

FROM

SANIL GOPINATH

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TO

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SUB: WRITTEN STATEMENT ON AIRCRAFT (N167TB) CRASH OF AUG-21-2009

ON AUGUST-21-2009, I SANIL GOPINATH (FAA, COMMERCIAL PILOT # [REDACTED]) WAS IN THE LEFT SEAT OF BEECH BARON BE-58 (N167TB) OPERATED BY QUEST DIAGNOSTICS ON A FLIGHT FROM POTTSTOWN AIRPORT (PTW) TO TETERBORO AIRPORT (TEB).

WE WERE CRUISING AT 3500 FEET AND TALKING TO NEW YORK APP: CONTROL AND CLEARED TO DESCENT TO 2000 FEET ONLY, DUE TO TRAFFIC BELOW US (GULFSTREAM JET) IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION. UPON IDENTIFYING THE TRAFFIC WE WERE CLEARED TO DESCENT TO 1500 FEET AND SWITCH OVER TO TETERBORO TOWER AND CLEARED TO LAND ON RWY 01 BY THE TOWER.

WE WERE ON A MODIFIED BASE LEG (TO COMPLY WITH NOISE ABATEMENT PROCEDURES- AVOID RESIDENTIAL AREA ON RWY 01 FINALS).

APPROXIMATELY 2.0 MILES TO RWY 01 AND 1200 FEET ALTITUDE, THE CAPTAIN, GEORGE MADDOX SAID MY AIRPLANE AND I SAID YOUR AIRPLANE CAPTAIN AND HE TOOK OVER THE CONTROLS.

WHEN I TURNED OVER CONTROL OF THE AIRPLANE TO GEORGE MADDOX, BOTH THE ENGINES WERE OPERATING NORMALLY. I DID NOT FEATHER THE PROPELLERS.

GEORGE MADDOX WAS THE FLYING PILOT AND HE ASKED ME TO HELP START THE ENGINES.

I DID TURN ENG # 1 & ENG # 2 START SWITCHES RESPECTIVELY.

OTHER THAN THE START SWITCHES, I DID NOT TOUCH ANY CONTROLS OF THE AIRPLANE.

SANIL GOPINATH
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MAY-12-2010

QUICK MEDICAL NOTE :

SINCE THE AUGUST-21-2009 CRASH , I HAVE BEEN HOSPITALIZED AT 3 DIFFERENT HOSPITALS AND BEEN ON PRESCRIPTION NARCOTIC DRUGS INCLUDING OXYCODONE , PERCOCET & MORPHINE.

I AM NOT ON ANY NARCOTIC DRUGS AT THE TIME OF THIS STATEMENT WAS MADE.

AT ALL TIMES BEFORE THIS STATEMENT I WAS TAKING NARCOTIC DRUGS FOR PAIN MANAGEMENT.

THE ABOVE STATEMENT IS TRUE & CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

YOURS SINCERELY

SANIL GOPINATH


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