



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: April 17, 2016
Person Contacted: Office Bruce Strelow (LA County Sheriff)
NTSB Accident Number: WPR16LA093

Narrative:

The following is a synopsis of the information provided by Officer Strelow in a telephone conversation on this date:

- Officer Strelow is based at Two Harbors on Catalina Island
- He responded to the accident site
- He spoke with the pilot, Mr. Frank Dean
- The pilot told him that
 - He was approaching to land on rwy 22
 - He realized that he was too low and added power to climb
 - The right wing went down (either as a stall or intentional R turn to avoid terrain)
 - The pilot "added rudder" but that was ineffective
- The airplane came to rest inverted in a ravine below the north perimeter road below the elevation of the airport
- The pilot was found outside the wreckage and was ambulatory, but had a TBD head injury with a lot of blood
- His passenger was trapped in the wreckage
- Her name was reportedly Susan Bleckley
- She was extracted and airlifted via LA County to Harbor General Hospital (Torrance)
 - She appeared to have 2 broken ankles
- The pilot was airlifted second in a separate helicopter to the same locale
- The pilot had recovered a flight bag and had use a handheld radio to announce the accident
 - There were no reports of receipt by anyone
- The pilot and passenger had mobile phones attached to the flight bag but they were not located
- The Officer recovered another bag and the passenger's purse on site after the two occupants had been airlifted
- The site was photo-documented by David Skoff of the Catalina Conservancy