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Subject: ERA23FA280, On-Scene Interview Summary

Contact: Family spoke person,

While on scene, I was contacted via telephone by an individual who identified herself as the aunt of one of the airplane occupants. She stated that she was abroad, gathered with several other family members, and that the call was taking place on speakerphone. The family collectively identified the names of the occupants onboard the airplane and stated they had learned of the accident and believed there were survivors.

I informed them that, regrettably, there were no survivors. Upon hearing this, the individuals on the call became understandably emotional, and we took a moment of silence as they processed the news.

After a few minutes, the aunt shared that the occupants had departed from Essex County Airport (CDW) in Caldwell, New Jersey, on June 30, 2023, enroute to Grand Strand Airport (CRE) in North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, for a vacation. She stated that one of the female occupants worked for the pilot at his office and that her mother was also present during the call. According to the family, the female occupant, her son, her best friend, and the friend's daughter were traveling together on a short vacation.

As the conversation came to a close, the family became emotional once more. After expressing their gratitude and sharing a few final words, the call ended. No further contact has been made since.

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