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Date: February 10, 2025
Subject: WPR25LA080 - Interview of Pilot's Daughter
Contact: Katie Martin

Ms. Martin stated that her father was adventurous, outdoorsy and loved to fly. Her father and her mother typically flew to Idaho about 2-3 times a month when there was favorable weather in the accident airplane. She noted that her father had been making plans for his upcoming 40th wedding anniversary and may have been scouting hiking locations at the time of the accident as the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, where the accident occurred, was on her mother's laptop. According to Ms. Martin, her parents were very close and did everything together, but her father was quiet and reserved.



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Date: December 18, 2025

Subject: WPR25LA080 - Interview of Pilot's Wife

Contact: Cathy Martin

Ms. Martin reported that she didn't know the airplane was missing until a few days after the accident. She noted that her husband would sometimes take off for a couple of days to regroup and that he's "closed off." The night before the accident her and her husband got into a fight, but his coworkers noted that he acted normally on the morning of the accident. Ms. Martin stated that on the morning of the accident he woke her up to say goodbye and when he didn't return she figured he took off to regroup, which was his custom. She also noted that he had a special meeting at 1230 to demonstrate an engineering product he was working on. He had his AR15 rifle with him as the demonstration required him to fire a projectile.

Ms. Martin reported that she became worried when he wasn't responding to any texts or phonecalls from their children. On Saturday after the accident Ms. Martin told her children to call him, but there was no answer. On Sunday (January 5) she became more concerned and filed missing persons report in the afternoon, which is when her daughter told her to check his airplane. Ms. Martin went to the airport and noticed his airplane was missing. She then called her daughter who reported the missing aircraft.