

RECORD OF	<input type="checkbox"/> VISIT	<input type="checkbox"/> CONFERENCE OR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TELEPHONE CALL	TIME 9:43AM	DATE 10/13/2017
NAME (S) OF PERSON (S) CONTACTED OR IN CONFERENCE AND LOCATION				ROUTING	
Diana Brady [REDACTED]				SYMBOL	INITIALS PLB
SUBJECT Tow plane crash/fatality at FRR 10/07/17.					
DIGEST					
<p>On October 11, 2017, at 11:26AM, I called and left a message on the voice-mail of Diana Brady. On October 13, 2017, at 9:43AM she returned by call and agreed to answer questions in reference to the crash/fatality noted above. Mrs. Brady and her husband were at the Front Royal Airport on Saturday, October 7, 2017, when the crash occurred. Mrs. Brady was a passenger in a glider piloted by Steven Wallace and being towed by Steven Zaboji. The events were recorded by a GoPro camera owned by Steven Wallace.</p> <p>Mrs. Brady stated she and her husband had been around gliders approximately 30 years ago and were interested in starting to fly. She is not a rated pilot. Her husband purchased a "FAST" flight which is an introductory type flight in the glider with an instructor. Mrs. Brady stated all pilots, instructors, and interested parties participated in a briefing that morning, which included weather discussions, types of flying and types of aircraft, and general operational procedures. When it was her turn, she was helped in to the glider and strapped in. She said Steven Wallace gave her another briefing while in the glider before they took off. She was aware the flight was being recorded on the camera. Mrs. Brady stated she saw one of the soaring club members inspect the tow line, watched as the tow plane taxied into place, and saw the club members attach the tow line to the glider. She stated the take-off seemed normal but was a little bumpy. She stated Mr. Wallace told her it would be a little bumpy due to the winds. Mrs. Brady stated she could see the tow plane as they took off and began to climb. She said her stomach "dropped" a little, shortly after take-off, and she closed her eyes for a moment. When she opened her eyes, she said she noticed the tow plane was no longer in front of them. She said the tow plane was now lower and to their right. She stated she felt some bumps and heard Mr. Wallace say "Oh no". She asked "Did we break it?" and he said no. Mrs. Brady stated at this point they immediately turned back towards the airport and landed. She did not realize anything had happened until after they</p>					
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landed. I asked Mrs. Brady if she felt uncomfortable at any point during the flight and she responded "no". I asked if she saw other flights occurring during the day before she went up and she said "yes". I asked if she heard or noticed anything wrong with any of the planes or pilots and she said "no". I asked Mrs. Brady if she had anything further to add and she did not. Our conversation ended at 9:54AM.