



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: August 24, 2021
Person Contacted: Bates County Sheriff's Office
NTSB Accident Number: CEN21FA380

Narrative:

The pilot's wife reported to local law enforcement that the pilot departed their private runway on August 22, 2021, about 1300 hours central daylight time. She did not watch him takeoff, nor did she hear anything. The purpose of the flight was for leisure; therefore, she did not know where he was going or when he was going to return home. It was not uncommon for him to fly around and stop at a friend's house. About 1730 she called his cell phone and did not reach him.

She started to become a little concerned when it became dark. However, it was not unusual for him "to do crazy things," like land on their unlit runway by the moonlight.

She drove around and near their property, but she did not find him or the airplane. At about 2130 she attempted to call his cellphone again, but it went directly to voicemail. Concerned, she called a few of his friends and no one saw him. The next morning, a friend went flying and observed the airplane nose down in the middle of a cornfield about 300 yards northwest of the runway. Shortly thereafter, they contacted local law enforcement to report an airplane accident.

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Submitted by: Samantha Link