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Subject: ERA24FA266, Go-Pro retrieval

During the onsite examination of the airplane, a GoPro camera was observed mounted in the cockpit above the pilot's left seat (figure). Due to the extensive damage to the cockpit area, the cockpit controls were displaced from their normal positions. Because the camera was believed capable of containing information pertinent to the events leading up to the accident, it was removed from the airplane and submitted to the NTSB Recorder Laboratory for review and data extraction.



Figure - Cabin interior with mounted GoPro camera circled in red.

During the pilot interview process, the pilot/owner of the airplane inquired about the camera and asked how to obtain the information related to the investigation through the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) process.

Following the Recorder Laboratory's examination, the camera was returned to the wreckage via the pilot/owner of the airplane, Mr. Hancock. Documentation acknowledging receipt of the camera was provided, and was to be signed and returned to the NTSB Recorder Laboratory; however, the signed receipt was not returned to the laboratory.

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