



RECORD OF INTERVIEW

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Person(s) Interviewed: Lionel Naraidu-flying passenger
NTSB Case Number: ERA16FA186

Narrative:

Mr. Naraidu was interviewed by telephone.

Mr. Naraidu stated that the pilot, Mr. Edgar Gonzalez was a personal friend and this was their first flight together. He also stated that he was a student pilot the year before but never completed his certificate and his medical had expired.

Mr. Naraidu stated that the pilot asked him to work the radios so he could become more familiar with talking to ATC. After takeoff from Tamiami Airport, the pilot passed the controls of the plane over to Mr. Nariadu and let him fly around and make simple turns to become more familiar with the plane. After a few minutes he passed the controls back to the pilot and they flew to X51 to perform a few touch-and-go's. the pilot made the first touch-and-go and during departure, the pilot passed the controls over to Mr. Naraidu and told him to make the next landing and he would watch him. The pilot then asked Mr. Naraidu if he wanted one notch of flaps and he stated he did want them at one notch. (10 degrees). Mr. Naraidu stated he was having problems keeping the airplane lined up with the runway as he was being blown over to the left of centerline and having difficulty flying the plane. Mr. Naraidu does not remember if the pilot tried to help him straighten out the plane or not. He just remembers the ground coming up on them very quickly.

After impact, Mr. Naraidu helped the pilot out of the plane and laid him on the ground and waited for emergency crews to arrive.