



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

Investigator Name: Leah Read
Title: Senior Air Safety Investigator
Division: ERA

Date: 3/27/2023
Subject: ERA23FA164
Contact: John Teal, Conway-Horry Airport (HYW) employee

The following is a summary of my telephone conversation with Mr. Teal:

Mr. Teal was working at the Conway-Horry Airport, Conway, South Carolina, on March 25, 2023, when the pilot of N21480 landed and requested fuel. He said the pilot was a “very nice” man, but he “looked very tired.” He sat down inside the airport office, got a cup of coffee, filled a water bottle, and took off his shoes. The pilot had an iPad with him. Mr. Teal said the pilot never mentioned that he was tired, but he could see “fatigue in his eyes.” Mr. Teal talked to the pilot for about 10-15 minutes and learned he was from Maine and was traveling south to Florida for Sun n Fun. The pilot said he had been “dealing” with and “fighting” a strong headwind the entire trip. He mentioned that he may stay the night in Conway and let the approaching storms/weather pass. However, the pilot used the FBO’s weather computer to check the AWOS, then went out to his airplane. Mr. Teal saw the pilot sump the airplane’s fuel tanks and depart.

Mr. Teal said that he did not see the pilot eat or take any medication during his short stay at the airport.

The pilot purchased 19.3 gallons of 100LL fuel.

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