



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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Below is a copy of the 72-hour history provided by the pilot's family.

Tuesday (per Gregg Ann, Wife)

On business calls, planning trip. Had a late lunch and then went to early dinner at Islands (salad & Coke Zero). Last alcohol was Friday, 3/6, one glass of margarita at Dario's (Mexican food with his wife).

Wednesday (per Gregg Ann, Wife)

Business calls, planning trip, checking weather reports, etc. Went to hanger apx. 11am. Drove his truck down to the hanger to prep the plane: fuel, clean, etc. Went to sleep about 11pm that night; he felt really good having his office cleaned up, flight plan ready, etc.

Thursday, March 12 (per Greg Ann & Brian Waibel)

Got up early & left the house about 6am; kissed wife goodbye and said, "I love you."

Left VNY 6-7am apx. to North Bend, Oregon (Southwest Oregon Regional) - Took 1/2 hour longer due to traffic reportedly. Arrived North Bend apx. 11-11:30am and rented a car. Drove to Reedsport - Met with Brian & Joy Waibel & Zach White around noon - Went to Harbor Light Restaurant - Had bowl of clam chowder and smoked chicken salad. Described as being upbeat; expressed that his knee hurt. Nothing noticed as odd about his behavior. He was enthusiastic; guy on a mission. He came to Reedsport as a matchmaker with those involved. Passed on some articles that he had written in Apparel News. Told stories to the others; nothing unusual noticed. ... Took tour of the facility. Discussed potential for possible working together. John & Kevin departed facility around 5pm, checked into Best Western in Reedsport, and went back to Harbor Light Restaurant for dinner. Spoke to wife on the phone at about 8pm. He told her the flight plan said it would be 4 hours & 13 minutes but that he got there in 4 hours & 12 minutes. John reported being tired & went to bed.

Friday, March 13 (per Brian Waibel)

6:30 am breakfast meeting at Leona's, across the street from the Best Western. Same 5 people at breakfast meeting. John telling stories enthusiastically. Discussion related to possible business in the

future. John ordered omelette with sausage with half the usual meat. Ordered some of the same as a prior visit, trying to be heart healthy. Nothing impaired or unusual about John's physical or mental state of being. Seemed alert and normally functioning. Finished breakfast slightly before 8am. Weather was overcast and borderline foggy in Reedsport. John & Kevin said they would be going to the Elk Reserve and wait for the fog to rise. John noted that he is an instrument rated pilot and that there is controlled airspace at the North Bend airport. Brian expressed giving John a big hug before leaving the front of the restaurant about 8am. Brian reported that John expressed that the time of the flight up was about 4 hours and 52 gallons of gas. Brian approximates based on that information that John and Kevin departed at about 10am.