



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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**Person Contacted: Mr. Robert Kilmer (Commercial Pilot, Certificated
Flight Instructor, and Airframe and Powerplant Mechanic with Inspection
Authorization)**

NTSB Case Number: CEN19FA307

Narrative:

The following is a synopsis of the information provided by Mr. Robert Kilmer to the NTSB IIC, via telephone.

- Mr. Kilmer has known the accident student pilot, Mr. Clint VanderWey, for the last 10 years. He has known the family of the accident student pilot since 1962.
- Mr. VanderWey was taught to fly by his grandfather, who was not a certificated pilot.
- The accident airplane, N37000 (a Cessna 140), was passed down to Mr. VanderWey from his family.
- Mr. VanderWey was a safe pilot, except that he flew with his son and he wasn't supposed to as a student pilot.
- Mr. VanderWey was anti-regulation with the government. Mr. VanderWey knew he wasn't supposed to fly with passengers as a student pilot.
- The family of Mr. VanderWey knew that he wasn't allowed to fly with a passenger.
- Mr. Kilmer reported that he did not sign off Mr. VanderWey for solo flight operations.
- Mr. Kilmer speculated that a stall and spin sequence may have occurred during the accident flight. Additionally, he speculated that the night lighting conditions may have been poor in the area around 2000 central daylight time, and so it may have been difficult for Mr. VanderWey to see.