



## RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Regional Chief  
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**Date: 1/22/2019  
Person: Donna Depaoli  
NTSB Accident Number: WPR19LA062**

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### **Narrative:**

During a telephone conversation Ms. Depaoli reported that she is a pilot and was a passenger in the accident airplane. She was sitting in the back seat. There are no flight controls installed in the aft seat.

On the day of the accident they decided to fly to Whidbey Airpark for lunch along with another pilot flying with them. She reported that she had never been into this airport before with the pilot and that on previous flights, the pilot had flown into this airport solo.

The flight departed from Paine Field about 1100 for the 10-15-minute flight. The pilot flew over the airstrip at about 1,600 ft to see where to park and to check out other airplanes on the ground. They then entered a left downwind for runway 16. The pilot called the downwind and she saw another airplane depart with another airplane on the ramp. The pilot then called the base to final turn. She observed the pilot look to the left and he made power and flap adjustments. Ms. Depaoli recalls the left wing was down and saw it flutter, like maybe it stalled. The next thing she remembers is putting her hands on the pilot's seat as she braced herself as the airplane descended like a "lawn dart."

Ms. Depaoli reported that she did not observe any problems with the engine or the airplane and everything was normal. She thought that he made a standard rate turn but was not sure. She did not sense any turbulence in the airport environment.

Ms. Depaoli reported that the pilot had attached, via a suction cup, a black camera to the canopy right by his right ear and asked if we found it.

She was not aware of any outstanding mechanical problems with the airplane.



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**Date: 1/17/19**  
**Person: Michael Drake – Brother to pilot Marc**  
**NTSB Accident Number: WPR19LA062**

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### **Narrative:**

During a telephone conversation I asked Michael if he had spoken to the passenger Donna Depaoli about what had happened. He reported that she was doing better and did recall the events of the accident. She reported that the flight from Paine Field up to Langley was uneventful and nothing out of the ordinary. When the pilot made the base to final turn, it was aggressive and steeper than she liked. The wing dropped and he tried to recover.



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**Date: 1/12/19  
Person: Mike Todd – Pilot of N3363D  
NTSB Accident Number: WPR19LA062**

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### **Narrative:**

During a telephone conversation Mr. Todd reported that he was waiting to takeoff on runway 16 at W10. He heard the accident pilot on the common frequency announcing left downwind for landing runway 16. Normal traffic calls were heard. As the airplane made the left turn from base to final about ¼ mile from the runway, Mr. Todd thought that the airplane was a little low and seemed slow. In the left turn, the airplane's nose dropped, and the airplane entered a vertical nose down descent.

Another airplane was following the accident airplane.

The wind at the time was out of the south at about 3-4 knots. Visibility was clear.