

## RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Person Contacted: Maynard Blodgett NTSB Accident Number: CEN12FA086

## **Narrative:**

During a telephone conversation, Mr. Blodgett related what he recalled. The flight was to PBI to pick up a patient and passenger for a flight to PWK. The patient and passenger were informed that there would be one or maybe two stops for fuel. The airplane appeared to be topped off at Jesup, GA. The fueling started on the right side of the airplane and continued to the left side. The fuel pump shut off after about 160 gallons were pumped. The pump was restarted and the airplane was fueled with more fuel. The flight was ok until it encountered "bad air" and the flight descended to about 7,000 feet. At one point in the flight Mr. Blodgett saw that a cockpit guage indicated that there was a half hour remaining before reaching the destination. The pilot remarked on how fast the airplane was flying and the ground speed was about 250/260 mph. The pilot reached down and switched tanks. The pilot also rocked the airplane's wings. Bothe engines shut off at the same time. Trees were observed once the flight descended through the clouds. During the accident sequence the airplane's nose pitched up as the airplane impacted trees. The passenger screamed and then the screaming stopped. The pilot rated passenger sitting in the co-pilot's seat advised them to brace. The seat belt dug into Mr. Blodgett and his seat separated from its floor track. He was able to loosen his belt. He felt the door and its bottom half was open. He pushed open the top half. He saw that the pilot and passenger sustained fatal injuries. He did not initially see the pilot rated passenger. He talked to a woman in a nearby house and related that there was an airplane accident. He heard people by the airplane and went to the airplane. There was a small fire. Told responders of the fire extinguisher location. The pilot was in the front left seat, the pilot rated passenger was in the front right seat, the patient's wife was in the rear-facing seat behind the pilot, the patient was belted on the gurney, and Mr. Blodgett was in the forward-facing seat just in front of the rear cabin door.