



## RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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**Date: Apr 18, 2017**  
**Person Contacted: Marshall Macri (Accident Certified Flight Instructor [CFI])**  
**NTSB Accident Number: WPR17LA084**

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### Narrative:

During an interview with Marshall Macri, conducted by Donald Bacon (FAA) the following is a summary of what he stated:

- The CFI was performing flight instruction for The Flight Academy under 14 Code of Federal Regulation part 61.
- On April 2, 2017, the CFI left Paine Field, Everett, WA and picked up his student at Whidbey Air Park, Langley, WA.
- They had planned 3 hours of flight training that would take them to Bremerton, WA to do traffic pattern work and stall practice.
- This was the students third instructional flight.
- Enroute to Bremerton, the CFI stated he wanted to show his student there was more to flying than training, in his words that "flying was also "fun".
- They turned west into what appeared to be a large valley in the Olympic Mountain range.
- The CFI could not recall their exact altitude, but he was sure they were at least two thousand feet above ground.
- The CFI stated there were no winds or turbulence.
- At some point, they realized they needed to climb to avoid terrain.
- The CFI applied full power and pitched for a 110-knot climb, he realized that even with these control inputs, the terrain was rising faster than the airplane was climbing.
- The CFI instructed the student to start a right turn. As they entered the turn, he felt that the airplane was coordinated but that the ailerons were not effective, and the rate of turn was too slow to avoid the terrain.
- The CFI took control of the airplane from the student.
- At this point, the CFI stated things were happening too fast to recover and he knew they were going to crash.

- The aircraft impacted the northern slope of mountain ridge west of Mount Jupiter and an elevation of approximately 5,000 feet.
- The CFI stated he had a week of standardization training with the flight school before being checked off to act as an instructor.
- The CFI's training included flights between Portland, OR and Seattle, WA, around the Puget Sound, up to Port Angeles, WA (via Port Townsend), but not over the Olympic mountains.



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**Date: Aug 19, 2016**  
**Person Contacted: Michael Mequio. (Student Pilot)**  
**NTSB Accident Number: WPR17LA084**

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### **Narrative:**

During a conversation with Michael Mequio, the following is a summary of what he stated:

- This was his third flight with the flight school.
- His previous 2 flights were with the same CFI.
- He had made no formal complaints about the CFI.
- They were getting to know each other's personalities.
- He does not remember details once he got into the airplane's cockpit.
- After crash, he remembers walking on the wing.
- The CFI asked him what happened?
- The weather was good.
- The airplane crashed on a snow bank on a slope of about 45-50.°