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Date: February 27, 2025
Subject: ERA25LA130 Passenger Interview
Contact: Cheyenne Murphy

Ms. Murphy was contacted via telephone to discuss the accident of N43DN. The following is a summary of that conversation.

Ms. Murphy was asked to describe the events leading up to the accident. She stated that she is not a pilot and that she has not flown with either of them much. She stated that she did not fully grasp what was happening during the accident sequence. She recalled that they entered a "big cloud" and knew that was not an ideal situation to be in. Shortly after entering the cloud, her headset was "muted" so she could not hear her brother and father in the front seats, but she could tell that they were stressed. Shortly after, everything started to get worse, and she could feel a lot of G-forces as the airplane started to crash. She commented that one moment they were flying and the next they were "totally surrounded" by clouds. Once the airplane crashed and came to rest, they sat on the mountain beside the wreckage for an hour or two before rescue crews were able to assist them.

Ms. Murphy was asked if it was one large cloud or were they going in and out of little clouds. She commented that it was clear skies and then no visibility at all. She also commented that she was not looking out the window often because she was crocheting.

Ms. Murphy was asked to provide her date of birth and an email address, which she did. Ms. Murphy was asked if she had any questions, and she replied that she did not have any questions.

-End of conversation