



NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

Central Region – Arlington, Texas

RECORD OF CONVERSATION

Who: Robert Mahaffey, FAA Inspector, Jackson, MS FSDO

When: March 26, 2015

RE: ERA15FA147, Kosciusko, MS (N7698S, Citabria)

In a telephone conversation, Inspector Mahaffey stated that he met and spoke with the owner of N7698S, Mr. Robert Winstead. Mr. Winstead stated that the pilot, Mr. Alan Ross, was a good friend. When Mr. Winstead purchased the Citabria in 2014, Mr. Ross flew it back to Mississippi from Arizona and offered to hangar it at the Kosciusko Airport, where Mr. Ross was the airport manager.

On the afternoon of the accident, Mr. Winstead said that he flew from Carthage, MS, to Kosciusko. When he landed, about 3-3:30 pm, he saw the Citabria on the ramp, but no one was around. Mr. Winstead said he then departed and flew to another airport to visit family. About 5:00 pm he received a call about the accident.

Mr. Winstead was not aware of Mr. Ross's plans to fly that evening and thought that maybe he and the passenger were out just flying for fun.

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