



## RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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**Date: September 22, 2016**  
**Person Contacted: Mr. Dustin Elliker (Son of Mr. James Elliker)**  
**NTSB Accident Number: WPR16FA172**

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### **Narrative:**

The following is a synopsis of the information provided by Mr. Elliker in a telephone conversation on this date:

- Mr. Elliker was the son of Mr. James Elliker, the other individual who was on the airplane at the time of the accident
- He is currently a CFI instructing in Ogden, UT
- He obtained his primary flight training for his private pilot certificate from the accident pilot, Mr. John Brown, of Flying Start Aero at RNO
- Subsequent to that, in 2015, his father (Mr. James Elliker) began taking flying lessons with Mr. Brown/Flying Start
  - The son does not believe his father took more than about 2 lessons
  - He did not believe that his father had obtained an FAA medical certificate
- Soon after the father began taking the flight lessons, he updated his life insurance policy (for unrelated reasons). There was some issue regarding policy validity and/or lack of coverage if the father was a student pilot, which prompted him to cease his flight lessons
- The father's pilot logbook is reportedly at his home; the son will attempt to obtain and provide copies
- The son asked where his father was seated for the trip; he noted that his father was a "front seat kind of guy"
- He also noted that his father had an Apple iPad, and that he was a "Mac person," meaning that he favored Apple electronic devices