



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

Witness Statement

Lynn Spencer
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Eastern Region Aviation

Date: April 13, 2022

Person Contacted: Farzan Saleem, TriState Aviation Owner

Contact # [REDACTED]

NTSB Accident Number: ERA22LA179

Narrative:

The following is a summary of a conversation that occurred with the individual named above:

Mr. Saleem was contacted by phone on April 13, 2022, at 1257EDT. He is the owner of TriState Aviation FBO and flight school at Central Jersey Regional Airport (47N). He stated that he spoke to several of his flight instructors on the day of the accident to inquire about the wind conditions. They stated that the winds were shifting from a tailwind to a crosswind on runway 07 at the time, and around the time the accident airplane attempted to land, the winds were mostly a tailwind of about 10 knts. The winds were favoring runway 25 at the time.

He stated that he always questioned why the instrument approach plate doesn't use Somerset's (SMQ) weather reports since SMQ is 6 miles away versus Trenton Mercer Airport (TTN) which is 18 miles. He stated that he spoke to Mr. Guthrie, who seemed like a very competent pilot with experience, and yet the weather report he received did not match the conditions at the airport, which at the time was consistent with SMQ weather reports. He added that the winds are typically 20-40% higher at 47N than at SMQ, so at his flight school, they add 20-40% to the SMQ winds for all instructional flights.

The call ended at 1307 EDT.