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Subject: ERA23FA023, witness at airport

Contact: Mr. Micheal Jimenez

The day after the accident, NTSB and FAA investigators interviewed Mr. Jimenez at the airport. Mr. Jimenez stated that he did not know the pilot but reported that earlier on the day of the accident, the flight instructor and student pilot approached him and borrowed a screwdriver. He observed them working on the aircraft but was unaware of the specific work being performed. Mr. Jimenez noted that the aircraft had been experiencing engine issues in the days leading up to the accident and that the engine did not appear to be operating normally. After borrowing the screwdriver, the aircraft departed. Mr. Jimenez reported no further communication with the pilots.