



## RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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**Date: March 10 & 11, 2014**

**Person Contacted: Captain Sandage Carson City Sheriffs Office**

**NTSB Accident Number: WPR14FA132**

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### **Narrative:**

The following is a synopsis of the information provided by Capt. Sandage and other CCSO personnel in telephone and in-person conversations on the noted dates:

- The accident site was in a remote area (locally referred to as the "sand pit") in the mountains about 7 miles southeast of the Carson City airport [CXP]
- The site was only accessible by 4WD vehicle
- The wreckage was initially detected about 1500 PST on Sunday 3/9/14 by an unspecified person overflying the area; he reported it to the CCSO
- CCSO SAR personnel accessed the wreckage on the ground about 1600 PST on 3/9/14
- They obtained a tail number and determined there was 1 POB, fatal
- That same afternoon, the pilot's girlfriend contacted CCSO to report the pilot missing
  - She provided her name (Jeanne Pearce) and contact information
  - She said the pilot owned 3 airplanes
  - They lived in Wellington, NV
  - The pilot had reportedly flown to CXP on Saturday (3/8) to go "shopping" and she believed that his plan was to return that same day, or the next morning
  - The last she heard from the pilot was a text message in mid afternoon 3/8
- Later that same day, the CCSO located a car at CXP which belonged to the missing pilot
- When CCSO personnel arrived on site on 3/9, they could smell beer but did not smell fuel
- They reported that at least part of the airplane/pilot's cargo was beer and soda
- Due to site remoteness, wreckage compression and loss of daylight, they were not able to recover the pilot until the morning of Monday 3/10