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The NTSB investigator-in-charge was provided email information from Derek Freckleton from the NTSB. Derek is an emergency operations coordinator in the NTSB Transportation Distance Assistance Division.

The following three questions were provided to the pilot's wife Jamie Richards. Derek asked these questions and she provided responses.

What was the purpose of the accident flight?

She believes he was doing some kind of instrument flight (IFR) rules check-off.

Did the pilot report any previous issues or concerns with the airplane to her?

No.

The only thing she could think of was that back in June 2023 she remembers him mentioning smelling smoke during a flight. He then sent it in to BMG Jet Center to be worked on and had just got the airplane back in March 2024. He had flown it two times since then, plus the accident flight.

Does she know if the pilot did any preflight planning with studying the weather for the accident flight?

Yes. He had originally submitted his flight plan in Foreflight as a visual flight, but then re-submitted it for IFR.

Nothing Follows