



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Central Region

Date: 12/11/18
Person Contacted: Mr. John Koerselman
NTSB Accident Number: CEN19LA039

Narrative:

Mr. Koerselman was sitting in the middle of the couch and with the seat belt on. During the crash, he was thrown out of his seat near the door without the seat belt. All 3 of the passengers on the couch ended up on the floor and he thought the couch may have broken.

He said the airplane was "kind of wobbly" right before impact. The airplane went up and then a hard right. When it hit, he was slammed into the door and then the airplane spun around and skidded to a stop. It was very violent, and he thought they were going to die.

After the accident, they got out of the aircraft and went to the Jet Center. No medical personnel arrived at the site or the Jet Center to ask the passengers if they were injured. No ambulances arrived. The passengers were interviewed by the FAA and then released to go home.

He had flown on the airplane about 9 months before the accident. On this flight, he thought the average price was \$350 each for the roundtrip to Williston, ND and back to Fargo, ND.

He said he had suffered a concussion and had back, neck, and shoulder aches.



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Date: 12/11/18
Person Contacted: Mr. Dustin Murray
NTSB Accident Number: CEN19LA039

Narrative:

Mr. Murray was seated on the right side (on the copilot's side) of the aircraft facing backwards. He had his seat belt on, and he didn't feel like he hit his head on anything during the crash. He stated that they were 20 ft off the runway when he saw the right wing hit the ground and then the aircraft slammed down. He said the plane had tilted to the right and then hit the ground.

He said that the Home Builders Association paid for the flight. Tyron Leslie had arranged for his flight.

He said he suffered a concussion and had some body aches and pains.



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Date: 12/11/18
Person Contacted: Ms. Samantha Eidenschink
NTSB Accident Number: CEN19LA039

Narrative:

Ms. Eidenschink was seated on the seat that was positioned over toilet seat in the back of the airplane. From her position, she could see down the aisle to the pilot's seat. She had the seat belt on. She said that the airplane hit the ground "super hard." She thought the whole right side was about to cartwheel over. She was thrown across the airplane and bounced around since she didn't have a seat back to brace against, but she remained in her seat. She remembered looking forward in the airplane and seeing frost on the windshield. She said that the Home Builders Association paid for her trip.

She said she had pain from the whiplash and soft tissue damage.



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Date: 12/11/18
Person Contacted: Mr. Tyrone Leslie
NTSB Accident Number: CEN19LA039

Narrative:

Mr. Leslie was seated on the left side of the aircraft just aft of the cabin door facing forward. He stated that they were about to land when the airplane started rocking back and forth, and then it pitched up. Then it hit on its right side and then it slammed down on the other side. He said they slid for about 1,000 ft. Two of the passengers seated on the right bench seat (couch) flew into him. He said that Bryce Johnson flew into him. John also hit him, and the bench seat was on the ground. He said everyone was in shock. The pilot opened the cabin door and they got out. He said they went to the Jet Center and waited there for an awfully long time and things were disorganized. No ambulances came and they didn't receive medical attention. They spoke with the FAA and later were released, and everyone drove home.

He said the Home Builders Association meeting was in Williston. He said that they had flown in the same airplane with the same pilot before. For the accident flight, the 10 passengers agreed to split the cost so each cost \$350.00. The HBA paid for the president and 3 other HBA personnel.



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Date: 12/11/18
Person Contacted: Mr. Tom Spaeth
NTSB Accident Number: CEN19LA039

Narrative:

Mr. Spaeth was seated on the right side of the airplane facing forward. He said the landing appeared to be normal until just before touchdown. He said that it sounded like the pilot throttled up the engines and then nose pitched up and then the right wing went down and hit the ground. Then the airplane slammed down on the left wing causing the nose gear to collapse and the left landing gear to punch through the left wing. "Extremely hard hit."

Just after it happened, the owner of the Jet Center came out. He said that "It looked like he was going way too slow." We all went to the Jet Center and talked with the FAA for an hour. Then we all drove home. None of us were offered medical attention.

We went to the annual meeting of the HBA in Williston, ND. It was the state meeting. The HBA would pay a part of the bill. Ballpark of \$350 - \$400 each.



