

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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Date: March 31, 2025

Subject: ERA24LA030

Contact: Pilot Training Center, Homestead

As part of the investigation, the airplane operator (Southern Aero LLC dba Pilot Training Center Homestead) was asked to provide NTSB with information concerning dispatching and subsequent search and rescue of the accident airplane.

The operator submitted a signed statement (Attachment 1) from Yogini Modi advising that the pilot sent a text message using Whats App on October 31, 2023 at 0101 advising, "Hi ma'am had 810 for cross tonight but the dispatch isn't there taking 140 since it's not booked and has the dispatch" (Figure 1).

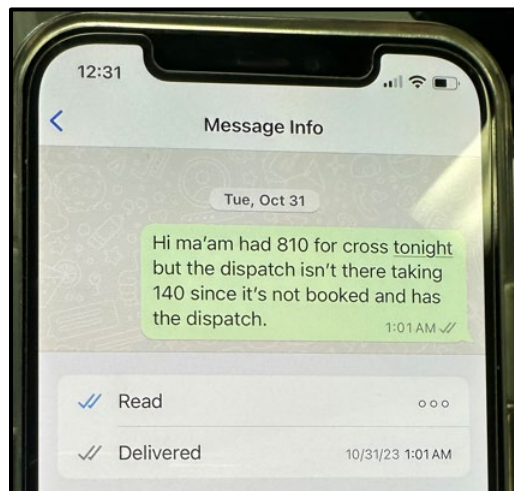


Figure 1 View of the text message from the Pilot delivered at 0101

The operator was also asked to prepare a timeline of events and provide to NTSB (Attachment 2).

Attachment 1



PILOT TRAINING CENTER HOMESTEAD

Statement: N140FS Accident unfolding and Action Timeline

I Yogini Modi, state that Eshaan Majmudar had sent a message on what's app on Oct 31st, 2023, at 01:01 AM, which went unnoticed due to late night.

As the event unfolded, timeline of action is written in attached file.



Nov 22nd, 2023.

Attachment 2

			October 31st 2023, N140FS Accident
Date	Time	Duration	Action
10/31/2023	1:01		Eshaan sent a whats app message to Yogini which went unnoticed due to late hrs.
10/31/2023	8:00		Hillmar started checking dispatched for all night flights
10/31/2023	8:00		Francis Mesa(Instructor) arrived at school, who was scheduled with Eshaan in Simulator.
10/31/2023	8:30		Hillmar looked for N140FS on flight aware, close to Opalocka on flight aware. Since she did not zoom in, the spiral went unnoticed.
10/31/2023	9:03		Hillmar called Yogi, went unanswered. and asked any changes on schedule of N140FS
10/31/2023	9:04		Hillmar called Bryan Shelton and spoke to Yogini and asked any changes on schedule of N140FS and Yogi said let me check my phone.
10/31/2023	9:07		Yogini checked whats app and told Hillmar about Eshaan's message. Yogini also asked Hillmar, Eshaan to stay put in office for deviation from the school policy.
10/31/2023	9:15		Yogini departed home for school.
10/31/2023	9:19		Unsuccessful attempt by Hillmar to call Yogi (Cell signal on 217th Ave is sketchy)
10/31/2023	9:24	2 min	Fraicis Mesa called Yogi after checking Flight aware in Zoomed in mode, and realized the gravity. Yogini asked to call Eshaan and Carlos who was listed as Eshaan's safety pilot.
10/31/2023	9:27		Yogi called Bryan and informed him to come to school as, it seems N140FS has landed in Everglade.
10/31/2023	9:29		Yogi called Hilmar, to find if she was able to contact Eshaan.
10/31/2023	9:30		Yogini (arrived to school) called Miami Tracon, if they had received any distress call or mayday communication from N140FS.
10/31/2023	9:36		Yogini called Bryan to try with Tracon and all other ATC's
10/31/2023	9:38	39 minute	Yogini called 911 reporting accident and send a search and rescue party
10/31/2023	9:40		Yogini (while being on line with 911) asked Hill for Noel Allegre and ask him to fly and find N140FS actual location
10/31/2023	9:46		Yogini (while being on line with 911) asked Katia to call every student residence and take head count to avoid confusion of Pilot and safety pilot
10/31/2023	9:50		Noel returned from flight and met Yogini
10/31/2023	10:01		Noel departed in N960FS to look for N140FS
10/31/2023	9:51		Yogini (while being on line with 911) asked Holden and Preet to go to East ramp and ask NPS helicopter to go for search n rescue of N140FS pilot
10/31/2023	9:49		Bryan confirmed with tracon, No emergency communication was received.
10/31/2023	9:50		Bryan and Yogini (while being on line with 911) started driving to East ramp to go in the Helicopter
10/31/2023	09:55		N31AT started flying in the direction of accident site, it had departed before Bryan and Yogi arrived to East ramp.
10/31/2023	9:55		NPS ops Manager Andrew Gill started guiding helicopter to accident site.
10/31/2023	10:15		Yogini (while being on line with 911) came back to West ramp
10/31/2023	10:20		Noel spotted Eshaan on the wings of N140FS
10/31/2023	10:30ish		Media helicopters started arriving
10/31/2023	10:33		N31AT arrived at accident site
10/31/2023	10:45		Search and rescue helicopter was in vicinity
Note:			911 Operator had taken FAA rep online.
			After 911 call, Yogini had called and left a voice mail to FAA POI and PIO had returned the call after 30 min.