident airplane depart CXP about 1400 on the afternoon of March 8, 2014
- He and his son had just returned from lunch, and he was in his hangar
- He heard an airplane taking off so he exited his hangar to watch it
- He thought to himself "god that engine sounds awful"; it was running very roughly
- He described the engine sound as "the way[his] Champ used to sound when it was running on autogas"
- His hangar is located about 4,000 feet down runway 9 on the south side of the runway
- He described the airplane as an old Cessna, white, with "not much" blue and red trim
- He did not see any N-number
- He said that as the airplane was about the height of his hangar when it passed him, and "just was not climbing"
- He watched the airplane until it reached the approximate end of runway 9, and then returned inside his hangar
- He did not notice (or look for) the airplane after that