



RECORD OF EMAIL

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Date: May 15, 2018
Person Contacted: Dr. Mary Pat McKay (NTSB Medical Doctor)
NTSB Accident Number: WPR17FA107

Narrative:

Dr. McKay reported the following over email:

In this accident I reviewed the FAA medical case review, autopsy report, death investigation report, your preliminary report, and the toxicology results.

According to the FAA medical case review, this 64 year old male glider pilot had never applied for an FAA medical certificate; as a result the FAA had no medical information.

According to the autopsy performed at the request of the Grant County Coroner, the cause of death was multiple visceral lacerations and bone fractures due to blunt impact and the manner of death was accident. No significant natural disease was identified.

Toxicology testing performed by the FAA's Bioaeronautical Sciences Research Laboratory identified atorvastatin, bupropion, losartan, and metoprolol in cavity blood. Bupropion, losartan, and metoprolol were also identified in liver tissue.

Atorvastatin (often called Lipitor) is a cholesterol lowering agent. Losartan and metoprolol are used to treat hypertension; other common names are Cozaar and Lopressor, respectively. These three drugs are not considered impairing. Bupropion is an antidepressant also used to treat nicotine addiction and available as Wellbutrin and Zyban. Warnings for this drug include a dose dependent risk of seizures, and a warning that it may impair mental and physical functioning. Further medical information, such as the reason for his use of bupropion or the status of any underlying depression, could not be obtained during this investigation.

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Submitted by: Samantha Link