



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: April 24, 2020
Person Contacted: Mr. Jason Rubadeau (Passenger)
NTSB Accident Number: WPR20LA126

Narrative:

During a conversation with Mr. Rubadeau he reported the following:

- Mr. Rubadeau and the pilot are coworkers. They are mechanics.
- They day of the accident Mr. Rubadeau went to the airport for a lesson in a different airplane, a Piper. However, it was down for maintenance, so the pilot offered to take him in the accident airplane instead (a Cessna 152).
- The purpose of the flight was to conduct a couple touch and go landings then proceed to Flabob Airport (RIR) Riverside/Rubidoux, CA. They were going to make a full stop to pick up some phone numbers, then return back to the Corona Airport.
- Mr. Rubadeau prepped foreflight for their flight and went to the bathroom as the pilot preflighted the airplane.
 - He did not witness the pilot's preflight.
- He stated that the airplane started with no issues. The pilot taxied and conducted a normal run up. Mr. Rubadeau spent most of the flight either looking out the window or exploring the foreflight app on his iPad. The airplane took off with no abnormalities noted. After flying around the traffic pattern, the pilot completed a touch and go. The airplane climbed and turned on a left crosswind. Shortly thereafter, the pilot stated, "oh we are going down." Mr. Rubadeau looked up from his iPad and within 10 seconds they impacted something and then came to rest upside down on a roadway. It all happened very fast. He was unaware of an engine failure because he never heard the engine make any odd noises, sputter, or do anything out of the ordinary. He mentioned, however, that his noise cancelling headphones are very good and he can barely hear the engine under normal circumstances.

- Since he was on his iPad, he was unaware of what the pilot did for the landing and takeoff. He does not know the pilot very well and he did not watch the pilot manipulate the throttle, mixture, or carburetor heat.
- He was seated in the right seat and the pilot was in the left.
- The airplane was equipped with shoulder harnesses.
- He does not know anything about the accident airplane, because he only flies Piper airplanes.

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Submitted by: Samantha Link