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Date: August 27, 2024

Subject: WPR24FA287 Record of Memorandum

Contact: [REDACTED] (RV-12 Pilot/Owner)

[REDACTED], who was the pilot of the RV-12, stated that he was making all the appropriate radio calls while approaching the Santa Paula Airport (SZP), Santa Paula, California, from the west with the intention of landing on runway 22. There was no one on the common frequency during the approach. He noticed the accident airplane depart runway 22 as he was flying in the downwind leg of the traffic pattern for runway 22. No radio calls were reported from the accident airplane. [REDACTED] continued the process of establishing himself on the final approach to runway 22. About a 1/4 mile out from runway 22, the passenger in the RV-12 noticed the accident airplane below their position and saw the airplane impact the storage yard and erupt into flames.