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On November 6, 2023, the Concordia Parish Sheriff's Department performed an examination of the cellphone belonging to the pilot of N5180W. Data extracted from the phone showed the following:

- At 0825:52, the pilot received a phone call from Person 1 that lasted 12 minutes and 12 seconds.
- At 0829:20, the pilot received a text message from Person 2 asking, "Is that you flying close by the station"
- 0833:10, the pilot responded to Person 2, "Yes"
- 0833:23, the pilot received a picture of the screenshot from Person 3, which was read at 0833:32
- At 0838:04, the pilot completed his phone call with Person 1
- 0855:25, the pilot made an outgoing call to Person 4 for 11 minutes and 33 seconds
- 0900:54, the pilot received a picture from Person 4 which was read at 0901:05
- 0906:46, the pilot sent a picture to Person 5
- 0906:58, the pilot completed his phone call with Person 4
- 0907:26, the pilot made an outgoing call to Person 5 for 3 minutes
- 0910:26, the outgoing call to Person 5 ends

- 0910:30 estimated crash time
- 0910:50, an outbound call to 911 is made. Likely automated through the pilot's iPhone 14 Pro Max, which delayed for 20 seconds following the detection of a crash. ([Use Crash Detection on iPhone or Apple Watch to call for help in an accident - Apple Support](#))
- 1444:30, Person 5 sent a text message stating "Got cut off when you called us this morning..."

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