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Contact: Jimmy Mendonca, Dallas Flight Center

Spoke with Mr. Mendonca regarding the accident involving N5610E. He said he was the operator and used the airplane as a rental and for flight training. He said that the accident pilot had flown with an instructor in the airplane on two occasions. The first time was a checkout for insurance purposes and the second time was because the pilot did not yet have a FAA medical certificate. The pilot had a FAA pilot certificate based on his foreign certificate. He said the pilot came out on the day of the accident and had received a FAA medical certificate on that day. He reported that he was at the airport and knew the pilot was flying, but his attention was on other tasks. He said that he did notice at least once that the airplane was in the traffic pattern for runway 18 at 7F3. He estimated that the airplane was airborne for about 30 minutes, and he then noticed smoke coming from the opposite end of the airport. He also noticed fire trucks on the airport property. The airplane was discovered near the south end of runway 18. He provided maintenance record information at this time. He also reported that the airplane was a recent purchase and had not been used much at his operation.