



NTSB MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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Date: April 6, 2020
Person Contacted: Tris Way (Diver, Recovery Team)
NTSB Accident Number: ERA20LA134

Narrative:

Mr. Tris Way provided the National Transportation Safety Board video and images of his dive to the wreckage located on the ocean floor. The following record contains a description of what he observed:

- He observed that the tail number on the airplane was N899ZZ.
- The wreckage was scattered along a 100 ft area on the sea floor.
- The propeller separated from the engine and was found 10 ft from the engine.
- The propeller blades were twisted.
- The engine was within 10 ft of the fuselage.
- The seat belts were found fastened. The seats did not stay attached to the airframe.
- The airplane was highly fragmented.
- The emergency locator transmitter (ELT) was found armed in the debris area.
- One rubber tire had separated from its rim.
- The wreckage site was located at 34.433379°, -77.050065°.
- He recovered fragments of personal effects and the pilot's body from the cockpit.

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