



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Person Contacted: Avery Francis
NTSB Accident Number: CEN19FA332

Narrative:

A telephone interview was conducted with Ms. Avery Francis, friend of the pilot involved in a fatal accident. The pilot was flying her to Fayetteville, Arkansas, to attend college at the University of Arkansas.

She recalled that the pilot was preflighting the airplane in the hangar for about 20 minutes before they departed the airport sometime after 1500. While flying, there was rainy weather that the pilot was monitoring on his iPad. They flew around the rainy area and everything was fine. The pilot was talking to air traffic control and the airplane appeared to be operated normally.

When they landed, the pilot wanted to leave quickly because he had work in the morning. They went to Chick-Fil-A and ate quickly (about 10-20 minutes) and then he dropped her off at the dorms. They briefly visited with a friend and then the pilot returned to the airplane.

Ms. Francis commented that the pilot told her he was "really tired." He told her that he had been up about 0500. She told him not to fly if he was tired, and he said that he was going to drink a Red Bull. She was also concerned about him flying in the dark, and he remarked that it was a good thing because he needed to log more night hours.

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