



STATEMENT

Date
January 25, 2018, Marathon, FL
January 26, 2018, Marathon, FL

Location

On January 25, 2018, approximately 6:59 pm Eastern Standard Time (EST), Inspector Anthony Saavedra and I telephonically contacted Tony Lewis. We requested Lewis to meet with us that night. Lewis stated that he had just been through a plane crash and had experienced a critical incident. He asked if we could post phone the meeting until tomorrow after 8:00 am. We did ask Lewis if he could tell what seat in the plane he was sitting in. Lewis stated he was sitting in the right rear seat next to the door.

On January 25, 2018, approximately 10:05 am EST, I met with Kyle Wayne Davis and Tony Ray Lewis at 9850 Overseas Highway, Marathon, FL 33050. I interviewed Lewis. Lewis stated that pilot was Roch Andre D'AOUST.

In the front right seat was Derrick H. Kelly, owner of the company and plane. In the right rear seat was Danny A. Gilileo.

Lewis confirmed that he was sitting in the right rear seat. Lewis stated that the pilot stopped at the end of the runway and that D'AOUST performed some sort of engine run up. Lewis is unsure if a checklist was used.

Lewis then stated that when the aircraft started the runway take off roll, he observed that it was very windy. Lewis stated prior to rotation the aircraft jerked left and soon thereafter the aircraft became airborne; turned left and Lewis was looking at how close the wind was from the ground; soon thereafter, the aircraft crashed in the trees.

Lewis stated that they had flown down from Winter Haven, FL KGIF to Marathon, as two of the passengers owned property in Monroe County and were checking on their homes because of Hurricane Irma. Lewis further stated that they had refueled at the Marathon General Aviation Fix Base Operator and thought that the fuel tanks on the aircraft were full.

Lewis state there were a couple of computers, and iPad and two or three back packs on the aircraft. The two middle seats of the aircraft were empty.

Lewis advised me that Gilileo's iPhone was missing and asked if I could find it if possible. I advised him I would keep a look out for it during our investigation.

NOTE: Lewis is a retired Florida Law Enforcement Officer.

Location and names of occupants on board N47863:

Pilot: Roch Andre D'AOUST, 65, Panama City Beach, FL (Airlifted to Miami)
Right Front: Derrick H. Kelley, 53, Auburndale, FL (Airlifted to Miami)
Right Rear: Danny A. Gilileo, 49, Auburndale, FL (Airlifted to Miami)
Left Rear: Tony R. Lewis, 60, Lakeland, FL (Not airlifted, minor injuries)

I have read this entire statement consisting of page(s). I have been given the opportunity to make any additions, deletions, or corrections. I have initialed each page and all corrections. This statement is the truth to the best of my recollection.



Signature of Inspector