



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: February 6, 2019
Person Contacted: Ms. Veronika Medeova (LA Flying Academy KAJO Base Manager)
NTSB Accident Number: WPR19FA080

Narrative:

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

- Ms. Medeova is the LA Flying Academy (LAFA) Base Manager at Corona airport (KAJO)
- Her Safety Manager is Mr. Petr Kratochvil
- LA Flying Academy at KAJO is a "satellite" of the main facility in Florida
- To her knowledge, the accident pilot/airplane departed KAJO about 1530 PST
- After the accident, she heard that the airplane flew to KEMT, where it picked up a female passenger
- This passenger pickup was not accomplished iaw LAFA policies & procedures
 - Rental pilots were required to list all passengers, as well as passenger emergency contact information, with LAFA prior to any flight
- The pilot had accumulated about 31 hours of flight time at LAFA KAJO, all in the previous few weeks
- The pilot had acquired most of his training and flight time in an unknown facility (not the LAFA parent company) in Florida
- The pilot stated his objective was "to build time"
- About a week prior to the accident, the pilot had shown up at LAFA to conduct a flight, but then cancelled due to weather
- At that time, he had a female with him, but Ms. Medeova did not know her name, or whether this was the same person as the accident passenger
- Ms. Medeova relayed a witness account of the pilot attempting to start the accident airplane at KEMT while it was still tied down
- The NTSB requested and was provided with that witness's contact information