



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: September 6, 2017
Person Contacted: Mr. David Bowers (New owner of N65EW)
NTSB Accident Number: WPR17LA195

Narrative:

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

- Mr. Bowers called NTSB HQ this morning, and provided his contact info
- Mr. Bowers stated that he did not know much about the accident
- He stated that he had traded another airplane for N65EW (the accident airplane)
- He lives in Georgia, and N65EW was located in Idaho
- He stated that a friend of his (the accident pilot, Mr. Andrew Akin) had family in ID, and that he volunteered to fly N65EW from ID to GA
- His best determination (with the input of his attorney) was that he (Mr. Bowers) was the legal owner of the airplane at the time of the accident
- The previous registered owner (Michael B.) was the 'seller' of the airplane
- Mr. Bowers stated that according to his insurance company, the airplane was not insured until 4 pm EDT on Saturday 9/2
 - The accident occurred about 1030 MDT on 9/2; therefore it was not insured by his company/in his name at the time of the accident
- "All the papers" [maintenance records, registration, etc] were on board the airplane at the time of the accident
- He stated the airplane was equipped with a "Lycon 360" engine
- He stated that the accident pilot had a lot of tailwheel time, and that he got a "one and a half hour checkout with a local pilot" in the airplane prior to the accident flight
- He had high confidence in the abilities of the accident pilot
- He did not know how much experience the accident pilot had flying in mountainous country
 - He said the pilot was born and raised in California, but did not know where
- He said the pilot was still in the hospital as of this date, and would be so for a few more days
 - He spoke with the pilot in the past day or so and the pilot sounded "sedated" or "not like himself"

- o The pilot had a broken ribs and a few "broken limbs," but he did not know which ones – he got that info from the pilot's father
 - o He understands that the pilot will go to his parents' home in California when he is released from the hospital
- The two have been friends for 15-20 years
- The pilot holds an A&P certificate