



Memorandum for Record

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NTSB Accident Number: WPR21LA061
Aircraft Registration & Make/Model: N1444V / Cessna 172
Accident Location: Cape Falcon, OR.
Accident Date: November 7, 2020

The following excerpts were taken from the Tillamook County Sheriffs report number OR0290000, for case number: 2020-00017961.

ACTION TAKEN:

On November 7th, 2020 at approximately 4:38pm, I received a call from Deputy Awe. Deputy Awe informed me a plane had crashed into the ocean near Falcon Cove. He told me the US Coast Guard was launching a search operation and he was en route to the location. I responded from my home.

On November 14th, 2020, I followed up with Schmader. This interview was video/audio recorded. Schmader was not sure about the timelines of the events. Schmader said Hoppe's wife died approximately two years prior. He said Hoppe recently made friends with a woman named Carol Thompson, who took Hoppe to a doctor appointment where he was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer. He said Thompson told him the doctor gave Hoppe one day to one month to live.

Schmader said he remembered Thompson telling him Hoppe, after being diagnosed with cancer, told Thompson, "I don't want to be in a hospital, I don't want to be in a care center, and I don't want a caregiver; I want to die in my house or my airplane." Schmader said he also received a letter from Hoppe the following Monday. He said there was no letter in the envelope; there was only a check written out to Schmader from Hoppe for \$10,000. The check had writing on it, "To George my friend".