



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Conversation with: Mr. Sean Dey, Corporate Vice President, New Era Technology, Inc.
NTSB Accident Number: CEN22FA168, Marlin, TX, Cessna TU206F, N858JA
Accident Date: April 5, 2022, at 12:31 pm CDT

Interview Date: April 7, 2022, at 9:00 am CDT

I spoke with Mr. Dey at the scene of N858JA. He informed me that the pilot did file an IFR clearance out of Houston Executive Airport to Waco but cancelled it in flight. He reported that they know back at the company when the DPM sensor that was on board the airplane is turned on and turned off. The pilot, Mr. Sands would have been flying the airplane. The other pilot, Ms. Franklin, would have been operating the sensor. Mr. Day said that Ms. Franklin would not have been flying because she had not logged enough hours for insurance purposes to be the pilot-in-command on this type of mission. Being on the flight however would have helped her build flight time toward that goal. Mr. Dey reported that to fly this type of sensor mission required staying within certain bank angles and alignments to put the sensor on the pipeline. There would have been a lot of slipping of the airplane. It was a hot day, very windy, and it would not be unusual if someone or both pilots experienced some nausea. Mr. Dey said that Ms. Franklin turned off the sensor when they made the turn toward the Marlin Airport. Mr. Dey also reported that the airplane has a flight tracker. At one point when they were maneuvering the tracker reported an altitude of 468 ft. Mr. Dey said he immediately sent a text message to Ms. Franklin that read "Altitude".

After coordinating with the owner of the airplane and the insurance company, I released to Mr. Dey at the accident site the following items:

Cessna TU206F Airplane Flight Manual
Proprietary Company charts showing patrol flight patterns
Pelican case containing tools
Pelican case containing a computer
Small Pelican case containing a compact display for the computer
Small Pelican case containing discs for the computer
Large Pelican case containing a gas change box detector

The DPM box with hard drive and sensor, camera flange, and bottom instrument cover plate.
3 iPads

I informed Mr. Dey that the NTSB was retaining a panel mounted Garmin GPS unit and an intact iPad. I told him that these would go to our recorder's laboratory for data download and readout.

Taken by,

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