



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: September 13, 2018
Person Contacted: Ms. Nancy Dellamaria (Passenger)
NTSB Accident Number: WPR18FA251

Narrative:

The following is a synopsis of the information provided by Ms. Dellamaria in a telephone conversation on this date:

- Ms. Dellamaria was escorting her daughter Chloe from Redding to Palo Alto/Stanford for surgery
- The two passengers sat in the rear seats of the airplane
 - The daughter was on the left side (behind the pilot)
 - The mother was on the right side
 - No-one occupied the forward right seat
- They had never met or flown with the pilot before
- They wore headsets so they could hear and speak with the pilot and each other
- The flight was essentially uneventful until the approach
- As they neared Palo Alto, clouds or fog obscured portions of the area
- The pilot was having difficulty locating the airport (KPAO), and air traffic control was assisting him
- The landing was hard or rough, and the airplane bounced a few times
- The pilot then took off again
- The airplane began to turn and bank to the left very shortly after the takeoff
- The airplane then banked/turned much more sharply to the left, and began "falling"
- Ms. Dellamaria initially thought that this was due to turbulence, but wasn't aware of any previous turbulence, and thought it strange that this was occurring
- The two passengers recognized that they were very close to the ground and descending rapidly, and that a crash was imminent
- The airplane came to rest in the water
- The passengers determined that they had to exit the airplane quickly, because of the fear of fire and/or sinking in the water

- Ms. Dellamaria recognized that she was seriously injured, and that the pilot appeared to be deceased
- The daughter reached forward and across the cabin, and opened the cabin door
- The two exited the airplane onto the right wing
- The daughter wanted to assist the pilot, but was advised by her mother that he was likely deceased
- The daughter called 911 to summon help
- Rescue personnel arrived within about 10 minutes of the accident