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Contact: Mrs. Amy Sanford (Spouse of Pilot)

Mrs. Amy Sanford was contacted via email by this investigator and was asked questions pertaining circumstances surrounding the accident. The below is a summary of the email correspondence:

My answers to your questions are below. Please let me know if you need anything further.

1. What was the purpose of the flight to Harlan, Kentucky?

Work. Seeing patients at Harlan ARH.

2. Was Dr. Sanford due to arrive at a certain time at his medical office on the day of the accident? What was that scheduled time, if known?

On a typical, non-surgery day in Harlan, he might arrive around 9. But I don't know the specifics of his schedule on November 3.

3. What time did Dr. Sanford go to bed the day before the accident, what time did he awake?

He went to bed around 9 and woke up around 7.

4. Did Dr. Sanford discuss the flight to Harlan? What was discussed, was there any concern expressed with the airplane or the weather?

No.

5. Has Dr. Sanford changed any sleeping habits in the few days or few weeks preceding the accident?

No.

6. What medications was Dr. Sanford taking, if any, and were there any recent or ongoing health concerns?

He took reflux medication and something for cholesterol. In the days leading up to November 3rd, our whole family had a cold. All of us were taking over the-counter cold meds.

7. If physical logbooks are located, or electronic logbooks are located, I would appreciate notification so that the investigation can properly document Dr. Sanford's experience. This request also stands for airplane maintenance records, if located.

I found two very old Pilot Logs in my house. One began in 2000 and the other a bit later.

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