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Contact: Pilot's Wife - Mrs. Patsy Bailey

According to Mrs. Bailey, she and the pilot (Chris) had been married since 2008 and had known each other for about 10 years prior to getting married. She stated that she did not think Chris had a pilot certificate but had been working on obtaining a certificate with a friend, Mark.

Chris purchased the accident airplane in 2021 and attempted to register the airplane with the state of Louisiana; however, there was a clerical error in the paperwork - incorrect middle name or initial. Chris had flown the accident airplane for many hours; he would fly every chance he could, and also owned another smaller ultra-light type airplane. Chris would fly to several surrounding states and locations. Chris never mentioned any problems or issues with the accident airplane.

On the day/night preceding the accident, Chris slept well for about 6 to 7 hours. On Saturday (accident occurred on Sunday), Chris attended a golf tournament for most of the day. On Sunday, Chris woke and about 1000, went to the Homer airport (5F4) to fly both his airplanes. Chris provided airplane rides to some local boys. Chris had lunch and then departed about 1300 or 1400 with friends (two other airplanes) to Lewisville, AR.

Mrs. Bailey stated the group flew to Lewisville to meet a friend "Jerry" who owned a small grass airstrip. She stated it was a beautiful day to fly. Mrs. Bailey said her last communication with Chris was about 1000 via text regarding a flat tire on his truck when going to Homer airport.

Chris was in good health; took high blood pressure and pre-diabetic medications. He did have some pain treatment for on-going left knee pain/soreness. She was not aware of any serious heart or other medical issues.

Mrs. Bailey located the airplane logbooks and was going to forward them to the NTSB at their request.