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Date: July 23, 2023
Subject: CEN23FA315, N17043
Contact: Samuela Coleman, pilot's sister

On July 22, 2023, at 2224 central daylight time, a Cessna 150L airplane, N17043, was substantially damaged when it was involved in an accident near Houston, Texas. The pilot was fatally injured. The airplane was operated as a Title 14 *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 91 personal flight.

In an interview with Ms. Coleman, she stated the following:

The pilot had recently moved his airplane from an open air hangar at West Houston Airport to an enclosed hangar. On the night of the accident he was moving furniture and other belongings into the new hangar. He also wanted to be able to park his car in the hangar while he was flying the airplane, which is why he wanted more space. He was accompanied by two friends who were helping him.

She stated that he became a student pilot about 15 years ago and had been flying ever since. She thought that he received his private pilot certificate several years ago but did not know an exact date. After he purchased the accident airplane, he would fly it every so often, sometimes on the weekend, but it was sporadic.

On the day of the accident the pilot intended to complete a few laps around the airport. She didn't think that he intended to fly to another airport or fly for very long.

She stated that the pilot kept his airplane and flight logbooks at his apartment. She would be going through his apartment soon and would send the logbooks to the NTSB for review.

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