



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Person Contacted: John Denton
NTSB Accident Number: WPR19FA025

Narrative:

During a telephone conversation, Mr. Denton stated the following:

- He was at about 600 ft south-east from the accident site
- The witness heard an unusually loud engine which caught his attention to turn around towards the sound. He described the sound as the throttle was advanced to full power
- When he turned around, he saw airplane's nav lights. At that time, based on lights' position, the airplane appeared to be in level flight. He could not see the airplane due to a very low visibility and dark environment.
- A second later, he observed wingtip light flipping over as the airplane was in a roll and the airplane started descending straight towards the ground. The sound drastically decreased as if the engine power was reduced, and the witness heard the airplane impacting the ground.

16 NOV 2018

Time: 0200 Zulu NOV 16 -

I saw the two pilots at Redding Jet Center, I was upstairs while they were listening to KSAC ATIS on speaker phone, they seemed very excited and I heard "Let's Go!" Both pilots, estimated to be around 70 years of age, white males who had a Cessna type aircraft parked next to Redding Jet Center.

Time: 0205 Zulu Nov 16 -

I went downstairs and saw they were asking something to one of the RJC employees outside the building on ramp, while I was getting close to them, the employee asked them to ask me about the question because the RJC employee didn't know how to help them.

Our conversation is listed

Pilots: "Hey are you a pilot?"

Me: "Yes, how may I help you sir?"

Pilots take out the KENDL THREE departure on their iPad: "What is the KENDL THREE?"

Me: "Where you guys going?"

Pilots: "Sacramento."

(I just finished my last flight with HOMAN TWO departure.)

Me: "I just flied the HOMAN TWO departure with the Red Bluff transition; you should look at that one and please be aware of the TFR."

Pilots took out HOMAN 2 on their IPAD: "This one?"

Me: "Yes, you make a right turn on departure to join the 111 radial of the Redding VOR."

Pilots: "Thank you."

That is the conversation, I then went inside the building to find my instructor and he is coming downstairs, I told him there are two guys outside seemed confused and we walked outside together.

Me: "Gentlemen, everything clear?"

Pilots with a VFR sectional in hand: "What?"

Me: "You guys OK here? We are going to leave."

Pilots: "Oh yes, thank you!"

Time: 0220 Zulu NOV 16:

After we were inside the aircraft, I heard their conversation on radio, they wanted to do a HOMAN 2 like I suggested; tower told them he can't change his flight plan and asked them to talk to Oakland center while in the air. Then they got the IFR released as filed.

Time: 0235 Zulu NOV 16:

We were number two for takeoff, after the accident aircraft - they took off, however I saw them made a left turn instead of right. Both HOMAN 2 and KEDEL 3 required a right turn. We were very confused by the turn they made. Then they disappeared from our eyesight.

I confirm that the information given is true, complete and accurate.

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Airman Certificate Number [REDACTED]