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MEDICAL RECORDS INFORMATION

The following medical information was extracted by Dr. Mitchell A. Garber, NTSB Medical Officer, from medical records maintained on the pilot by the FAA Aerospace Medical Certification Division:

11/13/2008 – The pilot’s most recent application for 1st class Airman Medical Certificate noted only ibuprofen in response to “Do You Currently Use Any Medication.” The application also indicated “No” to “Mental disorders of any sort; depression, anxiety, etc” and to all other items under “Medical History,” except for “Admission to hospital.” Under “Explanations” was noted, “previously reported.” Under “Visits to Health Professional Within Last 3 Years” was noted visits only for “annual physical,” “eye exam,” and “flu shot.” Total pilot time was noted as 1208.5 hours with 68.5 hours in the previous 6 months.

All previous applications also indicated “No” to “Mental disorders of any sort; depression, anxiety, etc” and none indicated the use of antidepressant medication. An application for 1st class Airman Medical Certificate dated 11/14/2002 noted, “Went to ER for dehydration Feb 1999.”

The following medical information was extracted by Dr. Mitchell A. Garber, NTSB Medical Officer, from medical records maintained by the pilot’s family practitioner:

6/24/2002 – Physician’s note indicated, in part, “New patient ... Sleep disturbed. Saw psychologist recommended Prozac [fluoxetine], receiving therapy. Life style habits good. Eats well, exercises regularly. ... Assessment ... dysthymia – Prozac 20 mg one per day ...”

9/5/2002 – Physician Assistant’s note indicated, in part, “... wants to continue on Prozac 20 mg ... No adverse effects. Thinks this dose is working fine. Saw [psychologist] in Aug ’02. He’ll continue to monitor patient as well. ... good mental state ... very positive attitude ... Dysthymia ... Prozac 20 mg ... per day.”

3/29/2004 – Physician’s note indicated, in part, “... history of depression ... has been back on fluoxetine now for about five weeks ... feeling better on the increased dosage. ... has used the anti-depressant for one year before, symptoms of increased agitation recurred when he was off the medication only one month in the past and thinks that he would stay on the medicine now. ... Assessment: ... Agitation ... Depression, better ... Plan: Fluoxetine 20 mg one and one-half tablets every day”

5/6/2005 – Physician’s note indicated, in part, “...refill on his [fluoxetine]. He has been on [fluoxetine] ... for the past three years and has not had any adverse reactions ... feels his mood is more stable, functioning is more stable, and he is

less irritable than he used to be. ... Assessment and Plan: ... Depression. I have refilled his [fluoxetine] ...”

9/4/2008 – Physician’s note indicated, in part, “... Medications: Fluoxetine 20 mg Oral Tablet take 1 1/2 tablets (30mg) by oral route once daily in the morning ...”