



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: June 1, 2014 @ 6:30 pm
Person Contacted: John Hydress
NTSB Accident Number: ERA14MA271 – Bedford, MA

Narrative:

This investigator interviewed Mr. Hydress by telephone. Mr. Hydress provided the following information:

- He was responsible for the maintenance on N121JM....not a full time employee (contract basis).
- The “base’ for the aircraft was hangar [REDACTED] at New Castle, DE. Address is [REDACTED], New Castle. The maintenance records, flight records, and logbooks are locked up at the office at the hangar in New Castle.
- Utilized CMP.net for electronic records.
- Jim (McDowell) was the “operator” of N121JM....Jim acted as Director of Flight Operations, Chief Pilot, and Director of Maintenance.
- Michael Devries was the co-pilot and they usually flew together on N121JM. In case of a vacation, etc. they would contract out a pilot part time to help out.
- N121JM was used exclusively under part 91 (business/personal). Never for hire. Never part 135.
- Jim and Michael received their formal training at FlightSafety.
- The flight attendant was a full time employee of Jim.
- Jim was meticulous about the airplane. Mr. Hydress would receive an email after every flight from Jim.
- Recent APU work....persistent oil leak .Had difficulty fixing it. Needed to add oil after every trip. Used spare APU for a while. Changed #4 brake recently. Last scheduled maintenance he believes was in September 2013.

- He believes that the aircraft was equipped with both CVR and DFDR.