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Subject: ERA24FA096, Flight Information

Contact: Karim Bouzoumita, Owner, ATA Flight School

Mr. Bouzoumita was interviewed in a hangar at North Perry Airport about 1430 EST on January 25, 2024, in relation to this accident. In attendance were the IIC and one other NTSB investigator, FAA personnel, and the party coordinator for Textron Aviation. Below is a summary of the conversation had between Mr. Bouzoumita and the investigative team.

- Mr. Bouzoumita was asked the type of operation of the flight school.
 - He responded that it was a part 61 flight school.
- Did you know what the purpose of the flight?
 - The flight was a time building flight.
- Were the pilots students or were they just renting the airplane?
 - They had been students about 2 years ago but this was just a rental flight, they were not active students.
- Did you know how many flight hours the pilots had?
 - Mohamed had about 1200 hours
 - Khadim had about 600 hours.

- Did you know what the itinerary of the flight would be?
 - The plan was to fly to Naples then back to North Perry Airport.
- Does anyone keep track of the airplanes when they're being used?
 - Sometimes he will check on the flights but did not check on this flight.
- When did you realize the airplane was missing?
 - The next morning when he arrived at the school the airplane was not there but the student who was supposed to be using it reported to him that the airplane was not there when they arrived. He then noticed the pilots' cars were still in the same spot in the parking lot. He called the FSDO and the control tower to report the airplane missing. This was between 0800 and 0900 EST the morning of January 24, 2024.
- What kind of experience did the pilots have?
 - Mohamed was flying for Tropical Air and was working towards his ATP certificate.
 - Khadim was a commercial multi-engine pilot, but he did not know much about his recent experience. He had completed a biennial flight review that morning with a flight instructor at the school.
- Did you see the pilots before the flight and if so, how was their mood?
 - He did see the pilots shortly before the flight and they seemed in good spirits, nothing was out of the ordinary.
- Did the two pilots fly together often?
 - They had just met that day, and this was their first flight together.
 - Khadim wanted a safety pilot to go along with him for the flight.

Mr. Bouzoumita was thanked for his time and help with the investigation.