



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

NTSB Accident Number: ERA14LA362, N8826C, Venice Beach, Florida

The original preliminary report documenting the victims' family members' recollection of the event was based on the FAA inspector's interview with Mrs. Irizarry (the wife/mother of the victims.) After the preliminary report was published, the family reached out, saying that the recollections as noted were not entirely correct. A new account was created, and sent to Mrs. Irizarry for review. The preliminary report was then republished.

Old account:

"Several days after the accident, the family asked the FAA inspector to speak with them. During the visit, the wife indicated that the family, consisting of herself, her husband, his son and daughter from a previous marriage, and their daughter, arrived at the beach around mid-day. About ½ hour later, the husband's mother and another couple joined them. The family then moved farther up the beach to avoid new beach goers, leaving the husband's mother at the original location. According to the wife, she was facing north, close to her stepdaughter, when she saw in her peripheral vision the airplane pass by very low. She did not see her family struck. Her stepson, who was coming out of the water when the airplane passed by, told her that he had ducked when the airplane went over his head, but did not indicate if he saw either his father or his sister hit. The airplane came to a stop about 200 feet beyond the victims, who were in about 4 feet of water and very close to each other. The wife ran to pull her stepdaughter out of the water and a friend pulled her husband out of the water. Both victims were unresponsive and not breathing. A man arrived with knowledge of CPR and gave assistance to her husband while the wife administered to her stepdaughter."

New account:

"According to the wife/mother of the victims, the family, consisting of herself, her husband, his son from a previous marriage, his mother, and their two daughters, arrived at the beach shortly before noon. About 1 hour later, another couple joined them. The family then moved farther up the beach to avoid new beach goers, leaving the husband's mother at the original location.

At the time of the accident, the wife was near the shoreline, 'catty-corner' to the water, with her husband and daughter about 10 to 15 feet directly behind her in about 2 ½ feet of water. The two

had been standing, but bending to use strainers to collect shark teeth from the bottom. The wife first heard the airplane, then saw it out of her peripheral vision to the left, but had not seen it hit her family as it was out of her line of sight at the time. She then saw the airplane glide along the water and onto the sand. Her stepson, who was coming out of the water when the airplane passed by, told her that he had ducked when it went over his head, but did not indicate if he saw his father or his sister hit. The airplane came to rest less than 200 feet beyond the victims. The wife ran to pull her daughter out of the water, while one of her friends pulled her husband out. Her daughter had a pulse and was taking shallow breaths while her husband was unresponsive and not breathing. A man with knowledge of CPR subsequently provided assistance to her husband while the wife administered aid to her daughter.”

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