



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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Office of Aviation Safety – Western Pacific Region

NTSB Accident Number: WPR21FA352
Aircraft Registration & Make/Model: N3906X; Piper PA-28R-200
Accident Location: Page, Arizona
Accident Date: September 22, 2021

Note: The following interview was documented by the Investigator –In-Charge (IIC), Stephen Stein.

Interview #1 Summary

Uta Petersen
Passenger and Pilot's Wife

Interview Date & Time; October 1, 2021, 1022 PT

According to Mrs. Petersen, the pilot did not seem agitated for most of the accident flight up until about a minute before the accident when they started to descend. After he became agitated he started to manipulate two areas of switches in the cockpit and used a wooden handle to operate the emergency locator transmitter. She stated that the engine continued to run for about 30 minutes after they impacted the ground.

Three audio files were subsequently played for Mrs. Petersen: the first was the engine running at idle power, the second was the sound of the master switch on, and the third was the engine at during run-up.

- 1) [PA28R \(Piper Arrow\) Starting engine procedure. - YouTube](#) (starting about 50 seconds in)
- 2) [PA28R \(Piper Arrow\) Starting engine procedure. - YouTube](#) (starting about 10 seconds in)
- 3) [PA28R \(Piper Arrow\) Engine Runup - YouTube](#) (starting about 38 seconds in)

Each audio was played twice and during each run Mrs. Petersen identified the second audio (master switch and vacuum pump) as the sound she heard after the accident.