



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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April 17, 2018

Subject: ERA18FA127
Who: Mitch Carr – Pilot's Father and Pilot of N525P
Todd Carr – Pilot's Brother and Pilot

In a conversation, Mr. Mitch Carr and Mr. Todd Carr stated following:

- The airplane had satellite weather onboard on the Multifunction Display.
- It also had an MX-21, which had terrain avoidance.
- The weather input from the satellite weather was about every 3 minutes. It wasn't real time weather.
- However, if you looked and understood the weather patterns on the screen, you could predict where the weather was real time.
- The pilot had an annual review or checkride scheduled on the afternoon of April 15. That is why he flew to Richmond on the 14th.
- There was a handheld GPS on board the airplane. It was a Garmin 496 GPS.
- There was an iPad on board the airplane and they would hook it up and use Foreflight a lot when flying.
- When they normally flew the airplane, it was usually two pilots, they rarely flew it single pilot.
- They rarely flew the airplane without a flight plan. They usually always filed an IFR flight plan when they took that airplane.
- They also have a Baron located at SHD.
- They have the maintenance records for N525P. Sometimes they kept the records in the nose of the airplane, but they are going to look for the maintenance logbooks.
- The maintenance on the airplane was performed at Greensboro and the Jet Center in Naples, Florida.



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Subject: ERA18FA127
Who: Ms. Renee Covington – Pilot's Girlfriend

In a telephone conversation, Ms. Covington stated the following:

- He took off out of Chesterfield County Airport.
- He was getting his annual review with his flight instructor on Sunday morning.
- Matt Brahsbau – flight instructor
- The results of the review were satisfactory on everything. He accidentally left it at her house.
- He was acting fine, he was fine.
- She asked if she could call me back on another day.

May 2, 2018

In a telephone conversation, Ms. Covington stated the following:

- Mr. Carr left her that morning for the annual flight review that morning.
- They met back at her house around noon.
- And then that afternoon they went to the grocery store and watched baseball.
- Mr. Carr left her house around 7:30pm.
- The next day when he wasn't returning her texts so she had a horrible feeling that something happened.
- Mr. Carr was ok when he left. They had a little bit of a disagreement, but he was fine.
- The pilot overlooked the annual review sheet and left it on the island.
- Mr. Carr wasn't planning to leave that night, but he ended up leaving.
- He scheduled an Uber that night around 7:15.

- He did have a couple of drinks when they were fixing dinner. She couldn't recall what type of drinks, but she was having wine, so she assumed he was having wine as well.
- She doesn't think he was taking any medication at that time.
- She was looking at baseball game information on his phone when a text came in that was of personal and explicit nature, so she asked him to leave.
- It really upset her since they were in a committed relationship.
- They kept everything on the down low and she hadn't met his parents yet.
- This was her first relationship since she had been divorced.
- She didn't think it would be their last conversation.
- She thought he was going to a hotel since by the time he would be leaving it would be dark. She wasn't aware he was going to the airplane.
- She went to the airport the next day since he wasn't returning her messages and found out about the accident.



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Subject: ERA18FA127
Who: Hawker Dawes – Witness

In a conversation, Mr. Dawes stated the following:

- He lives east of the accident site.
- He had finished putting his kids to sleep and he had gotten in bed and was facing south.
- He heard the screaming of the engines and saw a bright light about 75 feet above ground level.
- Next, he heard the airplane impact the ground, the terrain shook, and he saw a fireball.
- The weather was socked in. The ceiling was really low, the winds were moderate, and there was a ton of rain.

RECORD OF ☐ VISIT ☐ CONFERENCE OR ☒ TELEPHONE CALL		TIME ~11:30AM	DATE 04/25/2018
NAME (S) OF PERSON (S) CONTACTED OR IN CONFERENCE AND LOCATION		ROUTING	
		SYMBOL	INITIALS
Jason Dostie			
SUBJECT Accident of N525P and Mr. Dostie's interaction with the pilot as a line			
person at KFCI.			
DIGEST I spoke with Mr. Jason Dostie on April 25th 2018. Mr. Dostie was working line service at			
KFCI the night of the accident. These are the notes from my conversation with him.			
Mr. Dostie said that the pilot arrived and went out to the airplane. Mr. Dostie said he			
went out and met the pilot at the nose of the airplane while he was doing something in that			
compartment. He asked the pilot if you needed any fuel or anything else and the pilot said			
no he was fine.			
Mr. Dostie said that nothing seems odd until the taxi. When I asked Mr. Dostie what he			
meant by that he said that there is nothing about the pilot that made him think he			
shouldn't be flying this jet. He said, however that the pilot started up the engines and			
taxied the airplane, making a right turn around but staying on the ramp and sat there for a			
while. Then he taxied out that side of the ramp that is not normally where he came in from			
and not normally where pilots exit from. Mr. Dostie said the pilot taxied down towards the			
area where he took off from and then sat down there for a while. Mr. Dostie said the pilot			
then taxied all the way back past him to the other end of the runway and then turned around			
CONCLUSION, ACTION TAKEN, OR REQUIRED			
DATE 04/27/2018	TITLE FAA ASI GA-OPS	SIGNATURE Michael P. Marchelletta	

DIGEST (CONT.):

again and taxied back down to where he originally was and took off with about a 14 knot tail wind. He said the back and forth taxing and sitting on the ramp and the far end of the taxiway along with never speaking on the Unicom frequency at all is what seemed odd to him. Mr. Dostie said that yeah some people don't talk on the radio but usually jet pilots do and that seemed to odd.

When asked about the arrival of this airplane, Mr. Dostie said that he arrived sometime on Sat. When asked how many people arrived Mr. Dostie said he believed just one.

This is the end of my comments. MPM