



Memorandum for Record

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A commercial aviation website, using automatic dependent surveillance-broadcast (ADS-B) data, recorded a flight from the accident airplane that occurred on October 21, 2019, and originated from Oroville Municipal Airport (OVE), Oroville, California to the Red Bluff Municipal Airport (RBL), Red Bluff, California. There were no fuel purchases at either airport that could be associated to the accident airplane.

In a telephone interview with the manager of the Oroville Municipal Airport (OVE), Mr. Rick Farley, he reported two sales of fuel on October 21, 2019. One sale took place at 1451 Pacific daylight time, for 48 gallons of fuel. The second sale took place at 1547, for 10.2 gallons of fuel. There was no documentation of an airplane registration number associated with either sale.



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In a telephone conversation with the wife of the pilot and another with the brother of the pilot, the IIC requested the family research the pilot's credit card receipts or bank accounts to find evidence of a fuel purchase prior to the pilot departing Dinsmore Municipal Airport (D63). No information was received.

During the phone conversation with the wife of the pilot, she stated that he was very meticulous with his fuel planning and would not take off from D63 with the airplane full of fuel, and that he would stop at another airport along the way, prior to continuing to Boire Field Airport (ASH), Nashua, New Hampshire. She indicated that he would not always stop at the same airport for fuel. She stated that her husband was the most intelligent person she had ever known.



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Figure 1 shows three containers of a substance confirmed to be marijuana, and a hollow bolt found along with the marijuana. All items were in a backpack found in the cockpit of the airplane.



Figure 1. Containers of marijuana and a hollow bolt, found in a backpack that was inside the cockpit of the airplane. The packet is a test kit used for verification.