

Date: August 20, 2022

From: Garner Falls - Son of the owner of Snow Brake Air Service, Inc.

Subject: Memorandum for Record

In a conversation with Mr. Falls, he stated that he was the son of the owner of Snow Brake Air Service. Since his father was older, he was helping him out during the accident investigation.

Mr. Falls stated that Mr. Billy Kent went missing around 10:00 to 10:30 on the morning of the accident. Billy had completed two application flights in a field and was returning to pick up a third load when he went missing.

Around lunchtime on August 19, 2022, the loader called Mr. Falls and reported that he hadn't heard from Billy and he was overdue. Mr. Falls was involved in the search party that was flying to find the missing airplane. The airplane was found later that day by another individual.

Mr. Falls stated that when you are an agricultural pilot, you know to land with the corn rows in case of an emergency and when he went to the accident site, he found it odd that Billy landed across the corn rows. Further, he stated that Billy had "put down" airplanes in the corn several times in his 52-year career, and we "wouldn't land across the rows, we would land with the rows." Billy Kent had worked for Snow Brake Air Service since he was 18 years old, and he had recently turned 70 back in May of 2022.

Date: August 23, 2022

From: Rayanne Hollis - Pilot's Daughter

Subject: Memorandum for Record

In a conversation with Ms. Hollis, she stated that she helped the pilot keep track of his flight hours for the Federal Aviation Administration. She has a copy of that information and will pass it along.

She said that the pilot reported he had a headache on Wednesday, but it did not seem anything more than that. He just mentioned it in passing. Her father exercised regularly and he was in fabulous health. "He was never sick." She even mentioned that the day he had his fingers amputated, he was up flying the following day.

She said her father didn't have any lasting medical issues and was not feeling sick the week of the accident.

Date: August 21, 2022

From: Larry Smith – Field Manager of Farm Accident Occurred On

Subject: Memorandum for Record

In a conversation Mr. Smith stated that he saw the airplane while he was in the combine working in a field near the accident site. He's the farm manager at that the farm where the accident occurred.

He said the airplane was in a right turn, it "wobbled" twice (he made a motion with his hand where the airplane wings moved up and down twice), then the airplane flattened out and descended before he lost sight of it behind the trees. He thought the airplane was spraying a nearby bean field with the way it was flying.

It looked like the pilot was starting another pass. He didn't think anything of it until word was out that the airplane was missing. Mr. Smith was the individual who found the airplane.