



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Person Contacted: Rick (Doc) O'Reagan – Pilot – Rediske Air [REDACTED]

NTSB Accident Number: DCA13MA121

Narrative:

Mr. O'Reagan is a full time pilot for Rediske Air and has been flying for them since September 2002, around the time Willie took over the company. The company had 2 airplanes at the time and Willie built up the company.

The pilots were scheduled to work 5 days a week with 2 days off. He estimated that about 75% of their trips were prescheduled and about 25% phoned in without being prescheduled.

The pilots are responsible for the amount of fuel on board the airplanes. He doesn't have any knowledge about how much fuel Willie had on the airplane.

The office takes care of providing a manifest for the flights.

Willie was the only one who flew the Otter. The Otter cost so much to operate, and they didn't have the demand for it, so it wasn't worth training another pilot to fly it.

On Sunday the Otter was loaded and ready to go out on another trip which was canceled at the last minute. Willie then decided to take the trip to the bear lodge in the Otter. If they had used the 2 Cessna 207s, they would have taken the passengers and not all of the cargo. The cargo would have had to go over on another trip.

When he heard about the accident, he jumped in an airplane and flew over to Soldotna. The weather was good at the time and he didn't feel it was a factor in the accident.

Willie gave the other pilot's their single engine check rides.

Willie appeared to be fine and in good health when he saw him on Sunday.

The company never skimped on maintenance. All maintenance issues were taken care of right away. Rediske Air was the best operator he ever worked for