



## RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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**NTSB Case Number: CEN19FA221**

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### **Narrative on 07/22/2019:**

The following is a synopsis of the information provided by Mr T. Schuster to the NTSB investigator-in-charge, via telephone conversation.

- A certificated flight instructor (CFI) employed with the West Houston Airport (IWS) and a student pilot flew the airplane on the morning of the accident for 1.6 hours. The CFI reported that flight operations in the IWS traffic pattern were conducted and he reported no mechanical malfunctions or failures with the airframe and engine.

### **Narrative on 07/24/2019:**

The following is a synopsis of the information provided by Mr R. Davies to the NTSB investigator-in-charge, via telephone conversation.

- A witness who was playing tennis with 7 other people at the Mason Creek Community Center (MCCC) tennis courts observed and heard the accident airplane. He looked up and saw the airplane from the tennis courts and thought perhaps the airplane was going to land at the open field by the MCCC. The airplane was very low, and it banked to the right. The airplane slipped up and then impacted the parking lot and building. An explosion and fire occurred. While in flight, the engine sounded totally revved with a high pitch. The engine did not produce any abnormal sounds.

### **Narrative on 07/24/2019:**

The following is a synopsis of the information provided by Mr R. Papen to the NTSB investigator-in-charge, via telephone conversation.

- A pilot who flew the accident airplane the day prior to the accident for 1.6 hours in the local area. He reported no mechanical malfunctions or failures with the airframe and engine

during his flight.

**Narrative on 07/24/2019:**

The following is a synopsis of the information provided by Mr K. Disarno to the NTSB investigator-in-charge, via telephone conversation.

- A pilot who flew the accident airplane on the morning of the accident for 1.6 hours. The pilot flew with the CFI (T. Schuster) and he reported no mechanical malfunctions or failures with the airframe and engine.



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**Date: 08/15/2019**

**Person Contacted: Yasmin Medhora (Wife of the Accident Pilot)**

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### **Narrative:**

The following is a synopsis of the information provided by Yasmin Medhora to the NTSB investigator-in-charge, via telephone conversation.

- Her husband has flown as a pilot for about 9 years. He worked professionally as a mechanical engineer.
- He reported no issues or concerns with flying. He loved flying.
- He was a healthy and active person.
- He was a social drinker.
- He drank 1-2 cups of coffee a day.
- He utilized prescription drugs for high blood pressure. He did not utilize illegal drugs.
- He had no major stress events in his life at the time of the accident.
- He had no sleep issues.

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: N517LA - Garmin G1000 System Question  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 3, 2019 10:48:20

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One card in G1000.

Woody Lesikar  
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 3, 2019, at 9:34 AM, Hodges Michael <michael.hodges@ntsb.gov>  
wrote:

Hi Mr. Lesikar,

I wanted to please follow up with this question. Thank you.

Mike

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**From:** Hodges Michael  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 24, 2019 15:21  
**To:** Woody Lesikar [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** N517LA - Garmin G1000 System Question

Mr. Lesikar,

Quick question for you please – with N517LA for the Garmin G1000 system, is only the two database cards installed in the cockpit? Or do you have additional cards installed in the system?

Thank you.

Mike

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