

RECORD OF ☐ VISIT ☐ CONFERENCE OR ☒ TELEPHONE CALL		TIME 9:52 AM	DATE 11/20/2024
NAME (S) OF PERSON (S) CONTACTED OR IN CONFERENCE AND LOCATION Carson Willis - Chief Managing Director, Executive Flight Training		ROUTING	
		SYMBOL	INITIALS
SUBJECT N515DH crash investigation, conversation about Mr. Abernethy.			
DIGEST On 20 November 2024 at approximately 0952 I called and spoke with Mr. Carson Willis about the attitude of Mr. Abernethy with regard to his employment as a flight instructor.			
Willis said that initially when he met him, Abernethy has been expelled from two different flight schools for falling behind. Willis said that Abernethy told him that he was ready for his instrument checkride, so they went flying and Abernethy was not at all ready for his instrument rating. Willis told Abernethy that he needed practice and more bookwork expecting to never see Abernethy again.			
Two weeks later, Abernethy came back showing marked improvement, passed his written with a 90%, and in 2022 pursued his instrument and other ratings with vigor and passed all "with flying colors."			
Willis said that Abernethy's father had called him and said that Abernethy was a changed man and from the point he began working with and for Willis he had shown extreme improvement. (Continues...)			
CONCLUSION, ACTION TAKEN, OR REQUIRED None.			
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DIGEST (CONT)

Willis continued to say that Abernethy had turned his entire life around and was doing administrative work at the flight school. He said that flying was Abernethy's dream.

Willis said that he had never had any issues with Abernethy's behavior or attitude throughout the time he knew him.

Willis said that he believed that Abernethy's paper logbooks were incomplete because he might have had his logbooks in an electronic format and named some options that he could have used.