

## Todd Gunther

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**Sent:** Monday, May 16, 2022 8:56 PM  
**To:** Gunther Todd  
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**To:** Gunther Todd [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Statement requested

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Todd,

Please find my statement below. If anything else is needed don't hesitate to ask.

On Saturday, May 14th, 2022, at approximately 12:51 pm, I was traveling north bound from the 10100 Block Collins Avenue when I observed a small low flying aircraft. The aircraft appeared to be losing altitude as it continued its path north bound towards the Haulover Bridge. I notified Municipal Dispatch as the plane ultimately made impact with an oncoming vehicle and took a final resting point on the roadway (10300 Block Collins Avenue). I observed a female and two children exit the red SUV that was struck by the aircraft and two men being pulled away from the plane by bystanders. Shortly after my arrival, the plane began to take fire. Upon assessing the victims, it was determined the pilot was still inside of the plane, which at that time was fully engulfed in flames. I began to secure the area and coordinate traffic diversions, north and south. Fire rescue and additional units arrived on scene. Once Miami Dade County took over, I assumed a traffic post on the bridge. No further at this time.



## MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

**Todd Gunther**  
**Air Safety Investigator**  
**Eastern Region**

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**Date: May 24, 2022**  
**Subject: Information Provided by Luis Fucha Peralta (Passenger)**  
**NTSB Case Number: ERA22FA226**

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According to Mr. Peralta, on the day of the accident, they were going to meet at North Perry Airport (HWO), Hollywood, Florida and fly to Key West International Airport (EYW), Key West, Florida.

When Mr. Peralta and the other passenger got to HWO, the pilot was already finishing fueling.

It was a beautiful day.

Prior to takeoff he observed the pilot using the checklist while they were waiting.

After takeoff they flew to the shoreline to see the beach and everything surrounding it.

About 15 to 20 minutes later the pilot called air traffic control. He advised them he had an engine problem and had to return. He then told them where he was going, and said to Mr. Peralta and the other passenger, not to worry and that it was going to be ok.

Mr. Peralta advised that he was sitting in the right rear seat behind the other passenger and did not hear anything with the engine, and that the pilot seemed concerned, but he was not panicking when the situation occurred.

Mr. Peralta could not remember anything else.



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**Date: May 24, 2022**  
**Subject: Information Provided by Giselle Torres (Family Member)**  
**NTSB Case Number: ERA22FA226**

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According to Ms. Torres, The pilot (Mr. Torres) and his two passengers (Mr. Peralta and Mr. Rodriguez) were going to fly to Key West to go to a Lobster Roll spot they like to go to every couple of months. She explained that Mr. Torres was her brother, Mr. Peralta was her husband, and Mr. Rodriguez was their cousin.

This was the second flight that day. The pilot had taken off initially from Homestead and then had picked up Mr. Peralta and Mr. Rodriguez at North Perry Airport.

When asked if the pilot was familiar with the airplane, she said she did not believe he had flown that particular airplane before.

When asked if the pilot was familiar with the route that they took, she said she did not believe he had flown that particular route before.

When asked could everyone swim, she advised "No, Kelvin (Mr. Rodriguez) does not know how to swim. Everyone in the family knows that."