



## RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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**Date: June 15, 2017**  
**Person Visited: Sean Parker**  
**Present: Andrew Hall**  
**NTSB Accident Number: CEN17FA227**

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### **Narrative:**

During an on-site visit at Sierra Blanca Regional Airport (SRR), Sean Parker stated that they had “swept” the runway twice after the accident and did not find anything pertaining to N89TA. Mr. Parker said that Justin King received a purchase approval for a hangar at SRR in March 2017 and was going to use the airplane for a consulting business with FEMA projects. Mr. Parker stated that he did not know the flight instructor that Mr. King used to receive flight instruction. Mr. Parker said that Mr. King had been a pilot since his early teens or 20’s. Mr. King was the former airport manager at SRR and in 2008 he was the city’s engineer, which was about the same time he became the airport manager until 2011. Mr. Parker said that he never flew with Mr. King. Mr. Parker said that Mr. King would fly about 3-4 times per week to Carlsbad, New Mexico, Northern New Mexico, and Montana. Mr. Parker said that Mr. King would pull N98TA out of the hangar with a tug. Mr. Parker said that there are no “local” flight instructors that provide flight instruction at SRR.

Mr. Parker stated that due to the military airspace over SRR, there is one corridor for runway 24 departures in with a left turn is made during climbout.

As taken by:

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