



NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD
OFFICE OF AVIATION SAFETY
CENTRAL REGION

January 20, 2018

MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

Subject: Matheny Christavia Mk1 airplane, N746LM, accident at Grand Detour, Illinois, on January 20, 2018, Conversation with Mr. Alan Pattenaude, Inspector, Federal Aviation Administration, DuPage Flight Standards District Office, Des Plaines, Illinois

Mr. Pattenaude was the inspector assigned to this accident shortly after it occurred. He said that the Illinois State Police (ISP) got the call on the accident about 12:50 pm (Central Standard Time). Mr. Pattenaude said that the airplane hit a power line suspended over the Rock River that ran from the shore to an island in the river. The airplane got wrapped up in the line and then impacted on the ice-covered river. The pilot and passenger were taken to the local hospital to be treated. He was told the pilot had fractured wrists and a broken ankle. The ISP officer who responded to the scene and the hospital said the pilot refused to speak with them, and later checked himself out of the hospital denying treatment. The officer also said that the physician attending to the pilot, Mr. David R. Manske, was told by him that the airplane got wrapped in wires, cartwheeled twice in the air and crashed nose down on the ice, coming to rest in the upright position.

The passenger, Ms. Jamie K. Nadowski, is a helicopter pilot who works for an Emergency Medical Services company. At the local hospital, doctors found she had internal bleeding. She was sent to the Intensive Care Unit at the Rockford Memorial Hospital, Rockford, Illinois. When asked about the accident, she could not remember anything. Except being on the ice.

Mr. David Manske, lives at [REDACTED] Machesney Park, Illinois 61115-1815. His date of birth is [REDACTED]. He has a private pilot certificate, single-engine land rating, number is [REDACTED]. Mr. Pattenaude didn't know if he had a medical certificate.

The airplane is a Larry A. Matheny (builder) Christavia Mark 1. It is a homebuilt airplane built from plans. Its serial number is 015. The airplane was recovered and will be moved to the Dixon Municipal Airport, Illinois. Mr. Jim Canterbury is the airport manager. His number is [REDACTED].

Mr. Pattenaude's telephone number is [REDACTED]

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I spoke with Mr. Pattenaude about if they were able to get in contact with the pilot, Mr. David R. Manske. He said the pilot retained an attorney and was not cooperating. The FSDO tried to send him paperwork, including an NTSB 6120.1, and he refused to fill out and return the forms.

The FAA has proceeded to revoke his pilot license.

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