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Subject: ERA23FA182, Interview with Howard Wasdin's Flight Instructor

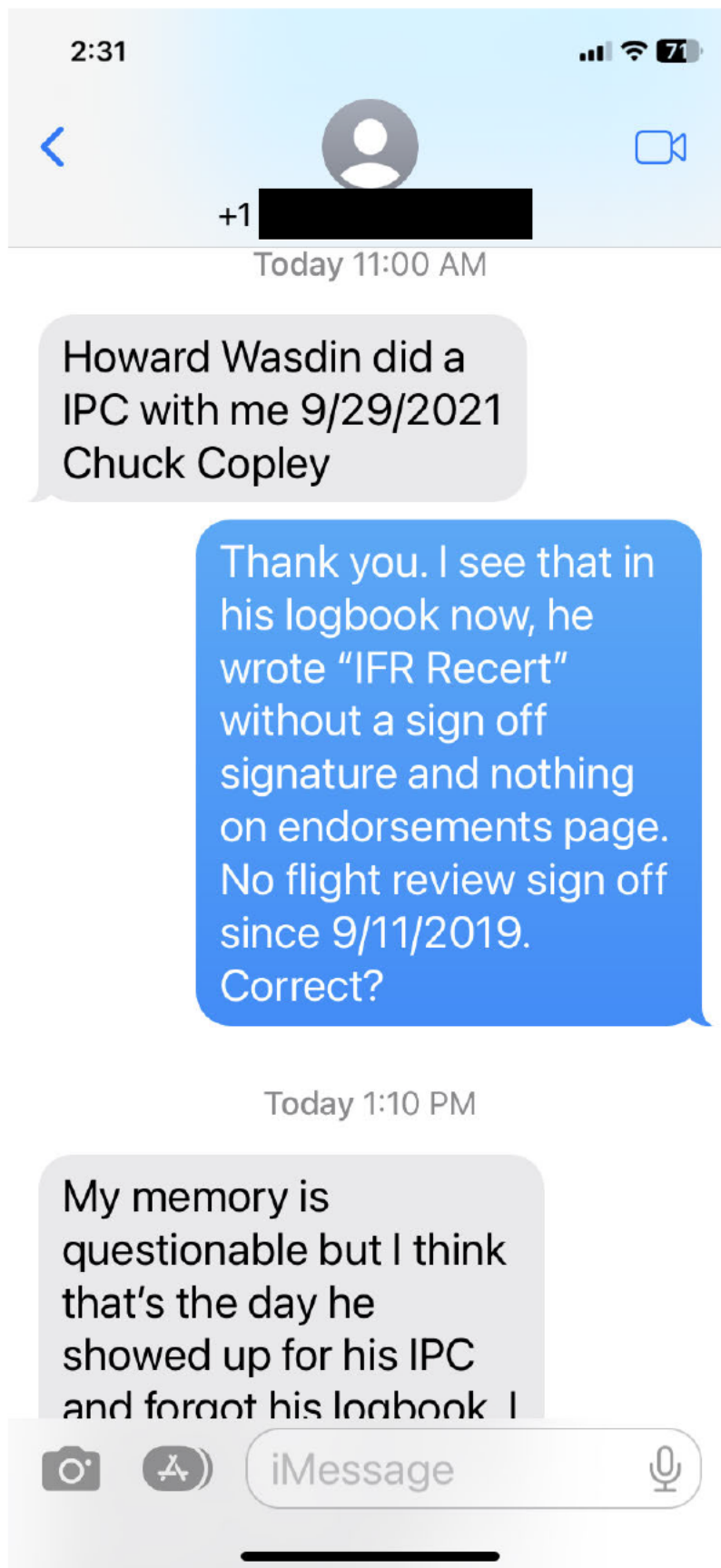
The following is a summary of a telephone call and subsequent text messages with Chuck Copely, CFII. Contact # [REDACTED]

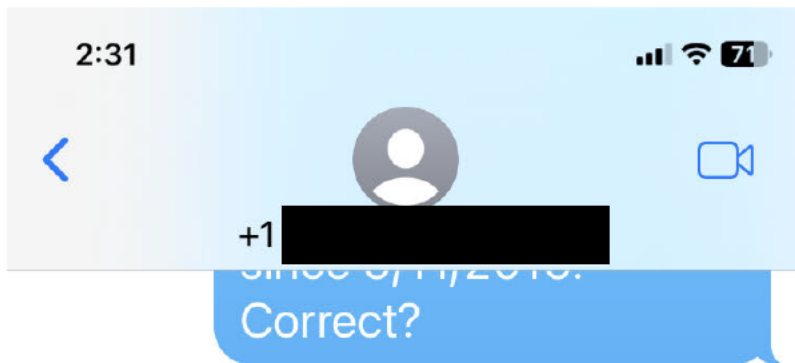
Mr. Copely was Howard Wasdin's flight instructor in the Cirrus SR22. We reviewed Mr. Wasdin's pilot logbooks, and confirmed that Mr. Copely flew dual instruction with Mr. Wasdin beginning in September, 2019, shortly after Mr. Wasdin acquired N911TK. On September 11, 2019, Mr. Copely signed off a part 61.56(a) flight review in Mr. Wasdin's logbook. The logbook entry on that day included, "Advanced Cirrus Training." He also endorsed a part 61.57(d) instrument proficiency check (IPC) in Mr. Wasdin's logbook on September 16, 2020.

I informed Mr. Copely that there was a logbook entry dated September 28-30, 2021, with several cross-country destinations and the remark, "IFR Recert." I informed Mr. Copely that there were no CFII endorsements on the logbook page for this event and no associated endorsement in the back of the logbook. Mr. Copely recalled that Mr. Wasdin showed up for the flight and forgot his logbook, so there was no endorsement. He checked his own personal records and reported that he did fly an IPC with Mr. Wasdin on September 29, 2021.

I informed Mr. Copely that there were no flight reviews in Mr. Wasdin's logbook after the flight on September 11, 2019. Mr. Copely confirmed that he did not have records of a subsequent flight review with Mr. Wasdin.

Mr. Copely described Mr. Wasdin's flying skills. He reported that he was "very receptive" to flight training and was "quick to learn." As a Seal Team 6 member, he had to be very sharp, which he was. The transition to the Cirrus was very smooth. Mr. Wasdin's progress was quick and excellent. He considered Mr. Wasdin's flying skills "well above average." He knew the airplane and the procedures for it.





Today 1:10 PM

My memory is questionable but I think that's the day he showed up for his IPC and forgot his logbook. I registered his flight with Cirrus which should have generated a Certificate of completion. I don't show a flight review

Today 2:18 PM

Thanks, I appreciate you looking it up. Ralph

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