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MEDICAL RECORDS INFORMATION

The following medical information was extracted by Dr. Mitchell A. Garber, NTSB Medical Officer, from the medical records maintained on the pilot provided by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Aerospace Medical Certification Division.

The pilot's most recent Application for Airman Medical Certificate dated 12/28/00 indicated "yes" in response to "do you currently use any medication?" and noted only "Motrin, aspirin, Pepcid," indicating that each had been previously reported. The Application also indicated "yes" only in response to "frequent or severe headaches," "hay fever or allergy," and "admission to hospital." Under "explanations" for each of these indications is noted "previously reported – no change."

A previous Application dated 12/7/98 noted only the use of "Pepcid – previously disclosed" and "tetracycline ... infection." The Application indicated "yes" only in response to "frequent or severe headaches," "kidney stone or blood in urine," and "admission to hospital." Under "explanations" for each of these indications is noted, respectively: "previously disclosed – no problem now," "... urinary tract infection," and "arthroscopic surgery on right knee."

An electronic version of an Application dated 11/26/96 notes "yes" in response to "do you currently use any medication," but does not indicate the medications listed, if any. This electronic record also notes "yes" in response to "frequent or severe headaches" and "other illness, or disability, or surgery," but does not indicate any explanations that may have been written in. The record does note the indication of "no" significant medical history and indicates that a medical certificate was issued. Electronic versions of Applications dated 11/16/94 and 11/3/92 do not indicate any positive responses to questions about medical conditions or medications. The complete medical file provided by the FAA contains no records prior to 11/3/92 on the pilot.

The following medical information was extracted by Dr. Mitchell A. Garber, NTSB Medical Officer, from the medical records obtained via subpoena from a single pharmacy at which prescriptions were filled for the pilot:

Between 2/2/99 and 6/1/01, prescriptions were filled at one pharmacy in the pilot's name from two different physicians for a total of 3100 tablets of Darvocet-N 100 (100mg propoxyphene/650 mg acetaminophen). Neither of these physicians was noted on the pilot's Applications for Airman Medical Certificate. A prescription was filled in the pilot's name for 100 tablets of Darvocet-N 100 on 3/13/01, and refilled on 3/24/01, 4/3/01, 4/14/01, 4/30/01, and 6/1/01.

These pharmacy records do not indicate any prescriptions filled for fluoxetine.

The following medical information was extracted by Dr. Mitchell A. Garber, NTSB Medical Officer, from the medical records obtained via subpoena from a physician noted on the pilot's most recent Application for Airman Medical Certificate as having been seen for "renewal Pepcid prescription":

10/3/88 – Physician notes indicate "Darvocet N-100, # 60, refill 2 ..."

11/9/88 – Physician notes indicate "Darvocet N-100, # 100, refill 1"

4/5/89 – Physician notes indicate "... Darvocet N-100, # 45, refill 3"

6/2/89 – Physician notes indicate "Darvocet N-100, # 60, refill 5 ..."

8/8/89 – Physician notes indicate "Darvocet N-100, # 45, refill 3"

9/19/89 – Physician notes indicate "Darvocet N-100, # 60, refill 3"

10/23/89 – Physician notes indicate "Darvocet N-100, # 60, refill 3"

2/2/90 – Physician notes indicate "Darvocet N-100, # 60, refill 2 ..."

4/5/90 – Neurology evaluation notes "... patient said he has had headaches as long as he could remember. He was evaluated neurologically ... some ten years ago. He said he was told he had tension headaches. Treatment with Elavil was recommended and this relieved the headaches but caused side effects and so the patient stopped taking the medication. He described the headache as always being present. It is primarily felt in the vertex. There has been no recent change in them except that in the past lying down and resting might relieve. This is not so recently. There are no known trigger factors except stress and tension. In the past he has tried Midrin, Pecodan and Percocet, Darvocet and Tylenol No. 3. He thinks that Darvocet was the most successful. Fiorinal has been tried and was of no help. He currently is taking aspirin or other related drugs and has taken up to 24 of them a day for many days. In addition to the Elavil he was tried on Pamelor. This did not help ... patient's problem can best be described as chronic tension type headache. ... The possibility that he actually has drug dependent and drug rebound headache was discussed. This can occur with any of the standard analgesics including aspirin and Tylenol. ... we have agreed that he would simply try to go without medications for a month ..."

4/25/91 – Physician notes indicate "Still having frequent persistent headache. Had been seen by [neurologist] and placed on Buspar. Requires occasional analgesic in addition

to ibuprofen and the only thing that seems to help is Darvocet. ... Darvocet-N 100 # 60, refill x 2.”

11/4/91 – Physician notes indicate “Darvocet-N 100 # 48, refill x 3.”

3/24/92 – Physician notes indicate “... Doing fairly well with the Motrin and having to use occasional Darvocet for severe headache pain ... refill ... Darvocet-N 100 # 48, refill x 3.”

9/23/92 – Physician notes indicate “Needs refill on Motrin and his Darvocet. Headaches seem to be doing well and are controlled with his regimen ... Darvocet-N 100 # 48, refill x 3.”

4/9/93 – Physician notes indicate “Darvocet-N 100 # 48, refill x 3.”

1/10/94 – Physician notes indicate “...Headaches doing fairly well at the present time but still requiring Motrin and Darvocet ... refill ... Darvocet-N 100 # 48, refill x 3.”

12/30/96 – Report of sleep study notes “...patient has been using CPAP at home ... mild obstructive sleep apnea which was resolved with 7 cm of CPAP ... patient wishes ... possible surgical correction of his OSA ...”

8/2/99 – Physician notes indicate “...given refill on Darvocet-N 100 as needed for pain and headache # 48, refill x 3.”

10/25/00 – Physician notes indicate “...refill ... Darvocet-N 100 as needed for pain, headache # 60, refill x 6.”