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Contact: Jorge Santos - Friend of the Pilot

During a telephone conversation, Mr. Santos reported that the pilot flew to Mojave, California that morning, had breakfast, as there was a small fly in there. After breakfast, the pilot flew to Porterville, where the pilot met with his girlfriend, Lane. Mr. Santos said that they had played disc golf, and afterwards, the pilot was planning to return to Shafter, as he had some friends from the Navy waiting for him, with the intention of going to San Luis Obispo.

Mr. Santos recalled that the pilot had a motorcycle accident a few weeks prior, which he thought it was pretty hard hit on the right front side of his head. He wasn't sure if the pilot had went to the doctor, but they seemed fine. Mr. Santos stated that the pilot was more than proficient, flew 15 to 20 hours every week and was a "very very safe" pilot and not a "risk taker."

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