



NTSB RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Person Contacted: Cathleen Comeu (Spouse of Pilot)
NTSB Accident Number: ERA18FA150

Narrative:

The following is a summary of a conversation that occurred with the individual named above:

- She reported that her husband arrived at the Chesapeake, VA airport on May 18th, 2018. He planned on staying the area, until the accident day, May 22, 2018. The pilot did not fly the airplane during the week, except for the accident flight to depart back to Farmingdale, NY for work.
- She was with the pilot the morning of the accident. The pilot uncovered the airplane cover and removed another cover from an object on the left wing and circled the entire airplane.
- She reported that the pilot called the airport the night before the accident to have the airplane "topped off." She observed the pilot check the fuel from both tanks, and then watched as he poured it back into the tanks.
- She reported that the pilots schedule preceding the accident was routine, as he went to bed about 10:00PM local, and woke up about 6:00AM. She reported there was nothing abnormal about the accident day, or the days preceding the accident.
- She reported that once at the airport, she stated to the pilot that it was foggy. She reported that the pilot stated, "as long as I can see the runway, I'll be fine."
- She reported that she observed the entire preflight, engine start-up, taxi for takeoff, and takeoff. She could see the airplane lights operating. She also heard the pilot perform a run-up. She said the engine "sounded like a good running engine."
- She reported that the pilot did not comment to her that there was anything wrong with the airplane, and she was not aware of any recent maintenance performed on the airplane.
- She observed the takeoff, as she normally would do. She reported that she watched the airplane enter the clouds after takeoff, and the pilot did not "wag the wings" as he



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normally did. But, she told the pilot not to do that, because of the weather conditions. When the weather was nice during previous flights, she reported that it was common for him to wag the wings.

- She reported that after takeoff, and after the airplane had entered the clouds, she heard an engine "revving noise." She estimated this was 2-3 minutes after takeoff.
- She was not aware of any medications the pilot may be taking, if any.
- She reported that the plan for this week all along was for the pilot to depart this morning, and he was returning for work.
- She reported that the pilot had been commuting back and forth for 7 years between these two airports, and he would complete the trip about twice a month.
- She reported that she believed he carried his pilot logbooks with him in the airplane.