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Subject: Request change to factual report for ANC23FA003

On November 5, 2022, about 0811 Hawaii-Aleutian standard time, an Airborne Windsports Edge XT-912-L weight-shift-control light sport aircraft, N444EZ, crashed near Mokuleia, Hawaii. The flight instructor and initial/introductory flight training student were fatally injured. The aircraft was operated as a Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations Part 91 instructional flight.

According to the operator, Paradise Air Hang Gliding, the flight was sold as a "discovery flight lesson" which includes a 30-minute introductory flight lesson and includes photos and a video of the experience.

According to family members of the initial/introductory flight training student, the flight was purchased as a gift for their 17-year-old son. The family indicated that they were not advised that the flight was an introductory flight lesson and that it was purchased as a scenic flight.

The original factual report does not include information regarding the family's understanding of the purpose of the flight. We propose updating the factual report to include this information.