



RECORD OF INTERVIEW

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Mr. Dane Smith, the Martinaire Aviation Chief Pilot, provided the following information and perspectives:

- He stated the pilot was a slow learner during initial training, with some language and procedural knowledge challenges.
- He had flown about 10 times with the pilot and thought he was conscientious and difficult to upset. He described the pilot is consistently inquisitive.
- The pilot's preparation was usually acceptable and he was comfortable flying with him.
- During the pilot's last checkride, he required instruction on the use and function of the inverters, including the requirement to select one of the two inverters during the engine start checklist.
- His perception was that the pilot was very fit and health conscious.
- He was aware the pilot had withdrawn (washed out) from training at Molokai Airways earlier in the year due to weak flying skills.
- The pilot was on standby duty for most of the week prior to the accident.
- On the morning of the accident, the pilot flew via commercial airline to Houston and drove a rental car to Victoria, Texas.