



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: March 11, 2021
Person Contacted: Mr. Chris Walker (Relative of Pilot)
NTSB Accident Number: CEN21FA150

Narrative:

During a telephone conversation with Mr. Walker, he reported the following:

- On the morning of the accident, he heard the airplane fly over his house. He did not look outside, but at the time of takeoff (0555, as indicated from radar data) it would have been dark.
 - It was not abnormal for the pilot to takeoff before sunrise. Especially if he needed to get somewhere and back in one day.
 - He was unaware how many hours the pilot had flying at night. The purpose of the airplane was for ranch and cattle work; therefore, he hardly ever flew at night.
 - Their runway was located on the ranch and it was not equipped with lights.
- The purpose of the accident flight was to go to a destination. There would have been no reason for the pilot to “wander” during the flight or to maneuver around the area of the accident site.
 - Since the pilot was taking the airplane to get an annual inspection the maintenance logbooks would have been in the airplane. Mr. Walker has already checked the hangar where they were normally stored, and they were not present.
- The pilot flew “all the time” over the land and pastures. He was a highly capable pilot, and he knew the airplane very well. He would have been able to handle any emergency that arose.
 - During the week leading up to the accident, the pilot flew Monday, possibly Tuesday or Wednesday, and Friday. The accident occurred on Saturday.
- The pilot learned to fly in college. He has flown a lot over the past 20 years.
 - This was the pilot’s second airplane.
 - He was unsure how many hours the pilot had. His pilot logbook would have been with him.

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