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**Date:** September 2, 2024

**Subject:** WPR24LA291, Memorandum for Record

**Contact:** Bobbi Breitwiser, Witness

The following is a synopsis of the information provided by Ms. Breitwiser in a telephone conversation.

Ms. Breitwiser explained that Mary Lou Sanderson is her mother, a passenger in N23BD. David Calar, the pilot of N23BD was friends with her father, Robert Sanderson. Mr. Sanderson had recently passed away, and the family wanted to spread some of his ashes over an area know as Franc's Fork in the Shoshone National Forest. On the day prior to the accident flight, they meet in Cody, Wyoming and discussed the events for the following day. On the accident flight, Mrs. Mary Lou Sanderson and David Calar meet at the Cody Airport, Wyoming with the intent to depart at about 0900 am to spread the ashes.

On the day of the accident flight, she and her daughter where at the location discussed in the prior days planning. They observed the accident airplane overfly their location. She was unsure of the airplane's height above surface. While the airplane was flying overhead, she did not note any anomalies with the airplane's engine. After the airplane over flew their location several times, the airplane departed to the west. She and her daughter then proceeded down the mountain towards town. While traveling back to town, they observed several search and rescue vehicles. After arriving back in town, and concerned they had not been able to establish contact with her mother. She then contacted the sheriff's office and was informed of the plane crash.

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**Contact:** Rachel Calar, witness

The following is a synopsis of the information provided by Ms. Calar in a telephone conversation.

During a phone conversation with Rachel, she explained that David Calar is her father, pilot of N23BD. David Calar is friends with the Sanderson family. David was asked to over fly an area known to them as Franc's Peak, in the Shoshone National Forest. Mary Lou Sanderson (passenger) wanted to spread her husband's ashes over the area. Rachel believes they departed from the airport in Cody, Wyoming and proceeded to the area in the Shoshone National Forest.

It was conveyed to Rachel by the Sanderson family, that Mr. Calar and Mrs. Sanderson overflew the intended location and circled the Sanderson family that were on the ground. After several circles, the Sanderson family believed Mr. Calar and Mrs. Sanderson were returning to Cody. The Sanderson family departed the area and were returning to Cody when they observed Search and Rescue vehicles headed in their direction.