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Date: October 4, 2022

Subject: Discussion with Manager of flight school where the instructor was employed.

Contact: Randy Schoephoerster; AirTrek North Flight School Manager @
[REDACTED]

The manager of the school (Schoephoerster) confirmed that the instructor (Fretland) worked there and on September 30th, the day before the accident he flew 5.4 hours. All of which were dual.

The 3.0 hours flight time were at night starting at 7 pm and lasted til about 11 pm. This corroborates the time in the instructor's logbook. Some of the time might have been ground instruction.

He gave the IIC the name and contact of the student pilot, Peter Holkestad @
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Contact: Peter Holkestad at [REDACTED]

Called and spoke with the student pilot and discussed the circumstances surrounding the accident. He (Holkstad) was conducting several cross country flights on September 30, 2022, starting at 7:00 pm local time. They took off when it was dark and flew to Rochester and did 10 landings, then another airport then returned back to South Saint Paul airport. After getting back to the airport, he estimates they were gone from 7:00 pm until about 11:15pm before they concluded.

The instructor expressed during the flight, that he was a little nervous about the next mornings flight in IFR conditions. He had the hours but did not feel confident in his instrument abilities. He did not mention what time he had to wake up, but only mentioned that the next days flight was about 10:00 am.

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