



## **MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD**

Airplane Owner's Statement

**Peter Wentz**  
**Air Safety Investigator**  
**Eastern Region Aviation**

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**Date: April 23, 2019**  
**Person Interviewed: James Hurd**  
**Location: [REDACTED]**  
**NTSB Accident Number: ERA19FA154**

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Mr. Hurd was contacted by me and agreed to meet at the above address. He stated the pilot planned to fly the airplane (N625J) to Twin Lakes Airport (8A7), Mocksville, North Carolina for an avionics upgrade. Mr. Hurd intended to drive about 44 miles to 8A7 to pick up the pilot and return them to Statesville Regional Airport (SVH), Statesville, North Carolina. He stated watching the airplane depart runway 28 at SVH about 0900 and travel west, then turn back to the east before he lost visual contact. He arrived at 8A7 about 1040 to find the airplane had not arrived. He made several phone calls to the pilot without success. He returned to SVH to see if the pilot had returned, while other pilots from the avionics shop at 8A7 departed in airplanes to search the area.

He stated that the pilot had accrued approximately 10-15 hours in the accident airplane.