



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Persons Contacted: Mrs. Lee Falik, Dr. Robert Falik, Mr. Steven Nicholas

NTSB Accident Number: CEN19LA051 – Beaver Island, Michigan

Narrative:

The following is a summary of the information provided by Mrs. Lee Falik (pilot's spouse), Dr. Robert Falik (pilot's son), and Mr. Steven Nicholas (attorney) related to the accident:

On the day of the accident, the pilot, Dr. Don Falik, had flown to Beaver Island in order to put storm windows on a second residence on the island. He made the trip frequently – at least twice per month – and was very familiar with the route.

Dr. Falik was in “excellent health.” He did not drink alcohol, nor did he use recreational drugs. He had no medical issues that might have impacted safety of flight. He appeared to be well rested on the day of the accident. He normally slept from about 11:00 pm until 7:00 am each night.

On Friday, December 28th, Dr. Falik did not work. His day was routine. He ran errands and did chores around the house. On Saturday, December 29th, the family had Christmas dinner at home. On Sunday, December 30th, the day of the accident, Dr. Falik was at home before leaving for the airport that afternoon.

Dr. Falik had not expressed any concerns about the airplane or any issues with on-going maintenance issues. He was “meticulous” with regard to the maintenance of the airplane.

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