



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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**Person Contacted: Lance Schipporeit – Airport Manager
NTSB Accident Number: CEN17FA362**

Narrative:

During the conversation, Mr. Schipporeit stated the following:

The pilot had fueled the airplane in the hangar about 1012 CDT with 173 gallons, as it was raining at the time of fueling.

He stated that the pilot flew in and out on a regular basis – he owned a home near the airport. He might stay a week, he might stay a month; it really varied. The pilot was a surgeon and his schedule was not predictable.

Mr. Schipporeit was sitting in the FBO; he heard both engines start on the airplane and everything sounded normal. He saw the airplane take off about 1028; the airplane departed from runway 35. He could see that the landing gear was down and observed the airplane fly into the clouds. He did not see or hear the accident.

The pilot's friend, who was meeting him with his dog, called at 1251 asking about the pilot, as he had not arrived at the destination airport.



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Person Contacted: Ear Witness – Betty Hermsmeyer
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Narrative:

During the conversation, Mrs. Hermsmeyer stated the following:

She was inside, on the east side of the house. About 1030, she heard what sounded like an airplane buzzing the house or an airplane flying lower than what she was used to. She hears airplanes flying over her house routinely due to their proximity to the airport. She did not recall what the weather was doing on the day of the accident. She stated that the sound traveled from the southwest towards the northeast.



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Person Contacted: Ear Witness – Paul Hermsmeyer
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Narrative:

During the conversation, Mr. Hermsmeyer stated the following:

Between 1000 and 1100 he was outside of his home when he heard an airplane flying very low with the sound traveling from the southwest to the northeast. He stated that the engines sounded wound up “really tight”, as if the engines were full throttle – they were very loud. He stated that the clouds and visibility were low, and it was foggy at the time he heard the airplane. He stated that there were intermittent rain showers that day but nothing at that time and the winds were light. As he was walking into his house he heard a “thud.” He asked his wife if anything had fallen in the house to which she responded no. He attributed the noise to a thunderstorm in the vicinity.