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Date: 12/11/18
Person Contacted: Mr. Don Dabbert
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Narrative:

Mr. Dabbert was seated up front in the copilot's seat. He said that it didn't seem normal to have ice on the windshield. He stated that they dropped down to 2,000 – 2,500 ft at the outer marker. As they continued the approach, they dropped out of the clouds and they could see the ground and runway. He said it appeared to be a normal approach until they neared the ground. He said that the tail of the airplane was "fish tailing." He saw the pilot push the throttles forward to give it power, but the left wing climbed, and the right wing went down and hit the ground hard. The airplane went back on its belly and the pilot pulled back on the throttle.

He stated that he never saw ice on the windshield before. The pilot had a clearer view than he had. He could see out of the windshield, but it was obscured. There was ice on the right-wing boot.

He said everything seemed routine. They were in the clear above the clouds, and then they were in the clouds for 5 – 10 minutes.

He said that 2 other airplanes landed after the accident that had ice on them. He said a Pilatus had 4 inches of ice on its spinner when he landed. He thought the accident airplane might have had ½ inch of ice on it.

He stated that he had flown with the pilot a handful of times before, about half the time he was in the right seat.



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Date: 12/11/18
Person Contacted: Mr. Bryce Johnson
NTSB Accident Number: CEN19LA039

Narrative:

Mr. Johnson was seated on the couch and had a seat belt on. He could see some of the cockpit instruments. He looked out the right window and saw ice on the right wing.

He said the airplane's nose went up and then the right wing went down "radically." When they hit, the 3 people on the couch went "flying." He thought the seat belt came off. He stated that they were thrown around. He fell into Tyrone. He held onto him while McKenzie was thrown into the cabinet. They all walked away in shock.

They went into the Jet Center. The FAA interviewed them and asked them the name, phone, employer, and who contracted for the airplane. HBA paid for Sammy, McKenzie, and Bryce. He didn't know the contract arrangements were made. It was the first time he had flown on a private jet.



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Date: 12/11/18
Person Contacted: Mr. Darrick Guttmiller
NTSB Accident Number: CEN19LA039

Narrative:

Mr. Guttmiller was on the left side of the airplane facing to the rear with his seat belt on. When we got close to landing the engines revved up. One wing went up and one went down. Aircraft hit ground and skidded through the grass. The people on the bench seat went flying. The bench seat wasn't attached to the wall anymore, but he didn't inspect it.

They each got interviewed by the FAA for five minutes or so, but it took about an hour. It was his first flight in a private jet. He thought he might have a mild concussion.



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Date: 12/12/18
Person Contacted: Ms. McKenzie Ste. Marie
NTSB Accident Number: CEN19LA039

Narrative:

Ms. Marie was seated in the couch right behind the copilot's seat and she had the seat belt on. She was sitting the closest to the pilot. She said she saw frost and ice on the windshield. When they were getting close to landing, she said the pilot had the control wheel all the way towards him, and he said, "Oh shit, oh shit." They crashed seconds later.

She said she didn't see any lights or bells, but she did see that the pilot was holding the control yoke as hard as he could and as close to his chest as he could. She said his arms were shaking because he was pulling back as hard as he could. She said his face was very calm throughout the process.

She said that they were in the clouds for about 15 minutes and ice started forming on the windshield. She didn't remember hearing the engine noise increasing in sound.

When they hit, the couch she was in broke loose. She flew across the plane and hit the cabinet/drink chest. They bounced around until the airplane came to a stop. The pilot asked if they were all okay. She said they all just stared at him and said "yes." They got out of the airplane. The chief of the fire department asked if they were okay. She said she was in shock and her hands were shaking for a few hours. Then her body started to hurt. She saw a doctor later that night at 9 pm.



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Date: 12/13/18
Person Contacted: Ms. Dawn Cruff
NTSB Accident Number: CEN19LA039

Narrative:

Ms. Cruff was seated in the back facing forward. She said they were going back up in the air, but then they banked over. She said they didn't have the power to climb. The airplane went hard right. She said she couldn't see anything. She braced herself with her hand about the window. She said she did not get a concussion but had minor injuries.