



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: 01/31/2022
Person Contacted: Mr. Clint Busenitz (Friend of Pilot)
RE: CEN22FA109

Narrative:

The pilot's friend was at the accident site and discussed the circumstances of the accident. He reported the pilot texted him to ask if he could taxi the airplane on the private airstrip, which was located at his residence. At the time of the pilot's request, he was not at his residence. He and his wife arrived home about 1645 and observed the pilot taxiing the airplane. About 1700, he observed the airplane airborne, and the pilot completed two touch and go landings on the private airstrip, then departed to the south.

About 1720, he texted the pilot to inquire about his location and there was no response. He then departed in his Piper airplane to look for the pilot and located the accident airplane, which was crashed in a field near the pilot's residence, about 2 miles from his private airstrip.

He then returned to his private airstrip to respond to the accident site in his personal vehicle. The friend noted the pilot had the lap belt restraint secured, and the shoulder harness restraint was not used.

He stated that the pilot had been working on the kit airplane for several months in preparation to have the airplane certificated and registered. The pilot did not hold a pilot certificate and had no previous training or flight experience other than a couple rides in his Piper airplane.