



MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

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Date and Time: August 4, 2022 @ 1045
Person Contacted: Mr. Bobby Craft, Airport Manager and several witnesses.
NTSB Accident Number: ERA22FA354

RE: Airport Manager (Craft) discussing the circumstance surrounding the accident.

Narrative:

Pilot is based here. He also has another airplane on the field.

Son of the pax was here watching and celebrating her birthday; she was going to go on a ride with her son later.

The (accident) pilot offered a ride to her.

Weather was nice enough, but it was changing rapidly. Winds were picking up and the pilot was a nice weather flyer. An additional witness interjected and stated "he only flew in very nice weather and didn't take chances."

When he took off, there was a thunderstorm coming in. It was a few miles away but the winds were shifting and the temperature was dropping quickly.

Witness said there was a wall of rain coming in fast and it was getting dark quickly. It was like a rain wall approaching and it was a few miles away, but you could see it approaching.

The winds started picking up and changing direction and it got "cold."

Shortly after taking off, the pilot was returning. It was only about 10 minutes after he took off.

Did not see the crash, but almost immediately after it happened it rained and was blowing hard.

You couldn't even see the end of the runway.

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