



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Person Contacted: Mrs. Connie Dean, Brandon, FL, [REDACTED]
NTSB Accident Number: ERA12FA572 – Land O'Lakes, FL

Narrative:

This investigator interviewed Mrs. Dean by phone.

Mr. Wendel, the pilot of N21750, would come by and stay with her quite often. Mr. Wendel stayed with her and her late husband for about a year when Mr. Wendel was in Lakeland getting his pilot ratings. After her husband died, Mr. Wendel would stay and visit with her about every other month to make sure she was all right.

On Friday, September 14, Mr. Wendel came to spend the weekend with her. He arrived on Friday evening about 9 pm. She noticed that he had gained quite a bit of weight and she was concerned about that. They stayed up talking, and she noticed that he fell asleep in his chair while they were talking. When she noticed this, she told him to go to bed, and that they would catch up in the morning.

The next morning, they each got up around 8 am. While they were resuming their conversation from the night before, Mr. Wendel fell asleep again in his chair. They then had breakfast and Mr. Wendel spent a lot of the day working on his computer. He was involved in the pilot union at Edelweiss Air and he spent a lot of his time working on that.

Mr. Wendel went to bed around 11:00 pm Saturday night and woke up about 8:00 am the next morning. She went to church and Mr. Wendel left that afternoon for his flight back to Miami.

When Mr. Wendel visited this time, he flew into Miami and then took another commercial flight to Tampa. He always rented a car when he was in Tampa and did so this time.