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Contact: Oluwagbohunmi "Bo" Oyeboode, Student Pilot
Gregory Wells, Attorney/Witness

On Wednesday June 28, 2023, Mr. Oluwagbohunmi "Bo" Oyeboode was interviewed by the NTSB via TEAMS conference call. His attorney, Mr. Gregory Wells, and his mother were also present for the interview. Bo was informed that I was the NTSB IIC, and that the interview was not being recorded. Instead, a written memorandum of record (MOR) would be produced and placed in the public docket. Bo and Mr. Wells were informed that they would both have the opportunity to review a "draft" of the MOR, before the item was placed in the public docket for this accident.

Bo stated that he was a freshman at Hampton University at the time of the accident and was enrolled in the school's flight program. He wanted to be an airline pilot. Bo said that he had been in an airplane as a passenger, but he had never been in the cockpit or had flown an airplane prior to the accident. This was his first ever training flight.

Bo said he met his flight instructor, Viktoria Ljungman, once prior to the accident flight. She told him the first lesson would involve learning how to preflight an airplane, and a flight around the local area. Bo said he did not do any ground school prior to his first flight and does not recall looking at a course syllabus. On the day of the accident, he recalled arriving at the airport with his friend Ashton, who he said just wanted to come along and "see the flight." Bo and Ashton had just recently met at school. Bo said he was more "excited than nervous" about his first flight. When they arrived at the airport, Viktoria again mentioned that she was going to teach him how to conduct a preflight inspection of the airplane, and then they would takeoff and fly

around the local area. Viktoria did not provide any sit-down ground school instruction prior to the flight.

Bo said that Viktoria showed him how to use the checklist and perform a preflight inspection the airplane. Then they all got onboard the airplane, with him sitting in the front left seat, Viktoria in the front right seat, and Ashton seated behind him. Viktoria instructed Bo how to adjust his seat and use his seatbelt/shoulder harness, and to make sure they were both securely fastened. Bo said both were secure.

Bo said that he did not recall portions of the flight after this point, but he did remember Viktoria starting the engine and them taxiing to the runway. He remembered ATC instructing them where to go; however, he did not recall stopping at the end of the runway and performing the before takeoff checklist/engine run-up. Bo did not recall if Viktoria told him how they were going to perform the takeoff roll. He also did not remember anything about the takeoff. However, Bo said that he remembered being airborne and the airplane was "stalling." When asked how he knew the airplane was stalling, he said that the nose of the airplane "was really high" and the back of the airplane was low. He did not recall hearing the stall horn. Bo said at this time, he heard Viktoria "yelling" and "screaming". She was panicking. Bo did not remember what she was saying, and he did not recall if his hands were on the controls or not. Bo said this is when things "went dark" and he "blackened out" (he thinks due to shock). He did not remember the impact and his next memory was waking up in the hospital at some point after the accident.

End of Interview

- A draft of this interview was provided to Mr. Oluwagbohunmi "Bo" Oyeboode via his attorney. The interview was accepted as is, and no changes were made.