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The father of the accident pilot, Michael Ritchhart, reported that his son, Hayden Ritchhart, was scheduled to take his certificated flight instructor check ride on July 18, 2023.

A review of Federal Aviation Administration records showed that the pilot had successfully passed the Fundamentals of Instructing (FOI) examination on March 31, 2023, and the Flight Instructor Airplane (FIA) examination on May 26, 2023.

Nothing Follows