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Central Region

Record of Telephone Conversation

Person Interviewed: Terry Sondag, Jeff Akhtar, Michael Ali

Date: March 1, 2016

Subject: – CEN16FA111

Mr. Sondag called with Mr. Sulton's two brothers on a conference call.

Mr. Akhtar stated that he also owns a Cirrus SR-20 and that he began flying because of Mr. Sultan's interest in aviation.

Mr. Sultan was very intelligent and mechanically minded, although he did not have the degrees. Mr. Sultan purchased the airplane on February 10th in California.

Their understanding was that this was a pleasure flight to take the girls up for a ride.

Mr. Sultan was healthy. There were no health problems that they were aware of.

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Person Interviewed: Gary Gandy - Witness

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He was flying with a student pilot who was going to make his first supervised solo. They flew to Navasota because the wind was straight down the runway. The wind was from 150 – 160 degrees at 8 -10 knots.

They were operating on runway 17. Upon reaching the airport they performed two touch and go and were turning crosswind when they spotted the wreckage. He made a low pass over the wreckage then made a full stop landing.

They taxied to his hangar where he notified authorities.

He did not hear or see the airplane operating in the area, but they had just arrived at the airport a few minutes prior to seeing the wreckage.

He did not see any smoke near the wreckage nor did he see the parachute deployed.

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Person Interviewed: Terry Sunday

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Mr. Sunday is a DPE who owns a seaplane that Mr. Reina (Russell) used for instruction and he was a personal friend of Mr. Reina. Mr. Sunday owns hangars at the Hook Airport which he rents.

Mr. Reina flew as a flight instructor for Texas Flight. He also provided independent flight instruction and flew as a safety pilot in a Pilatus.

He stated that Mr. Sultan (AJ) showed up at the airport when he and Russell were there. He was looking to rent hangar space. He also mentioned he was looking for an instructor and Russell stated that he was an instructor and could teach him.

AJ bought the airplane in California around February 10 or 12.

He flew the airplane with Russell when it was first bought to Texas. The airplane flew fine.

Russell and AJ flew the airplane to Missouri and back, then to Oklahoma and back. He stated Russell and AJ flew the airplane on Friday, February 26. He isn't sure if they flew the airplane on Saturday. He estimated that they probably put about 20 hours on the airplane.

Mr. Sunday called back later the same day and stated that he found the aircraft logbooks.

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