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Date: 6/26/2025

Subject: ERA24FA266, passenger statement

Contact: Daniel Gryder, passenger

Mr. Gryder was contacted via telephone on June 26, 2025, at 0904 eastern daylight time. Mr. Gryder stated that he wanted to make it clear that his role on the flight was solely that of a passenger. He stated that he was not acting as the pilot-in-command, flight instructor, or second-in-command. According to Mr. Gryder, he was onboard the flight to conduct video recording for educational purposes.

Mr. Gryder further stated that he did not believe the accident was related to the locking mechanism of the airplane's tailwheel. During the conversation, Mr. Gryder inquired about a GoPro camera and stated that it belonged to him. He was informed that the camera recovered from the wreckage was mounted in the cockpit at the time of the accident. He was further informed that the camera did not contain identifying information indicating ownership at the time it was recovered.

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