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Eastern Region – Ashburn, Virginia

Summary of Email – Debra Hodges Layne, Pilot's daughter

The following is a summary of an email received by the pilot's daughter regarding the purpose of the flight and her father's health. She stated the following:

1. I talked to my Mom and her Physical Therapist Assistant (who came for a home PT visit as he was leaving) and asked that question. He stated that he was going to fly locally to enjoy a good weather day before Hurricane Florence came in. He had 3 planes. The Sonex was his favorite. He flew it very frequently. All flights were local. If he wanted to go further or fly with a passenger, he flew his Piper Turbo Arrow.
2. My father had seen [his doctor] recently and got a flu shot as little as 2-3 weeks before his last flight. To my knowledge he had no medical issues that would interfere with flying. No cardiac, respiratory, or any physical issues that would cause him to crash. He was the healthy one of my parents. I had talked to him on Thursday Oct 11 for a long time. Just chatting because Hurricane Florence was coming in the next few days and I wanted to make sure that all was good with Mom [who had been recovering from an illness].