



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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Date: February 28, 2023
Person: Chelsea Bartolotta – Passenger
NTSB Accident Number: ERA23LA126 Rochester, NY
Subject: Gates Learjet Corp 55

Narrative:

Ms. Bartolotta was a passenger on the accident airplane. She was interviewed by telephone, and the following is a summary of the interview. Ms. Bartolotta said her mother, grandmother, and her son were the passengers on board. She said the purpose of the flight was to visit with her parents in Florida where they spent the winter months. According to Ms. Bartolotta,

“The airplane is owned by CGI. Bob Bartosiewicz owned it and my mother bought shares. The original pilots flew it all the time and now they’ve used this company (Canandaigua Air, LLC).”

“What was unusual was that the copilot was usually running the iPad and I noticed the pilot was controlling the iPad and the airplane. Later in the flight, he handed the iPad over to the copilot. There was no before-landing warning or checks, as we are expected to be buckled and in our seats at all times.”

“We were looking out the window and heard the altitudes called out, “500” and then “400” and so on. Then I heard, ‘too fast, too fast’ which sounded like a person, then we slammed onto the runway, and I mean slammed. At that point, the oxygen masks dropped, other compartments that shouldn’t be open, opened, and the baby started screaming.”

When we hit the ground, the pilot said, “Sh*t” rather loudly. Afterwards, the captain was apologizing profusely as we exited the airplane.”