

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

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Record of ☐ visit ☐ conference ☒ telephone call

Name(s) of person(s) contacted or in conference and location

Ron Weddell Airplane owner. His wife was one of the victims

Subject: LAX02FA163, Cessna T210M, N761LX, 05/13/02, Groveland, CA

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Mr. Weddell said that he had owned the airplane for 12 to 14 years. He bought it in 1986 or 1987. When he acquired it, the airplane had 710 hours total time. The previous owner had gone into bankruptcy and thrown away the logbooks. The engine had a weak cylinder, and Yerrington Aviation top overhauled one or two cylinders. He and his company flew the airplane about 500 hours before they had cam problems and rebuilt the engine. Therefore, he said the airframe and engine had about 1,200 hours at the engine overhaul. About 200 hours ago, he had problems with one or two cylinders and Rob Hurt Aviation in Minden, Nevada, worked on them. He estimated the airplane had about 1,920 hours total time.

He said Mr. Levi's sister had died at the age of 32 from diabetes. He said Mr. Levi was concerned at his last physical because he was borderline diabetic. Mr. Levi's class 2 medical had reverted to a class 3 medical.

He said Mr. Levi flew back to the Carson City on Thursday. He took Mrs. Weddell to Fullerton on Friday, and flew back to Carson City Friday afternoon.

On Saturday, Mr. Levi flew to Concord, California, and returned to Carson City on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Levi flew to Fullerton on Monday morning to pick up Mrs. Weddell. They planned to be back in Carson City by 1 or 2 PM. Mr. And Mrs. Weddell were to have lunch together. Mr. Levi was to pick up a friend (Leonard Racho) around 2 PM and fly to Lake Tahoe, California. Leonard told Mr. Weddell that he had talked to Mr. Levi on the ground at Fullerton. Mr. Levi mentioned some discomfort, and that maybe he had eaten too much dinner.

Mr. Weddell mentioned items that had not been recovered at this point. He was looking for a Rolex President watch, diamond earrings, a wedding ring, a purse, and keys.

Date	Title	Signature
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