



The National Transportation Safety Board

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Central Region
Memorandum for the Record
Witness Statement Summaries
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The NTSB IIC interviewed two witnesses.

Witness Statement #1

John Ricard [REDACTED]
Sauk Centre Airport FBO Operator
January 23 2018

I think that he (the pilot) arrived at Sauk Centre Airport FBO around 11:00 AM and talked with him and Roger Bonn. Conversations were routine and nothing out of the ordinary for ½ hour or so. He said that he was going flying. Approximately 11:40 AM, he taxied to the fuel pump and fueled his aircraft. When finished, he taxied out and took off on runway 32. Light winds that day. Approximately 15:15 PM, I opened my hangar door to pull out an airplane that I was working on and observed N251WT make a landing, come to a stop, and taxied back again and took off to the north. I did not see him again. I left the airport about 4:00PM.

Witness Statement #2

Roger Bonn [REDACTED]
Sauk Center Airport
January 23 2018

Approximately 11:00 AM on January 23rd, 2018, Matt stopped in the Central Planes Aviation hangar and visited about 30 minutes. We talked about my Carbon Cub project and the new style fabric that I was using. We then talked about quite a bit about different paint systems as he was a professional painter and owned a body shop. Then the conversation turned to world politics. He then said that he was going flying. Later in the day, about 3:15 PM as the hangar door was going up, Matt landed and was back taxiing as John Ricard and myself were going to push a customer's Cherokee 6 onto the ramp. I watched him takeoff and watched him go straight out to as far as the freeway. That was the last time that I saw or heard Matt's plane. I closed the doors to my hangar and went home about 4:15 PM. One added point. Matt had told me about 10 days ago that he had a noise in the rear of his airplane and thought that it was the mounting for his fire extinguisher.

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