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Medical Factual Memorandum for Record

October 29, 2024

A. CASE

NTSB ID: ERA23FA357
Location: Kingston, New Jersey
Date: January 28, 2023

B. MEDICAL SPECIALIST

Specialist JE Tuttle MD MHA FACS
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C. DETAILS

1.0 Description of Review

For purposes of evaluating the pilot for potentially impairing medical conditions and substances, the above Medical Specialist reviewed the following sources of medical information, along with selected relevant regulation, medical literature, and investigator reports.

- Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) final medical case review
- Medical Summary Letter from Israeli Aeromedical Examiner
- Toxicology report – pilot

2.0 Summary of Medical Facts

Although the 44-year-old pilot was an Israeli citizen, he had undergone FAA aviation medical examinations. According to the FAA medical case review, his last FAA aviation medical examination was February 7, 2023. At that time, he reported no active medical conditions or medication use.¹ He was issued a first-class medical certificate without limitation.

A medical summary letter from an Israeli Aeromedical Examiner stated that, based on a search of medical documentation (outpatient visits, hospitalizations, laboratory tests and imaging results), nothing in the pilot's medical history suggested risk of sudden incapacitation.

The pilot did not undergo an autopsy. The FAA Forensic Sciences Laboratory performed toxicological testing of postmortem femoral blood from the pilot. No tested-for substances were detected.²

Submitted by:

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Medical Officer

¹ In 2022, the pilot had received a Letter of Eligibility for an electrocardiogram (ECG) with a variant from normal, and a 2001 laparotomy/splenectomy related to a motorcycle crash.

² The FAA Forensic Sciences laboratory has the capability to test for around a thousand substances including toxins, prescription and over-the-counter medications, and illicit drugs.