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Date: April 2024
Subject: WPR23FA172
Contact: Oren Inditzky

In an email correspondence dated April 26, 2024, Mr Inditzky stated that after reviewing his brother's iPhone, it appeared he made two calls to 805 384 9294 [CMA WX ASOS] about 1849 on the day of the accident.



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During multiple phone conversations during the weeks following the accident, Mrs Azarkman stated the following:

She is a friend of the pilot and his family. She has a background in law enforcement and has been helping with coordination following the accident.

The accident flight was for pleasure, it was routine and he was planning on having lunch or dinner at a casino and then returning that day. He had no appointments or reasons that would require him to be back that night.

Late afternoon he texted his wife saying that he would be late home due to the weather.

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During a conversation the day following the accident, Mr Linn stated the following:

He is the owner of the airplane and Camarillo Flight Instruction flight school.

The airplane was rented by the pilot, who had just received a checkout in the days leading to the accident. This was likely his third flight in the airplane, and first solo.

The CFI who performed the checkout asked another CFI to also sit with the pilot for a review so he could be thorough.

On the day of the accident, the airplane left the ramp at CMA about 1300. The return time was set for 1800, but later in the day the pilot remotely changed it to 2000 through their online booking system.

Renters are always briefed to not fly if they are unhappy with the weather, and that a CFI can always retrieve the airplane from a remote airport later. It is not unusual for renters to make the call that they are trapped by weather.

The airplane was scheduled to be used the day after the accident at 1000.

The airplane had come out of a 100 hour inspection on April 28, but had flown twice since then, with one of the flights in IMC conditions. The pilots who flew the prior flights reported no problems with the airplane.