



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: April 13, 2022
Person Contacted: Ms. Laura Sumner (Wife of Pilot)
NTSB Accident Number: CEN22LA008

Narrative:

During a telephone conversation with Ms. Sumner she reported the following:

- The pilot purchased the airplane in July of 2021, and he brought it to Texas about August 2021.
- He flew the accident airplane a lot with two different instructors in Florida.
- After bringing the airplane to Texas, he flew it about two weekends a month. Several flights each weekend.
- He has been flying for about 25 years. He has flown many types of airplanes, a few of which were similar to the accident airplane.
 - Most of his flying has been over the ocean.
- He sometimes flies over Lake Travis.
 - She mentioned that the wind over lake Travis is very different compared to the ocean. It can be very erratic.
 - The water level varies greatly in height during different times of the year.
- The pilot is very wind aware. He gets wind reports texted to his phone about 5 times a day.
- On the day of the accident, he trailered the airplane to Lakeway Marina on Lake Travis.
 - It took him about 20 minutes to set up the airplane and launch it.
 - She mentioned that the wings fold back for tailoring.
 - He took off from the Marina.
- He did not report any issues or anomalies with the airplane leading up to, or on the day of, the accident.

- She witnessed the flight from the marina which was about a mile away from where the accident occurred. She reported the following witness statement:

He was flying along beautifully about 150 feet above the water. He made several turns and the entire flight looked beautiful, like a bird. It appeared that he made a left turn, and he was completing the turn when it descended out of view. Everything looked normal and there were no visual indications of a problem; she assumed the airplane landed on the water. When she drove to the area where she last saw the airplane, she discovered it had crashed.

She further mentioned that she could not hear the engine because she was too far away.

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