



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: April 12, 2022
Person Contacted: Cynthia West Snodgrass (Pilot's Wife)
NTSB Accident Number: WPR21FA283

The pilot's wife reported that they had flown their other airplane, an Aerostar, into Lewiston-Nez Perce County Airport (LWS), Lewiston, Idaho earlier that morning. She said, "it was an easy, unhurried day." They had planned that she drives the car to the Hungry Ridge Ranch Airport (37ID), Grangeville, Idaho, where they have a residence, and he would fly the accident airplane and meet her there. She further stated that he would have flown directly there.

The pilot's wife reported that before she left LWS that morning at about 1110 Pacific daylight time, the accident airplane had not been pulled out of the hangar. She said that normally the airplane would have been pulled out of the hangar and he would have then performed all of his outside checks and then he would perform all of his inside checks. She also stated that he was methodical and slow and was surprised that he could have performed all his checks and had crashed by noon.

She said that her husband liked to get up early and take short flights in the accident airplane. He likely had about 22 flights and almost all of them were short flights.

In a follow-up conversation, the pilot's wife was asked about a disagreement that was reported, that she and the pilot had prior to her leaving the airport that morning. She stated that they often used sarcasm when talking to each other, that she recalls the specific comment that was overheard, and that there was no disagreement. She further stated that the person that reported their disagreement did not know them very well.



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