



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: July 15, 2017
Person Contacted: Devon Dorato – President – Sunrise Aviation
NTSB Accident Number: WPR17FA151

Narrative:

Mr. Dorato reported that the accident flight was a cross-country night flight (2 hours) to Brunswick and back to Ormond Beach as part of a Part 61 initial commercial multi-engine rating, which consisted of 1-night landing and return. Mr. Dorato stated that he was unsure if the flight instructor would have the student perform any engine-out procedures or other maneuvers related to multi-engine operations.

Mr. Dorato stated that the company has about 70 airplanes in its fleet, of which 6 are PA-44-180's, employs about 45 people, of which 25 are instructors. The company only provides flight training to customers from private pilots up to Airline Transport Pilot ratings via either part 141 or 61 training. In addition, the company has 3 locations, Lakeland, Jacksonville, and Ormond Beach. Mr. Dorato said that maintenance is usually performed at their base of operations in Ormond Beach, however, sometimes they will contract out to other mechanics at the satellite bases. Mr. Dorato further stated that the pilot receiving instruction had done all of his flight training with Sunrise Aviation.