



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Persons Contacted: Mari Galiher
NTSB Accident Number: WPR17FA021, N81GG

Narrative:

On November 23, during a telephone interview, Ms. Galiher shared her knowledge of her father's health and flying habits. Ms. Galiher is the deceased pilot's closest next of kin in Hawaii.

Ms. Galiher said that her father, Gary Galiher, had been divorced three years and was living by himself in Honolulu. She knows of no health issues and attested to his exercise routine of cardio twice a week and occasional surfing. She said that he usually went to bed early. She also said that her father hadn't had a drink in ten to twelve years. He socialized with the people at work often. She spoke with him last on November 11 and he was his usual self. He worked the Monday and Tuesday prior to the accident.

Ms. Galiher described her father as a cautious pilot who used his GPS with track and terrain awareness during his flights. She said that she would occasionally fly with him to the Molokai house. She said that he did fly at night if the visibility was good. When asked if he had ever turned around for bad weather, she said that once he turned back for bad weather on Molokai. Ms. Galiher said that her father had the helipad surrounded in red lights and that it was easy to see at night. He used the search light when it was dark.

Ms. Galiher said that the on evening of the accident, the weather changed rapidly. It was fine at 5:30 pm, but then at 7:30 pm it was very bad.