



RECORD OF INTERVIEW

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National Transportation Safety Board
Office of Aviation Safety - Eastern Region

Date: July 8, 2015 at 9:00 EDT
Person(s) Interviewed: Stacy Thomas - Airport Manager
NTSB Case Number: ERA15FA259AB

Narrative:

Ms. Stacy Thomas is the airport manager at Berkley County Airport. Ms. Thomas was working at the time the accident Cessna departed the airport for a planned day trip to Myrtle Beach. Ms. Thomas remembered seeing the Cessna taxi by her office and she stated on the radio “good morning” and “have a safe flight”. She otherwise had no communication with the pilot.

Ms. Thomas stated that the airport was equipped with two video surveillance cameras. One camera recorded the hangar facility, while the other recorded the fuel farm and offered a view of the approach end of runway 23.

Review of the video showed the Cessna pilot and his passenger picking up three 5-gallon fuel containers and driving away. Sometime later, they returned and serviced the Cessna with the containers. Ms. Thomas reviewed the airport’s fueling records, which showed the pilot last purchased 7.12 gallons of 100LL fuel on June 29th, 2015. She also stated that she was aware the pilot had serviced the airplane with automotive fuel in the past.

The surveillance video showed that the Cessna departed from runway 23 about 1053.

Ms. Thomas stated that the Cessna pilot would typically fly to Mount Pleasant for lunch, and also enjoyed flying along the Cooper River.

On July 9, Ms. Thomas was contacted and asked to provide information related to Air Force Mid-Air Collision Avoidance seminars that had been given at Berkley County Airport in the past. Ms. Thomas remembered that the Air Force held the seminar's on the following dates:

- March 26, 2015
 - January 17, 2014
 - June 13, 2012
- There was no attendance records kept for these seminars

She stated the most recent session was held on March 26, 2015. She had tried to have the training scheduled on a weekend instead of a weekday in an effort to boost attendance, but was unable to reschedule the event. Subsequently, the only attendees on that date were her employees and herself.



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Ralph Hicks
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Date: May 3, 2016 at 12:00 PM EDT
Person(s) Interviewed: Stacy Thomas - Airport Manager (MKS)
NTSB Case Number: ERA15MA259AB

Narrative:

Ms. Stacy Thomas is the airport manager at Berkley County Airport (MKS).

Ms. Thomas was asked to clarify her statement given earlier to Mr. Dan Boggs, NTSB, on July 8, 2015.

The following information was provided by Ms. Thomas:

- The MACA seminar in March, 2015 was conducted by the Charleston Joint Base Flight Safety Office.
- Both Charleston and Shaw safety personnel visit MKS on occasion. Charleston a little more frequently. MACA materials (pamphlets, posters, etc.) are provided and available to MKS pilots.