



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: February 25, 2019
Persons Contacted: Ms. Mary Macar, injured passenger
NTSB Accident Number: ANC19TA014

Narrative:

Ms. Macar was a passenger on a Sound Aviation flight from Lime Village Airport (AK2) to Merrill Field Airport (MRI) on February 13, 2019. The airplane encountered severe turbulence and Ms. Macar was seriously injured in the incident. She was interviewed by the NTSB investigator-in-charge via telephone. This is a summary of her statements:

- Ms. Macar flies with Sound Aviation about once or twice a month.
- She lives in Stoney River, Alaska, and on the day of the incident she boarded the PA-32R-300 at the Stoney River Airport earlier in the day. The airplane then stopped at Lime Village Airport and picked up another passenger and then proceeded to Anchorage (MRI.)
- She recalled that the pilot did provide an emergency brief prior to take off, but she could not recall if he talked about seat belt use.
- The weather was good for the flight. Then, very unexpectedly, the airplane encountered violent turbulence and she hit her head very hard against the ceiling and cut it. She stated that the other two occupants also hit the ceiling. The turbulence ended within a minute or so.
- After the flight, she was transported to a medical facility and treated for 3 broken vertebrae in her neck and lacerations on her scalp.
- Ms. Macar stated that her lap belt was on and latched, but it was not tight enough.