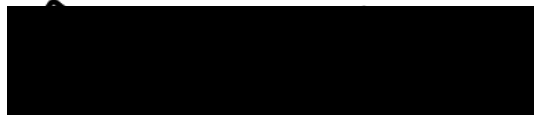


Kristen Kop's Statement regarding aviation accident on 8/20/2018:

When we walked out to the T-hangers, my flight instructor checked the amount of fuel in the plane and did the exterior preflight. I saw my instructor unscrewing the gas cap on top of the right wing and checking if there was fuel inside. I remember going through each checklist with my instructor. From my point of view, everything about the plane seemed normal. When we took off from the airport, we went straight to the Dillingham airfield. I practiced stalls and some turns on our way to there. When we got close to the Dillingham airfield, I remember my instructor asking, "Do you want me to land first or do you want to land yourself?" I wanted him to land first. So my instructor did the first landing. Now it was my turn to land; I approached the runway in the single-engine Piper Cherokee plane. I landed the plane pretty smoothly and then circled to do another landing. Once I landed the plane, my flight instructor took total control over the airplane. He pushed the throttle all the way forward until we were about 50-100 feet up in the air. Then he pulled the power back to land the plane. After he landed the plane, my instructor pushed the throttle all the way forward as we were headed up and planning to do another landing. As we were heading up at around 300 feet, the plane stopped climbing and stayed still. I remember my instructor saying calmly, "Oh no, that's not good." After that, he adjusted the throttle by pulling it slightly back. I do not remember seeing or hearing anything as the plane was descending, but I remember feeling the hard impact of the plane hitting the ground. The next thing I remember about the crash is being in a daze and having slight blurry vision. I remember slowly opening my eyes after the crash and seeing a woman in her 20s or 30s outside the right wing of the plane. She was holding her phone in her right hand. She asked us, "Are you okay?" This was my last memory until being in the ambulance.

Sincerely,



Arnold Kop (Kristen's Father)
Kristen Kop

