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Subject: CEN23FA285 Airport Lobby Video Synopsis

A security camera located in the lobby of the Kit Carson County Airport (KITR) captured digital video and audio of the accident pilot having a conversation with another pilot and the ITR assistant airport director. recording began at 1101 MDT on July 6, 2023, and ended at 1115.

During the conversation, the accident pilot was asked, "Where were you flying from?" to which he replied, "I came in last night from the east, way east." A discussion followed about the accident airplane's design and performance. The assistant airport director offered the pilots use of a courtesy car in case they were stuck for a while. The accident pilot replied, "I got caught with my head stuck up my rear end, or I'd be gone a while ago. I've got a little issue with both GPSs that I have, or I'd just IFR and get out of here, but I'm going to have to be VFR." He also stated that the weather was forecast to improve around 1400, "right before the real bad stuff comes in." The group continued discussing the weather conditions and forecast.

The accident pilot was then asked where he was trying to go, to which he replied, "I'm going about as far west as you can get." The director asked, "California?" and the pilot responded, "Yep." The conversation about low instrument conditions continued until about the end of the video