



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Person Contacted: Lucy Fernandez – Pilot's Fiancé
NTSB Accident Number: CEN19FA093

Narrative:

During the conversation, Ms. Fernandez stated the following:

- The pilot took commercial flights the morning of the accident to Virginia. The pilot had split the cost of the ticket with the airplane owner.
- This was the second time he picked up an airplane for the owner.
- The pilot told her that he planned to land in Springfield about 2200 and be home by midnight.
- He sent her a text from Charlotte and Roanoke, but she did not hear from him after that. She did not want to distract him from flying and did not try to contact him later that evening.



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Person Contacted: Ken Hiller – Airplane Owner
NTSB Accident Number: CEN19FA093

Narrative:

During the conversation, Mr. Hiller stated the following:

- Mr. Hiller had just purchased the airplane from an insurance company, Old Republic
- The pilot was working on his instrument rating and wanted to build cross-country time
- Mr. Hiller spoke with the pilot several times on the day of the accident. The pilot reported to him that the airplane looked nice.
- The pilot reported issues with a low battery, issues starting the airplane, and the landing light was not functional.
- Mr. Hiller discussed the length of the flight and fuel with the pilot – he remarked that the airplane had 48 gallons usable fuel and an endurance of 5 hours