



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Person Contacted: Tricia Sauget (Fiancé of the Accident Pilot, Michael Metzger)

NTSB Case Number: CEN18FA384

Narrative:

The following is a synopsis of the information provided by Tricia Sauget in a telephone conversation regarding CEN18FA384 and the accident pilot Michael Metzger.

- Tricia has known Michael for about 3 years.
- Tricia and Michael have been engaged for about 2 years.
- Tricia and Michael lived together in Hillsboro, Missouri. They both have lived together in the Hillsboro, Missouri area since May 2018.
- On Thursday, September 20, 2018, Michael woke up around 5:00am. His quality of sleep was normal, and he slept at his home residence. Michael made no comments about feeling tired that day. Michael appeared healthy and did not appear sick. He traveled from St. Louis, Missouri to Buffalo, New York to fly the Cessna 150H airplane to Festus, Missouri. Jacob Metzger, his son, was with him for the trip. Tricia was unsure at what time his commercial flight going to Buffalo, New York departed at. Tricia was unsure at what time he arrived in Buffalo, New York at. One of Michael's brothers picked him up at the airport in Buffalo, New York.
- On Wednesday, September 19, 2018, Michael arrived home from work around 4:00pm. He did a trip for work that day. He slept at his home residence that night.
- On Tuesday, September 18, 2018, Michael was away working and away from home.
- On Monday, September 17, 2018, Michael was away working and away from home.
- Michael's overall lifestyle was very fit and active. Michael was very healthy.
- Michael drank occasional caffeine, and if he did, it was Mountain Dew soda.
- Michael did not utilize tobacco.
- Michael did not utilize alcohol.
- Michael was a regular water drinker throughout the day.
- Michael not utilize any medications or substances.

- Michael would take occasional naps, but it was not on a regular basis.
- Michael primarily slept at his home residence. Michael worked as a commercial airplane pilot and would sleep in hotels while away for work. Michael's home base for work was located in Chicago, Illinois.
- Michael had no issues with falling or staying asleep.
- Michael had no sleep disorders or health issues, diagnosed or undiagnosed, that made it difficult to fall and stay asleep.
- Michael needed around 7-8 hours of sleep to feel awake and alert throughout the day.
- Michael had no issues with stress or emotional issues.
- Michael never expressed any concerns with flying. Michael really enjoyed flying.
- On the night of the accident, Michael communicated with Tricia via text message.
- Tricia was asked to stand by the north west side of the runway in Festus, Missouri with a flashlight during the landing, since Michael reported the airplane had an electrical problem. The airplane was landing from the north to the runway.
- Tricia believes Michael may have mistaken a hangar light for her flashlight during the landing. Michael tried to land, but Tricia was unsure if the airplane touched the runway since it was dark out and hard to see the airplane.
- Tricia stated that the airplane was blacked out and did not have any exterior lights on when it tried to land.
- Tricia will send copies of Michael's text messages to the NTSB.