

MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

Aaron McCarter Air Safety Investigator Eastern Region Aviation

Date: November 2, 2019

Person Contacted: Russell Morgan; Friend of Pilot (Flew with the pilot the day before)

NTSB Accident Number: ERA20FA022

Narrative:

Discussed the circumstances leading up to and surrounding the accident.

Mr. Morgan was a friend of the pilot and had just flown with him the day before the accident. They had flown up from Punta Gorda, Florida the day before. They were planning on a multi-leg cross-country flight to Yuba County Airport in California.

During the flight to Ocala, they noticed that the right engine fuel flow meter was behaving erratically. The indicator was flickering; it was going from zero, then all the way up. It was jumping. There was no performance issue with the airplane. All other engine indications were normal. They kept an eye on it during the hour of flight and nothing seemed out of the ordinary; the airplane was performing fine.

Being that they were getting ready for a 2,500 mile flight to California, they decided to have the issue looked at. They had the airplane towed to the maintenance hangar the following morning, where the work would be accomplished.

Morgan remained in the FBO lounge while the pilot and mechanic performed the work. He did not notice anything unusual in the pilots health, attitude, or demeanor the night before or during the morning.

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Date: July 17, 2020

Person Contacted: Ramona Belcher; Wife of Mechanic

NTSB Accident Number: ERA20FA022

Narrative:

Discussed the last transmission from the airplane and if it was the voice of her husband (Mechanic)

After listening to the last transmission from the airplane, she stated that it did not come from her husband. Her husbands voice was much deeper with an Arkansas accent. It was not her husband asking to come back to the airport.

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Date: July 20, 2020

Person Contacted: Eric Morrow; Brother of the Pilot

NTSB Accident Number: ERA20FA022

Narrative:

Discussed the last transmission from the airplane and if it was the voice of his brother (Pilot)

After listening to the last transmission from the airplane, he stated that it was not his brother who was asking to come back to the airport. He was positive it was not his brother.

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