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**Contact:** Deputy [REDACTED], Uintah County Sheriff's Office

A telephone interview was conducted with Deputy [REDACTED] regarding his response to an airplane accident near Medicine Butte. This interview occurred before the pilot's written accident report was submitted to NTSB investigators.

Deputy [REDACTED] identified himself as a deputy with Uintah County. He stated that his office received a report of an airplane that had possibly gone down in the area of Medicine Butte. He was unsure of the exact origin of the initial report but noted that the aircraft's beacon was "pinging" per reports from other aircraft.

Upon arrival at the scene, he observed that the weather conditions at the top of the mountain were harsh, characterized by heavy rain and heavy fog. He estimated the elevation at the crash site to be approximately 7,800 feet. Due to the terrain, he and other responders were unable to drive their trucks to the immediate site and were required to walk roughly 500 to 600 yards downhill to reach the airplane.

When he reached the wreckage, he observed the pilot outside of the aircraft, just outside the door. He noted that the pilot had extricated himself. The passenger remained inside the back seat of the aircraft. He observed damage to the left wing and noted that the right tire was missing.

He stated that responders quickly worked to render aid to the pilot, who appeared to be entering a state of hypothermia. Search and Rescue was called to the scene, and multiple vehicles were utilized to extract and transport the occupants.

He later met the airplane occupants at the hospital, where he gathered further details regarding the flight. He identified the occupants as the pilot, [REDACTED], and his

son, [REDACTED]. He said that the passenger did not remember much about the sequence of events.

According to the deputy, the pilot's account was that as they looked toward the Brigham area, the weather appeared terrible. The pilot mentioned that a weather report "somewhere in Salt Lake" had given them clear skies, but based on the visual conditions, the pilot decided to reroute and land at the Evanston Airport. The crash occurred in the area where they encountered heavy fog.

He said that that the pilot did not remember much of the specific crash sequence, and the passenger indicated he did not see anything due to the fog.

He concluded that, based on the environmental conditions and what the occupants had told him, he did not believe the crash was caused by mechanical failure. He attributed the incident to the fog and the attempt to divert to Evanston. He reiterated that the pilot's memory was limited; the pilot recalled intending to go to Brigham, seeing worse weather on the mountainside, attempting to divert to Evanston, hitting fog, and then having little recollection until after the crash.