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**Date:** July 7, 2022

**Subject:** WPR22FA148 Video Interview

**Contact:** Landon Lucas, Certified Flight Instructor rated passenger.

Mr. Lucas was joined by his attorney in a video conference. He, along with his attorney, stated that after departing Four Corners Airport, he could not recall to any detail that led to the accident. Mr. Lucas stated that he did not have any input to the flight planning or responsibilities to fly any of the cross-country legs. He added that he signed off the tail-wheel endorsement for the owner prior to the cross-country trip. He further added that he was not pilot in command.

In a subsequent correspondence on March 7, 2024, he clarified that wasn't hired as a crewmember on the trip in question and that he was hired solely to assist with moving the plane in the manner of hand starting and keeping Dalton company as his wife wanted someone to come with him. The agreed upon rate for aforementioned services was \$250/ day and all incidental expenses, in which he was never paid. He added that the agreement was verbal.

Furthermore, he stated that he and the owner never had discussed his medical certification although he did mention his interest in the accident aircraft, which did have some relation to it being light sport and not requiring a medical certificate for its operation per 61.23 (c).