



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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Persons Contacted: Andre Catalano – Student Pilot’s Father and Flight Instructor
NTSB Accident Number: ERA25LA127; Mayo, Maryland

Narrative:

Mr. Andre Catalano made himself immediately available by phone and email following the accident involving his son Gianluca, a student pilot, who was involved in the accident cited above. Mr. Catalano said he was his son’s flight instructor “about half the time.” Mr. Andre Catalano was the primary point of contact and the source for all documents and statements made by email and telephone.

At times, Mr. Catalano would ‘speak’ for his son in both first and third person until Gianluca Catalano was asked if he would provide his affirmation that the words and works provided by his father were indeed his own, which he did.

On the NTSB 6120.1 Pilot/Operator Accident/Incident Report Form and elsewhere, the date and time of the accident was reported as February 22, 2025, at 1546 Eastern Daylight Time (-4 UTC); however, Eastern Standard Time (-5 UTC) was in use until March 9, 2025.

Mr. Catalano provided a 6-page Powerpoint presentation of weather conditions and plots of those conditions over both the FAA Carburetor Icing Probability Chart as well as the Australian Government’s Carburettor Icing Probability chart.

Mr. Catalano captured the weather observations along his son’s route of flight from before takeoff to 9 minutes after the accident and plotted them on both carburetor icing probability charts, including the 1554 EST (2054 UTC) observation from the United States Naval Academy, 6 miles north of the accident site.

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