

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON, DC

AIRCRAFT OWNERS AND PILOTS *
ASSOCIATION, *et al*, *

Complainants,
v.

FAA Docket No. 16-22-08

COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA, *
CALIFORNIA *

Respondent.

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DECLARATION OF NIKNAM NICKRAVESH

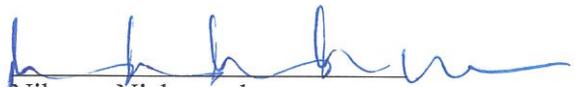
I, Niknam Nickravesh, being over 18 years of age and otherwise fully competent to testify state that:

1. I have personal knowledge of the facts stated herein.
2. I am the owner of multiple businesses that operate at Reid-Hillview Airport (KRHV), including Nik's Aircraft, LLC and Flying S Aviation. I am also the Director of Maintenance for Nice Air Aviation.
3. I am aware of an accident that occurred on July 22, 2022, that involved a Piper PA-32-301 aircraft, registration number N300BH (the "Aircraft"), shortly after it departed from RHV.
4. Prior to this accident, the Aircraft underwent maintenance at Flying S Aviation. When the maintenance on the Aircraft began, I estimated that the Aircraft had approximately 30 gallons of 100LL on board total. The maintenance performed on the Aircraft included engine run-ups. At the conclusion of maintenance on the aircraft, I personally observed the aircraft had little to no fuel remaining as a result of the engine run-ups in the left tank.
5. To the best of my knowledge, the Aircraft requires 100LL.
6. It is my understanding that the operator of the Aircraft was aware of the Aircraft's fuel status but was not able to obtain 100LL fuel at RHV. As a result, the Aircraft departed RHV with little to no fuel remaining. It is my understanding that the operator of the Aircraft intended to fly to San Jose International Airport (KSJC) to obtain 100LL.

7. After the accident occurred, I was told by an NTSB accident investigator that the Aircraft had run out of fuel.
8. I am personally aware of multiple instances involving transient aircraft that arrive at RHV anticipating to fuel with 100LL, unaware that it is not available at RHV. As a result of the lack of availability of 100LL, these aircraft depart without refueling.
9. I am personally aware of a misfuelling incident at a Santa Clara County airport, where the pilot mistakenly self-fueled their Christen Eagle aircraft with 94UL fuel, which cannot safely and legally use 94UL fuel. The error was identified before takeoff.

I **AFFIRM** under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my personal knowledge.

DATED: 1/6/2023



Niknam Nickraves