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Date: October 24, 2022

Subject: CEN23FA016

Contact: Patrick Jeitler

I spoke with Patrick Jeitler, a friend of the accident pilot. He mentioned that the RV-12 had complied with the service bulletin, SB-00053, which involved inspecting the tailcone skin for cracks and to install stiffeners. The airplane had not flown much since that SB was complied with. The SB was completed by a mechanic in Taylor, Texas, Efrain was possibly the name.

The last time Patrick had spoken to the pilot was on October 12. He hadn't had contact with him since then. Patrick said that there were no known issues with the airplane that he was aware of. He had several hours in the airplane, and it flew very well.

There were some health issues with the pilot. Patrick mentioned an incident where the pilot was visiting a friend in Louisiana and had passed out at the hospital. The pilot though it might be related to low blood sugar.

He mentioned that Patrick had experienced a loss of engine power on takeoff a while ago and had performed a perfect forced landing to a field resulting in no damage to the airplane, so the pilot was experienced with handling an emergency.

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Date: October 26, 2022

Subject: CEN23FA016, N86GV

Contact: Charles "Chip" Williams; [REDACTED]

I received a phone call from Chip Williams in regards to the accident involving Mr. Blackwell in his RV-12. Chip is a retired USAF pilot and assists at the Historic Aviation Memorial Museum, at the Tyler Pounds Regional Airport.

Chip said that he watched the pilot get out of the airplane, which he assessed that the pilot was having difficulty either due to his age or his size. Chip described the pilot as a "very large man." He remarked that the pilot didn't appear to walk very well. The pilot appeared to be feeling fine as he was entering the restaurant.

Chip is unsure who showed the pilot around the museum and would ask around considering that.

After visiting, Chip watched the pilot get into the RV-12, which he remarked that the pilot was slow to get in.

Chip did not see the airplane depart.



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Contact: Tyler Jet Center

Tyler Jet Center was contacted, and the line manager reported that he saw the pilot in the airport restaurant and requested a top off of fuel. The receipt submitted showed the airplane took 3.9 gallons of 100LL at 1242 CDT.

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12:44 PM

Jet Center of Tyler

Tyler, TX 75704

Customer: BLACKWELL JIMMIE A
Invoice # 45024

Operator: Josh Beall
Tail # N86GV

Avgas Fuel
3.90 @ [REDACTED]

Service: 2022-10-21 12:42

Subtotal
Total

Payment Summary
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Cardholder Signature

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