

Operations Group Chairman Factual Report

Attachment 12 – Vacaville (VCB) Airport Manager Statement

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To Whom It May Concern:

On Sunday, March 22, 2009, I arrived at the Nut Tree Airport at approximately 9:30am. When I drove up I noticed two vehicles parked at the end of County Airport Road, near the main gate. One of the vehicles was an Escalade, the other was a bronze-ish, 4-door truck, either a Chevy or GMC. There appeared to be 4 adults with an unknown number of children, approximately 4. Some of the children were playing in a sandy area near the base of our flagpole. I went into my office to do some work and at approximately 9:45am looked out of the window and saw one of the men from the vehicles, along with a small boy, standing at the pedestrian gate to the field. I went out onto the deck to ask if he needed help. He said he needed access to the field to load an aircraft with baggage and I gave him the code for the pedestrian gate. He asked if he could access the field with vehicles to load a plane with their gear. At that time a Pilatus was landing and he said, "That's our plane." I look at the tail number and identified it as N128CM. I told him it would be no problem, I would give him access to the vehicle gate and asked him to honk his horn when he was ready to leave. They pulled up, entered the gate, and drove to the fuel island, where the plane had parked. It was as they drove through the gate I noticed a small boy walking the curb as they vehicles drove through. At approximately 10:15 to 10:20 the party was at the gate, honked to say they were ready to exit, I opened the gate and the cars pulled out and parked in the parking lot. One of the gentlemen said to me, "Thank you – you saved our backs." I yelled back at them, asking if it was Bruce flying the aircraft, and he said, "No, it's Bud." I replied, "Have a good trip." At no time did I ask where they were headed, but it appeared they were going on a ski trip – possibly to Tahoe. I went back into the office and left fairly soon after – at approximately 10:30am. When I was leaving I glance over and saw the Pilatus sitting at the fuel island. It appeared that everyone was on board the aircraft and it had just started up.

Sincerely,

Andrew J Swanson
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