



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: May 8, 2020
Person Contacted: Hayden Joseph (Commercial Pilot)
NTSB Accident Number: WPR20LA130

Narrative:

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

- They took off from Whiteman Airport stopped in thermal, then Blyth, CA. Their final destination was Falcon Field Airport.
- He does not remember the accident. He recalls departing Blyth to the east and then waking up in the hospital.
 - He was at the flight controls at the time of departure, but since his memory ends there he has no idea what happened after that.
 - He assumes that if there was an emergency Mr. Paige would have taken over the flight controls, but he does not know what actually happened.
- Mr. Joseph met Mr. Paige about three years ago through another pilot. He estimates that he has flown about 20-30 hours with Mr. Paige
 - Most of their flights together were easy and Mr. Joseph was flying.
- He mentioned that Mr. Paige was a great pilot and the nicest person ever; he had nothing bad to say.
- Mr. Paige used the helicopter a lot for fires, frost, and cherry drying. He flew on several contracts and made sure to maintain the helicopter accordingly. However, Mr. Joseph was never apart of the maintenance process, nor did Mr. Paige discuss the helicopter's maintenance with him. They talked more about the history of the helicopter.
- Mr. Joseph mentioned that the helicopter always flew great. "It was a sound helicopter." And everything was running perfectly on the previous flights.
- Mr. Paige conducted the preflight before takeoff from Blyth. It was the same preflight Mr. Paige normally did. He would check the oil levels, the transmission, tail rotor, tail rotor oil, make sure everything is tight, did the usual walk around, and climbed on the rotor.

END. - Submitted by: Samantha Link