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Date: 10/20/2021
Person Contacted: Elma Bachman (Spouse of Captain)
NTSB Accident Number: ERA22FA004

Narrative:

Mrs. Elma Bachman was contacted via telephone and reported the following details regarding her communication with Mr. Bachman, her husband, to the best of her knowledge:

- Mr. Bachman left home via his truck in Arizona for El Paso Saturday (September 26) about 4:30AM. She believed his shift started Saturday evening and she believed he flew Saturday evening.
- He was accustomed to driving back and forth.
- Mr. Bachman told her that on Sunday he had to write up two issues with the accident airplane.
- She reported that she spoke to her husband throughout the day on Monday October 4th. She reported that Mr. Bachman was an "earlier riser" and he stayed at a company provided hotel near the El Paso airport. She could not recall an exact time he awoke on Monday.
- She reported that due to the maintenance issues with the airplane, her husband told her throughout the day he did not expect to be flying later in the evening. She stated that through 4:00PM Arizona time, that was his impression, that he would not be flying. It was also her impression that he was checking on the airplane's status throughout the day, and that he was possibly at the maintenance hangar at some point.
- About 8:00PM Arizona time, she received a text from her husband that said, "all nighter to Georgia." She reported that she asked her husband if he got enough sleep, to which he responded that he had. She reported that her husband is very conscientious about getting proper rest and exercise. He did not tell her he was tired or fatigued prior to flight.
- She reported that her husband each day goes on a 3-mile walk, and she believes it was possibly in the morning on October 4.



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- She reported that overnight she received a text from her husband that commented that they were close to their destination, and that they had to fly through thunderstorms, and icing conditions while enroute.
- She reported that her husband had a very good relationship with Mr. Duchesne, the other pilot on-board. She said he really enjoyed flying with him and that he was glad that he was assigned to him by the airline.
- She reported that her husband took no medications other than typical vitamins/supplements, and that he was in very good health.

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