



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Person Contacted: Sheriff Barry Bailey (Todd County, South Dakota)

NTSB Case Number: CEN19FA307

Narrative:

The following is a synopsis of the information provided by Sheriff Barry Bailey to the NTSB IIC, at the accident site.

- The student pilot kept the airplane at his private airstrip, which is just south of the accident site.
- The purpose of the flight was for the student pilot and his son to fly around the local area for aerial observation of various large water towers stationed on farms on the Rosebud Indian Reservation in South Dakota.
- It is unknown what time the airplane departed from the student pilot's private airstrip on 09/08/2019.
- The student pilot would fly the airplane low, over the water towers, and look down into the water towers to determine the water level. He would then report the water level back to the farmers. It is unknown if the student pilot was financially compensated for doing this.
- After not hearing from the student pilot and his son for several hours, concerned family members contacted local law enforcement. The search for the missing airplane began on the evening of the day of the accident (09/08/2019). The wreckage was discovered by local law enforcement about 0800 on 09/09/2019, on private property.
- It is unknown what time the accident occurred on 09/08/2019.
- The student pilot worked in the agricultural industry.